

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1889.

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 fifth day of February, 1889, 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 as 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 Legislature
" 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 Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of February instant, 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 fifth day of February,
" in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the
" fifty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

" By His Excellency's Command,

" GEORGE R. DIBBS.

" 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 returns have yet been made in the cases of the Writs for the Electoral Districts of Sturt and Wilcannia; and that in the case of the Writ for the Electoral District of Bourke, the election of the Members returned for that Electoral District has been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding the informality specified in a Proclamation issued by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council.

Table with 2 columns: Names of Members returned, and Electoral Districts for which returned. Lists names like Abbott, Joseph and districts like Newtown, Wentworth, etc.

Brown,

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Brown, Herbert Harrington	Durham.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Burdekin, Sydney	East Sydney.
Burns, John Fitzgerald	St. Leonards.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	Canterbury.
Cass, George Edwin	The Bogan.
Chanter, The Honorable John Moore	The Murray.
Chapman, Michael	The Glebe.
Clarke, The Honorable Henry	Eden.
Clubb, George	Balmain.
Colls, Thomas	Yass Plains.
Cooke, Henry Harry	Forbes.
Copeland, Henry	New England.
Copland, David	The Murrumbidgee.
Creer, Joseph	Northumberland.
Crick, William Patrick	West Macquarie.
Cruickshank, George Alexander	Inverell.
Cullen, Joseph Francis	St. Leonards.
Dalton, Thomas	Orange.
Dangar, Otho Orde	The Macleay.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons	The Namoi.
Davis, William Walter	Bourke.
Dawson, Henry	Monaro.
Dibbs, The Honorable George Richard	The Murrumbidgee.
Dowel, William Springthorpe	Tamworth.
Edmunds, Walter	South Sydney.
Ewing, Thomas Thomson	The Richmond.
Farnell, Frank	Central Cumberland.
Ferguson, David Alexander	Wellington.
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas	The Upper Hunter.
Fletcher, The Honorable James	Newcastle.
Fuller, George Warburton	Kiama.
Garland, Charles Launcelot	Carcoar.
Garrard, Jacob	Balmain.
Garrett, Thomas	Camden.
Garvan, The Honorable James Patrick	Eden.
Goodchap, Charles Augustus	Redfern.
Gormly James	The Murrumbidgee.
Gough, John George	Young.
Gould, Albert John	Patrick's Plains.
Grabame, William	Newcastle.
Greene, George Henry	Grenfell.
Hassall, Thomas Henry	The Gwydir.
Hawken, Nicholas	Newtown.
Hawthorne, John Stuart	Balmain.
Hayes, James	The Hume.
Haynes, John	Mudgee.
Hogan, Patrick	The Macleay
Holborrow, William Hellier	Argyle.
Howe, James Peter	Redfern.
Hurley, John	Hartley.
Hutchinson, Alexander	Glen Innes.
Hutchison, Alexander	Canterbury.
Inglis, James	New England.
Jones, Travers	Tumut.
Kidd, John	Camden.
King, Robert John	Paddington.
Lakeman, Allen	Balranald.
Lamb, Alfred	West Sydney.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Lees, Samuel Edward	The Nepean.
Levien, Robert Henry	Tamworth.
Linsley, John Richard	Central Cumberland.
Lyne, The Honorable William John	The Hume.
Mackinnon, James Archibald	Young.
Martin, James	South Sydney.
McCourt, William	Camden.
McFarlane, John	The Clarence.
McMillan, William	East Sydney.
McRae, Myles	Morpeth.
Melville, Ninian	Northumberland.
Mitchell, Joseph	Illawarra.
Molesworth, Edmund William	Newtown.
Morton, Philip Henry	Shoalhaven.
Nicoll, Bruce Baird	The Richmond.
Nobbs, John	Central Cumberland.
O'Connor, Daniel	West Sydney.
O'Sullivan, Edward William	Queanbeyan.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Parkes, Sir Henry, G.O.M.G.	St. Leonards.
Paul, William Henry	Bathurst.
Perry, John	The Richmond.
Playfair, Thomas	West Sydney.
Plumb, John... ..	Carcoar.
Reid, George Houston	East Sydney.
Ritchie, Robert Adam	Central Cumberland.
Roberts, Charles James, C.M.G.	The Hastings and Manning.
Ross, Andrew	Molong.
Ryrie, Alexander	Braidwood.
Scobie, Robert	The Hunter.
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockorage	Gloucester.
See, John	Grafton.
Shepherd, John	Paddington.
Slattery, The Honorable Thomas Michael	Boorowa.
Smith, Bruce	The Glebe.
Smith, Fk. J.	Balmain.
Smith, Sydney	East Macquarie.
Stephen, Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh	Monaro.
Stephen, William	Redfern.
Stevenson, Richard... ..	Wollombi.
Stokes, Alfred	Forbes.
Street, John Rendall	East Sydney.
Sutherland, John	Redfern.
Taylor, Hugh	Parramatta.
Teece, William, junior	Goulburn.
Thompson, Richard Windeyer	West Maitland.
Tonkin, James Ebenezer	East Macquarie.
Toohy, James Matthew	South Sydney.
Torpy, James	Orange.
Traill, William Henry	South Sydney.
Turner, Edwin Woodward... ..	Gunnedah.
Waddell, Thomas... ..	Bourke.
Walker, Thomas	Northumberland.
Wall, William Chandos	Mudgee.
Want, John Henry	Paddington.
Wheeler, John	Canterbury.
Wilkinson, John	Albury.
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss	Balranald.
Willis, William Nicholas	Bourke.
Wilshire, James Thompson	Canterbury.
Woodward, Francis	Illawarra.
Wright, Francis Augustus	Glen Innes.
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 fifth day of February instant, 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 Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of February 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, Attorney General, and the Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob,

“Members

"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, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty-seventh day of February or subsequent day, on our behalf to do all things necessary to be done in our name, or in the name of our Governor of our said 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, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

"In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Colony to be hereunder affixed.

"Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, 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 and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this twenty-sixth day of February, in the fifty-second year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

"CARRINGTON.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"GEORGE R. DIBBS."

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 George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, the Honorable James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, and the Honorable William John Lyne, 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 the Clerk read, 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 George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable William John Lyne, 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 twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-second year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"CARRINGTON.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"GEORGE R. DIBBS."

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honorable George Richard Dibbs took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable James Patrick Garvan and the Honorable William John Lyne, 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, and Alexander Hutchison, Esquire, one of the Members for Glen Innes, who made solemn affirmations),—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—Joseph Abbott, Esquire. Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire. William Edward Abbott, Esquire. William Channing A'Beckett, Esquire. Francis Abigail, Esquire. William Alison, Esquire. Alfred Allen, Esquire. Edward Joseph Ball, Esquire. Robert Barbour, Esquire. John Frederick Barnes, Esquire. Reginald James Black, Esquire. Alexander Bowman, Esquire,

Esquire. Alexander Brown, Esquire. Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire. James Nixon Brunker, Esquire. Sydney Burdekin, Esquire. John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire. Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire. George Edwin Cass, Esquire. The Honorable John Moore Chanter, Esquire. Michael Chapman, Esquire. The Honorable Henry Clarke, Esquire. George Clubb, Esquire. Thomas Colls, Esquire. Henry Harry Cooke, Esquire. Henry Copeland, Esquire. David Copland, Esquire. Joseph Creer, Esquire. William Patrick Crick, Esquire. George Alexander Cruickshank, Esquire. Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire. Thomas Dalton, Esquire. Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire. William Walter Davis, Esquire. Henry Dawson, Esquire. William Springthorpe Dowel, Esquire. Walter Edmunds, Esquire. Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire. Frank Farnell, Esquire. David Alexander Ferguson, Esquire. Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire. The Honorable James Fletcher, Esquire. George Warburton Fuller, Esquire. Charles Launcelot Garland, Esquire. Jacob Garrard, Esquire. Thomas Garrett, Esquire. James Gormly, Esquire. John George Gough, Esquire. Albert John Gould, Esquire. William Grahame, Esquire. George Henry Greene, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire. Nicholas Hawken, Esquire. John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire. James Hayes, Esquire. John Haynes, Esquire. Patrick Hogan, Esquire. William Hillier Holborow, Esquire. James Peter Howe, Esquire. John Hurley, Esquire. Alexander Hutchison, Esquire (*Glen Innes*). Alexander Hutchison, Esquire (*Canterbury*). Travers Jones, Esquire. John Kidd, Esquire. Robert John King, Esquire. Allen Lakeman, Esquire. Alfred Lamb, Esquire. Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire. Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. John Richard Linsley, Esquire. James Archibald Mackinnon, Esquire. James Martin, Esquire. William McCourt, Esquire. John McFarlane, Esquire. William McMillan, Esquire. Myles McRae, Esquire. Ninian Melville, Esquire. Joseph Mitchell, Esquire. Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire. Philip Henry Morton, Esquire. Bruce Baird Nicoll, Esquire. John Nobbs, Esquire. Daniel O'Connor, Esquire. Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire. Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G. William Henry Paul, Esquire. John Perry, Esquire. Thomas Playfair, Esquire. John Plumb, Esquire. George Houstoun Reid, Esquire. Robert Adam Ritchie, Esquire. Charles James Roberts, Esquire, C.M.G. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. Alexander Ryrie, Esquire. Robert Scobie, Esquire. Jonathan Charles Billing Pockrage Seaver, Esquire. John Shepherd, Esquire. The Honorable Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire. Bruce Smith, Esquire. Frank James Smith, Esquire. Sydney Smith, Esquire. Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh Stephen, Esquire. William Stephen, Esquire. Richard Stevenson, Esquire. Alfred Stokes, Esquire. John Rendell Street, Esquire. John Sutherland, Esquire. Hugh Taylor, Esquire. William Teece, junior, Esquire. Richard Windeyer Thompson, Esquire. James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire. James Matthew Toohey, Esquire. James Torpy, Esquire. William Henry Traill, Esquire. Edwin Woodward Turner, Esquire. Thomas Waddell, Esquire. Thomas Walker, Esquire. William Chandos Wall, Esquire. John Wheeler, Esquire. John Wilkinson, Esquire. Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire. William Nicholas Willis, Esquire. James Thompson Wilshire, Esquire. Francis Woodward, Esquire. Francis Augustus Wright, 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. Garrett.

Then Mr. Copeland (addressing himself to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker, Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, and moved,—That Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Mr. Ryrie.

Mr. Young and Mr. Abbott 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, 65.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burps,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Linsley,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. King,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Chapman,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	(<i>Canterbury</i>).
Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Shephe.d.

Noes, 63.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Garraan,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Toohey,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. a'Beckett,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Harold Stephen.
Mr. Howe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. FitzGerald.
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Hassall,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative:

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Burdekin and Mr. Garrett 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.

Mr. Abbott made his acknowledgments to the House for the support given to him.

Mr. Dibbs and Sir Henry Parkes having congratulated Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Dibbs 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1889.

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.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1889.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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.

2. **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 twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-second year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ CARRINGTON.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ GEORGE R. DIBBS.”

3. **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 Mr. Dibbs, at twenty-seven minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

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The House resumed; pursuant to adjournment.

4. 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 Argyle is endorsed on the Writ as “William *Hellier Holborow*,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as such Member, is “William *Hillier Holborow*.”
 - (2.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of East Sydney is endorsed on the Writ as “John *Rendall Street*,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as such Member, is “John *Rendell Street*.”
- Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Returns beforementioned, by substituting the name of “William *Hillier Holborow*” for that of “William *Hellier Holborow*,” and by substituting the name of “John *Rendell Street*” for that of “John *Rendall Street*.”
- Question put and passed.
And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.
5. THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess the Clerk received a Summons to appear before the Court of Petty Sessions, Newcastle, in the case *Police v. Gates*, personation, and produce “the Electoral List used at the Islington Polling-booth, in the Electoral District of Newcastle, on the 2nd day of February, 1889,” and that he had authorized the Clerk to attend and produce the said documents,—which he did accordingly.
- 6. ELECTION PETITION (*Argyle*):—Mr. Dibbs, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Thomas Rose, alleging that, in the late Election for the Electoral District of Argyle, when William Hillier Holborow and Edward Joseph Ball were returned, many mistakes were made in counting the ballot-papers; that many of such papers were declared informal which should have been counted in favour of the Petitioner and Solomon Meyer; and that other irregularities took place; praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law; that the return of the said Edward Joseph Ball may be declared null and void, for the reasons stated in the Petition; and that the Petitioner be declared duly elected for the said Electoral District.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. ELECTION PETITION (*The Hastings and Manning*):—Mr. Dibbs, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Hugh McKinnon, alleging that, at the last General Election, James Henry Young, Charles James Roberts, John Lowry Ruthven, and the Petitioner were severally candidates for election for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning; that, at the declaration of the poll, the said James Henry Young and Charles James Roberts were declared to be duly elected; that, at the said election, the polling-booth at Beechwood was closed for a portion of the time between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon on the day of polling, when the ballot-box was removed to another room, and certain voters were unable to record their votes; that, for these and other irregularities specified, the Petitioner prays that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said James Henry Young and Charles James Roberts may be declared null and void; that a scrutiny of all the ballot-papers should be made; and that it may be declared and determined that your Petitioner was duly elected.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
8. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Further Reports, Minutes, and Correspondence, respecting the outbreak of Typhoid Fever at Newtown.
 - (2.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ending 31st December, 1888.
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on the 8th November, 1887—“*M'Sharry v. Commissioner for Railways*.”
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1888.
 - (2.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for the quarter ended 31st December, 1888.
 - (3.) Return respecting Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act.
 - (4.) Report of Board of Audit on Public Accounts.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Rule of the Supreme Court, under the Bankruptcy Act of 1887.
 - (2.) Additional Regulations, under the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883.
- Ordered to be printed.
9. BULLI COLLIERY DISASTER FUND BILL:—Mr. Gould (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to Mr. James Robertson the General Committee Minute Book, Executive Committee Minute Book, and accounts in connection with the Bulli Disaster Fund,—handed in by him to the Select Committee on the “Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill,” on the 13th December, 1888.
Question put and passed.
10. INSTALMENTS DUE BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS:—Mr. Cruickshank presented a Petition from certain Free Selectors of the District of Inverell, representing that, in consequence of the protracted and disastrous drought, Petitioners have been unable to get any returns for labour and capital expended on their lands, the crops of the District having failed, and most of their stock having died; and praying that these facts may be taken into favourable consideration, and that a Bill be introduced for the purpose of either remitting or postponing the payment of the instalments and interest on their respective selections.
Petition received.

11. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL** :—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840.*”—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
12. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH** :—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows :—

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

1. I have availed myself of the earliest opportunity of obtaining your advice and assistance after the General Election, in order that no time may be lost in dealing with questions, the settlement of which cannot be delayed without danger to the public credit, and the suspension of public works of admitted necessity.

2. At the time when I found it my duty to dissolve Parliament, no provision had been made for granting the Supplies necessary for the present year. The circumstances being such as the Government could not control, they were compelled, during the progress of the General Elections, to adopt means to keep faith with the Public Creditor and to carry on the Public Service for the month of January. The case was one of such pressing necessity as must in all reason be a justification for the course which they took in reliance on the ratification of their conduct by Parliament. Steps to obtain that ratification will of course be taken without delay. But now that Parliament is again sitting, it remains to invite you to make immediate provision for the Public Service, in anticipation of the passage of the Appropriations for the year which should properly have taken place before the end of 1888. In view of the inconvenience and distress which would arise from any delay in this regard, I feel that I can rely on your ready apprehension of the urgency of the position.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

3. Estimates of Expenditure for the present year will be submitted for your consideration with all despatch, and Members will have an early opportunity of learning from the Colonial Treasurer the exact financial position of the country. Although the revenue is improving, it would not be safe to predict that it will realize the sum previously estimated. It is not, however, intended to submit any proposals for fresh taxation during the present Session, by reason of the imperative necessity that the Session should not be of extended duration.

4. The necessity of providing for the Services of 1890 renders it indispensable to hold another Session at a seasonable period during the present year to transact the business proper to 1889. The close, therefore, of the current Session should not be delayed longer than is absolutely requisite, if the financial business of Parliament is to be brought into a state of regularity, and a continued resort to the unconstitutional practice of Monthly Supply Bills to be avoided.

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

5. There are some measures of urgency which my Advisers will ask you to deal with during the present Session. Serious inconvenience arose from the fact that legislative sanction had not been obtained, before the last Parliament came to an end, for the execution of the necessary and important undertakings which had been approved of by the Public Works Committee. You will be asked as soon as possible to give your support to legislation for the purpose, which it is hoped will absorb some of the surplus labour, and give the country works of permanent value.

6. Another measure to be submitted will be a Bill to provide for the adjustment and gradual extinction of the accumulated deficit of past years.

7. The measures of finance and public works which I have indicated will constitute the whole of the work which I deem it proper to submit to you for the present Session. By an early prorogation and a short recess, my Advisers hope to enable you soon to reach the Session proper to the year. In the recess they will prepare for submission to you the measures necessary to give due effect to their policy, and will introduce them with all practicable expedition.

8. Of legislative measures, perhaps the most important is one for the establishment of Local Governments and the minimising of the evils of undue centralization. Not only is such legislation of the deepest consequence, as it affects good government and the proper conduct of Parliamentary business, but in its relation to the Public Finances and the adjustment of the burdens of the people it is of the very first value. Such a measure will be submitted to you almost immediately on the opening of the Session of 1889.

9. Bills providing for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly for their Parliamentary services have, on no less than three occasions, received the approval of large majorities of the elected House. A measure for this purpose will be introduced early next Session.

10. The administration of the Land Act has exposed the points in which undue hardship is suffered by the conditional purchaser and the Crown tenant. It is the intention of my Advisers to submit a short Bill to amend the present law and bring it into harmony with the now admitted requirements of the country. The amendments intended to apply chiefly to the Eastern and Central Divisions will aim at removing anomalies in the law which press heavily on all classes of settlers; while those directed to the Western Division will, it is expected, afford to Crown tenants an opportunity of better developing immense tracts of country, hitherto waterless, and inspire that fuller confidence without which the liberal employment of labour cannot be looked for.

11. It has been represented that in many parts of the country, where drought has been everely felt, conditional purchasers are in great distress, and in numerous cases quite unable to pay the annual interest and instalment due upon their holdings. It is intended to ask you for power to afford some measure of relief, by allowing these payments to be deferred in cases where such hardship is conclusively proved to exist as a consequence of mere misfortune.

12. Bills will, in the recess, be prepared for defining Riparian Rights, and dealing generally with the important question of Water Conservation, for dealing with the Rabbit Pest, for the amendment of the Mining Laws, and for affording protection to the Health of the People, together with other legislative measures of considerable public utility, but of an importance secondary to the legislative projects which I have indicated.

13. It is the intention of my Advisers to have proper inquiry made at an early date into the most desirable route for the extension of the railway into the City, and to make the necessary proposal for the consideration of the Public Works Committee as soon as time will admit. Other railway extensions will claim early attention.

14. Communications have been opened by the Dominion of Canada with the Governments of this and the other Australasian Colonies, having for their object a conference on the subject of telegraphic communication between Australia and Canada, and the bringing about of closer commercial relations between that Dominion and the Australasian Provinces, and it is believed that a conference will be agreed upon.

15. In leaving you to your public labours, let me hope that your deliberations and decisions may be so guided that, under Divine favour, they may result in the advancement of that which is the great end of all good government—the lasting welfare and contentment of the people.

Mr. Alexander Brown then moved, and Mr. Alison 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. Alison, Mr. Traill, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Creer, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Toohey, Mr. Torpy, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Brown 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 that every consideration will be given to the various matters to be submitted to us.

3. The necessary provision for the Public Service will be made with all despatch.

4. The measures of urgency with which we are asked to deal will receive our earnest attention.

5. We join your Excellency in the hope that our labours may be blessed by Divine favour for the welfare and benefit of the community.

Mr. Brown then moved, and Mr. Alison 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.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Address be amended, by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—

“But inasmuch as Your Excellency's Ministers advised the dissolution of the late Parliament for the declared purpose of appealing to the electors to recast the fiscal policy of the country, and the electors having returned a majority against them, on this, and other constitutional grounds, this House, in the discharge of its duty to its constituents, declines to proceed with any business whatever while your present Advisers retain office.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,

FRIDAY, 1 MARCH, 1889, A.M.

Ordered (after Debate) 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 Mr. Dibbs, at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m. until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 MARCH, 1889.

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

WRIT OF ELECTION FOR STURT:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Sturt, together with a certificate, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, that Wyman Browne, Esquire, had been returned to the Legislative Assembly for that Electorate; and also a copy of a Proclamation declaring the election of the said gentleman valid, notwithstanding delay in the return of the Writ.

2. DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NAME ENDORSED ON WRIT AND NAME OF MEMBER:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That, whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Glen Innes is endorsed on the Writ as "Alexander Hutchinson," the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as such Member, is "Alexander Hutchison." Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Return beforementioned, by substituting the name of "Alexander Hutchison" for that of "Alexander Hutchinson." Question put and passed. And the Clerk amended the said Return accordingly.

3. 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—

" Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire;	" Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,
" Robert George Dundas Fitzgerald, " Esquire,	" Alexander Ryrie, Esquire;
" James Hayes, Esquire;	" Bruce Smith, Esquire; and
	" Robert Bliss Wilkinson, 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 first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-nine.

"JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
"Speaker."

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in the parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, for Cemetery at Clifton.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Cundle county of Macquarie, for Wharf near Ghinny Ghinny, Manning River.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Cundle, county of Macquarie, for construction of Dock at Cundletown, Manning River.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland, for site for Residence of Caretaker, Newcastle Reservoir.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Chanter laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 6th November, 1888—
“Hargraves and Avisford Commons.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Gold Coinage struck, &c., at Sydney Branch,
Royal Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Chanter laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence, Reports, and Minutes
respecting Cancellation of Gold Leases Nos. 650 and 661, Hunter and Macleay Mining District,—
and moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

6. MEMBER SWORN:—Wyman Brown, 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 Sturt.
7. PAPER:—The Debate on the Motion for the printing of the document respecting Cancellation of Gold
Leases Nos. 650 and 661,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry No. 6,—resumed.
Question,—That the document be printed,—put and passed
8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Dibbs stated the course which he considered desirable in order
to pay the salaries of the Civil Servants.
9. 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. Alexander Brown, 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 that every consideration will be given to the various matters to
“be submitted to us.

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“attention.

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“for the welfare and benefit of the community.”—

Upon which Sir Henry Parkes had moved, That the Address be amended, by the insertion of the
following words, to stand paragraph 3:—“But inasmuch as your Excellency's Ministers advised
“the dissolution of the late Parliament for the declared purpose of appealing to the electors to
“recast the fiscal policy of the country, and the electors having returned a majority against them,
“on this and other constitutional grounds this House, in the discharge of its duty to its
“constituents, declines to proceed with any business whatever while your present Advisers retain
“office.”—

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Three minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at
Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1889.

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

WRIT OF ELECTION FOR WILCANNIA:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Wilcannia, together with a certificate, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, that Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, Esquire, had been returned to the Legislative Assembly for that Electorate; and also a copy of a Proclamation declaring the election of the said gentleman valid, notwithstanding delay in the return of the Writ.

2. DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NAME ENDORSED ON WRIT AND NAME OF MEMBER:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That, whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of Sturt is endorsed on the Writ as "Wyman Browne," the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as such Member, is "Wyman Brown."

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Return beforementioned, by substituting the name of "Wyman Brown" for that of "Wyman Browne."

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Return accordingly.

3. MEMBER SWORN:—Otho Orde Dangar, 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 The Macleay.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting Tenders for Cable for Torpedo Purposes.
- (2.) Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry into Alleged Attempted Bribery of Members of Parliament.
- (3.) Report on Police Department for 1888.
- (4.) Report of Inspector-General of Police upon Organization and Working of Police Establishments in United Kingdom and Continent of Europe.
- (5.) Report of Goulburn Fire Brigades Board for the year 1888, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
- (6.) Comparative View of the Mortality of the different Colonies from certain Diseases.
- (7.) Reply to Despatch forwarding Addresses of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Victoria of Germany.
- (8.) Annual Returns under the Real Property Act for 1888.
- (9.) Regulations under the Fisheries Act of 1881.
- (10.) By-laws of the Municipality of Albury.
- (11.) By-law of the Borough of Balmain.
- (12.) By-laws of the Borough of The Globe.
- (13.) By-laws of the Municipality, Merewether.
- (14.) By-laws of the Municipality of Scone.
- (15.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wickham.
- (16.) By-laws of the Municipality of Kempsey, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (17.) By-laws of the Municipality of Silvertown, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (18.) By-laws of the Municipality of Cowra, under the Municipalities Act 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (19.) By-laws of the Municipality of Macdonaldtown, under the Municipalities Act 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (20.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Manly, under the Municipalities Act 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(21.)

(21.) By-laws of the Borough of Randwick, under the Municipalities Act 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(22.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Goulburn, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chanter laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations, under the Commons Acts 1873 and 1886.
Ordered to be printed.

5. MEMBER SWORN:—Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, 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 Wilcannia.

6. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Alexander Brown, 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 St. Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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Upon which Sir Henry Parkes had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—"But inasmuch as your Excellency's Ministers advised the dissolution of the late Parliament for the declared purpose of appealing to the electors to recast the fiscal policy of the country, and the electors having returned a majority against them, on this and other constitutional grounds this House, in the discharge of its duty to its constituents, declines to proceed with any business whatever while your present Advisers retain office."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1889, A.M.

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 68.		Noes, 64.	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. P. G. Dangar,	Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Woodward,	(Glen Innes),	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Greene,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Gough,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
(Canterbury),	Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Copland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Traill,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holborow,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Grabame,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Shephard,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Teece,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dowel,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Howe,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. King,	Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Linsley,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Alison.
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Edmunds,	Tellers,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Turner,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Sydney Smith.	Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Lamb,	Tellers,	Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Black,		Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Garland.	Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Seaver,		Mr. John Wilkinson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

Question then,—That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

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put and passed.

Mr. Dibbs 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,—

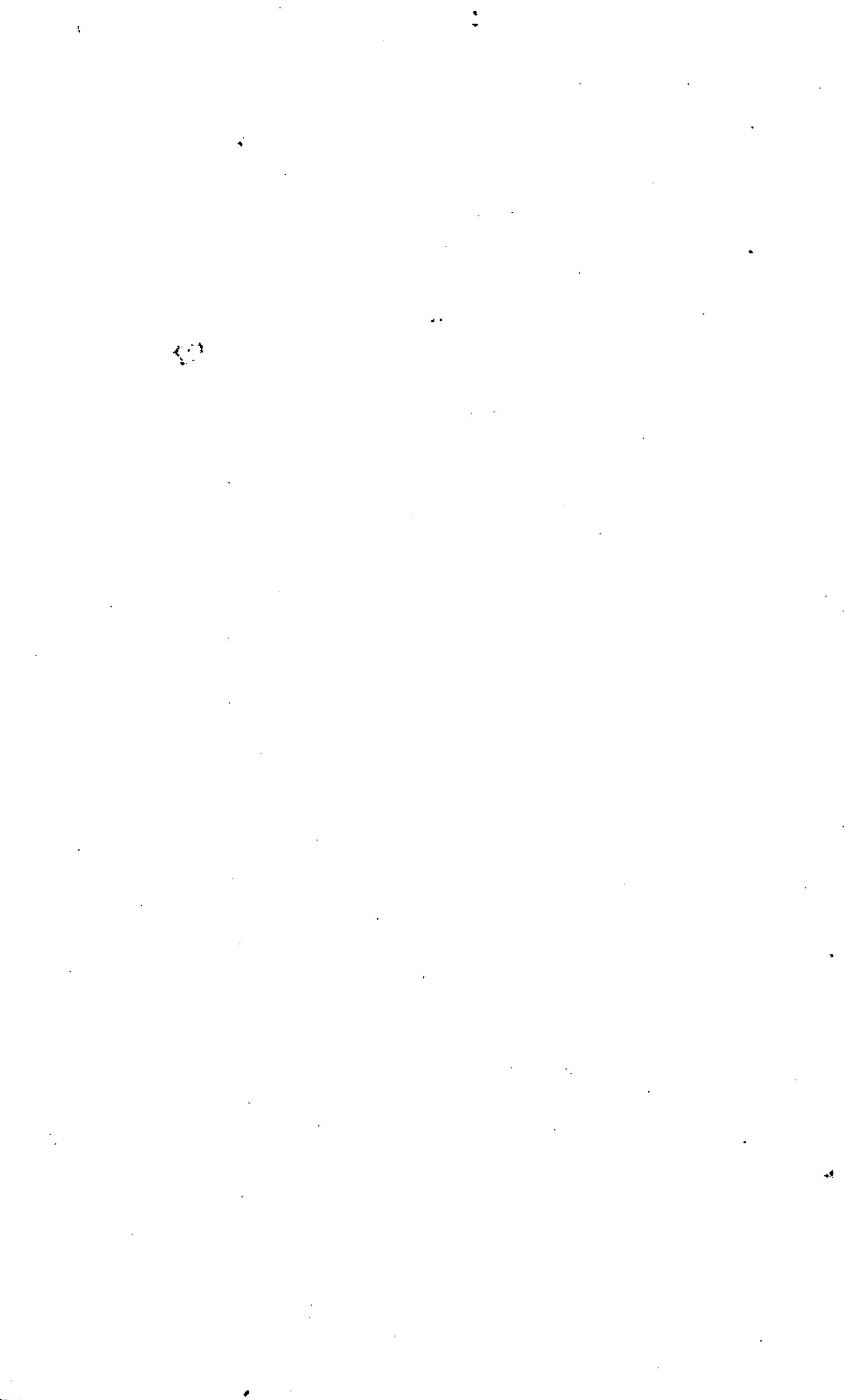
And moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1889.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

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

I have to thank you for your Address, and for the renewed assurance of your attachment to the Queen's Throne and Person.

*Government House,
Sydney, 6th March, 1889.*

CARRINGTON.

2. 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 Darlinghurst, Sydney, on Friday, the 8th day of March instant, in a case of "Personating at an Election" against Walter Hawkins, to produce the Writ bearing date the 19th day of January last, issued for the election of four Members to represent the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, and all other papers, writings, and documents in his possession in any way relating to the subject matter of this prosecution.

(2.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Campbelltown, on Monday, the 20th day of May next, in a case of "Personating at an Election" against William Fitzpatrick, to produce the Writ bearing date the 19th day of January last, issued for the election of three Members to represent the Electoral District of Camden, and all other papers, writings, and documents in his possession in any way relating to the subject matter of this 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.

3. WORK OF UNEMPLOYED ON ROADS AT HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE:—Mr. Gould presented a Petition from John Fitzgerald Burns, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, reviewing certain proceedings in connection with this subject; taking exception to certain of the allegations, and inferences drawn therefrom, made in the Progress Report adopted by the Select Committee of last Session; and praying the House to appoint a Select Committee to take further evidence, and complete the inquiry on the Work of the Unemployed on the Roads at Hornsby. Petition received.

4. THE FRUIT INDUSTRY:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from Fruit-growers, Exporters of Fruit, and others interested in the Fruit Industry and in obtaining better Fruit-marketing facilities, representing that urgent need exists for increased Fruit Market accommodation; that, since 1885, your Petitioners have been incessant in their applications to the City Council to erect suitable Fruit Markets on an eligible site, but without result; and praying that immediate steps be taken for the resumption of a block of land situated between Quay-street and the Darling Harbour Railway line, with frontage to George-street West and to Thomas-street, and that suitable Markets be erected thereon. Petition received.

5. **ELECTION PETITION (*The Richmond*)**:—Mr. Dibbs, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from William Bourke, alleging that Petitioner is qualified to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly, and at the last General Election was a Candidate for the Electoral District of The Richmond; that, in addition to the Petitioner, three other persons—T. T. Ewing, B. B. Nicoll, and John Perry—were candidates; that the said John Perry, at and after the Nomination, was Postmaster at Alstonville, receiving a salary voted by the Parliament of this Colony, being an office of profit under the Crown; that, under the circumstances detailed, the Petitioner was duly and legally elected; and praying that it shall be determined and reported to the Legislative Assembly that the said John Perry was not duly elected, and that the Petitioner was duly elected for the said Electoral District. Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. **ELECTION PETITION (*South Sydney*)**:—Mr. Dibbs, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from James Bowers and Charles Coulton, alleging that at the last General Election, and upon the examination of the Ballot Papers after the closing the Poll for the Electoral District of South Sydney, it was found that a large number of such Ballot Papers had not the initials of the Presiding Officer or Officers, as required by law, and were not rejected, but were improperly and illegally initialled, and counted as formal; that many of the voting papers which were declared informal were not so, and many were declared formal which were not so; and that, by reason of the premises, many votes should have been counted in favour of the candidates who were not declared duly elected; that, for these and other reasons stated, the Petitioners pray that their Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the said Election for South Sydney may be declared null and void, or that such other determination may be made in the premises as may be just. Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs informed the House that, consequent on the vote arrived at last night, he had placed in the hands of His Excellency the Governor the resignation of the present Administration. Mr. Dibbs then moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Four o'clock. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House stood adjourned, at Twenty-three minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH, 1889.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Casual Labour Board Inquiry Commission, at the Colonial Secretary's Office, on Monday, the 11th day of March instant, to produce all books, papers, writings, plans, and other documents relating to the subject matter of the said Inquiry, which may be in his custody, possession, or power, and in particular the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Work of Unemployed on Roads at Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland Estate.

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 summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Dibbs informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor a communication, enclosing the names of the members of the New Administration, and requesting him to make the announcement of their names and portfolios to the House. They were:—

Colonial Secretary	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sir Henry Parkes.
Colonial Treasurer	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. W. McMillan.
Secretary for Lands	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. J. N. Bruncker.
Secretary for Public Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. Bruce Smith.
Attorney-General...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. G. B. Simpson.
Minister of Justice	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. A. J. Gould.
Postmaster-General	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. D. O'Connor.
Minister of Public Instruction	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. J. H. Carruthers.
Secretary for Mines	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. Sydney Smith.

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Ninian Melville, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS—CASE OF URGENCY:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—

(1.) That the consideration of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1889 is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, in view of the present position of public affairs.

(2.) That, in consequence of such urgency, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the House from this day resolving itself into the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively; from receiving the Resolutions of those Committees on the day on which they were respectively come to; and from passing through all its stages in one day 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 1889, and to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks."

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. **BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY 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 Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited) to construct works, and use the waters of the Speculation and Menindie Lakes and the Darling River, for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill and District with fresh water, and to give power to purchase land,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a first time.

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

6. **VOTE OF CREDIT:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garvan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of January, February, and March, or following month, of the year 1889, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer; and also to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, and the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks.

Government House,
Sydney, 7th March, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. **SUPPLY:**—Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Garvan, 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 Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Melville 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 £1,819,100, being £1,619,100 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of January, February, and March, or following month, of the year 1889, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1888, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1889; and £200,000 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 31st December, 1890.

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

8. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Garvan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Melville 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 1889, the sum of £1,819,100 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

9. **SUPPLY AND INDEMNITY BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garvan, 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 1889, and to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks.

(2.) Mr. Garvan 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 1889, and to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and now read a second time.

(3.)

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Garvan, 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. Melville reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Garvan, 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. Garvan, *passed*.

Mr. Garvan 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 1889, and to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks.*"

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 1889, and to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

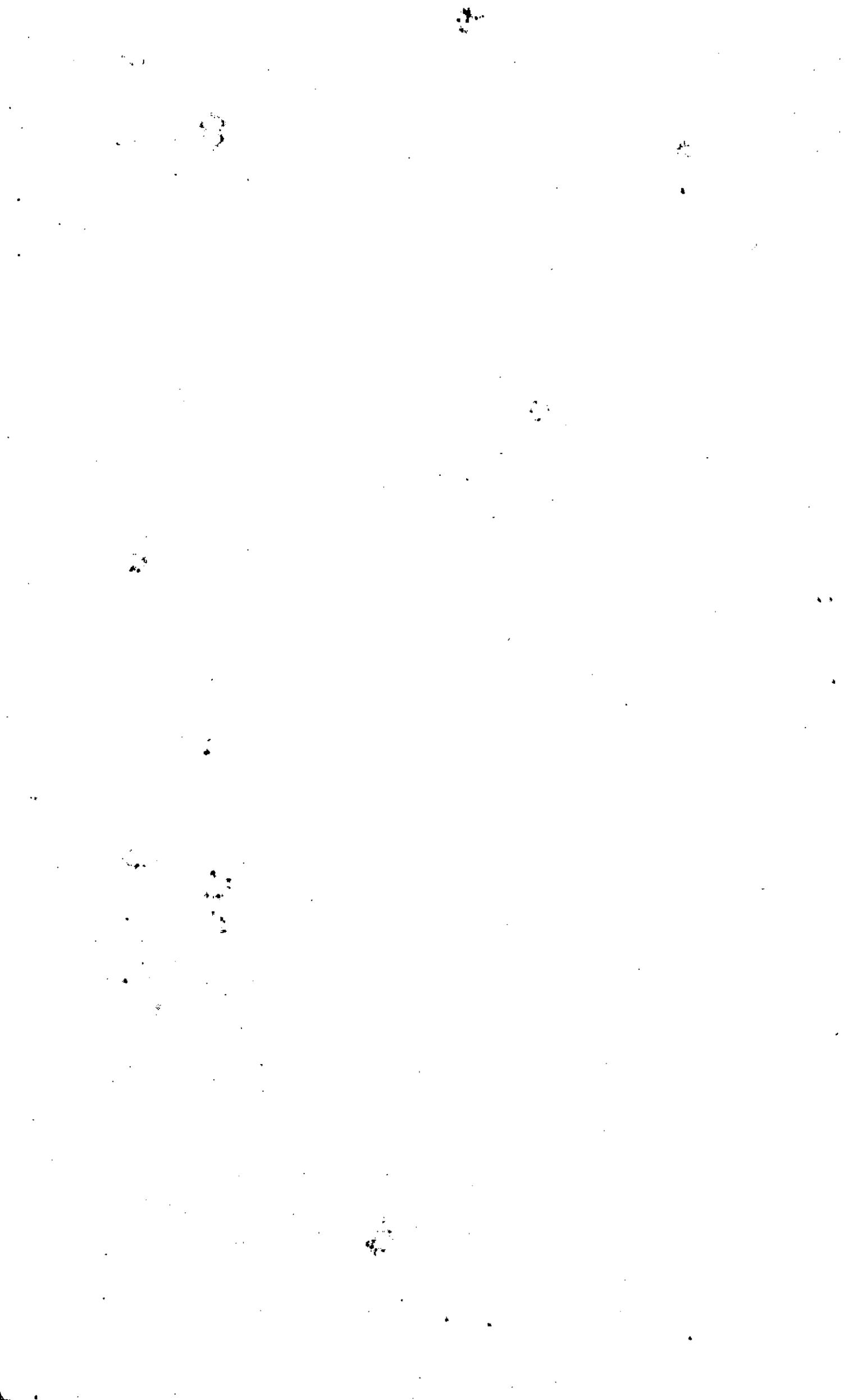
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10. PAPER :—Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Purchase by the Government, from Mr. John Taylor, of Land at Parramatta, for Branch Establishment of the Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at twenty-three minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH, 1889.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Friday, 1st March, 1889, 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.

(2.) *Members Sworn*:—Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, and Alexander Ryrle, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

2. ELECTION PETITIONS:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the following Election Petitions be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

(1.) From Thomas Rose, complaining of the Election and Return of Edward Joseph Ball, a Member for the Electoral District of Argyle, laid upon the Table of this House on 28th February last.

(2.) From Hugh McKinnon, complaining of the Election and Return of James Henry Young and Charles James Roberts, Members for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning, laid upon the Table of this House on 28th February last.

(3.) From William Bourke, complaining of the Election and Return of John Perry, a Member for the Electoral District of The Richmond, laid upon the Table of this House on 6th March instant.

(4.) From James Bowers and Charles Coulton, complaining of the Election and Return of William Henry Traill, Walter Edmunds, James Matthew Toohey, and James Martin, Members for the Electoral District of South Sydney, laid upon the Table of this House on 6th March instant.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Report of Her Majesty's Special Commissioner for British New Guinea for the year 1888.

(2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for the year 1888.

(3.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Wentworth.

(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bourke.

(5.) Correspondence respecting Coroner's Verdict of Murder against Mr. Thomas Walker, M.P., in Toronto.

Ordered to be printed.

4. CANCELLATION OF GOLD LEASES NOS. 650 AND 661, HUNTER AND MACLEAY MINING DISTRICT:—

Mr. Chanter (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Mines Department the Further Correspondence, Reports, and Minutes respecting Cancellation of Gold Leases Nos. 650 and 661, Hunter and Macleay Mining District, which were laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on Friday, the 1st March, 1889.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY AND INDEMNITY 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 1889, and to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th March, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. SUPPLY AND INDEMNITY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor,

Message No. 2.

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 1889, and to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Associated Banks,*"—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, 8th March, 1889.

7. NEW ADMINISTRATION :—Mr. Burdekin informed the House that the New Administration, consisting of,—

Sir Henry Parkes—Colonial Secretary,
Mr. W. McMillan—Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. J. N. Brunker—Secretary for Lands,
Mr. Bruce Smith—Secretary for Public Works,
Mr. G. B. Simpson—Attorney-General,
Mr. A. J. Gould—Minister of Justice,
Mr. D. O'Connor—Postmaster-General,
Mr. J. H. Carruthers—Minister of Public Instruction,
Mr. Sydney Smith—Secretary for Mines,—

had been sworn in this evening.

8. VACANT SEATS :—Mr. Burdekin moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G., hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards.
Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of William McMillan, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.
Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of James Nixon Brunker, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of East Maitland.
Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of Bruce Smith, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Glebe.
Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of Albert John Gould, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Patrick's Plains.
Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of Daniel O'Connor, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General, since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.
Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction, since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.
Question put and passed.

(8.) That the Seat of Sydney Smith, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines, since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.
Question put and passed.

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Frank James Smith, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, to be members of 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—

“ Frank James Smith, Esquire, and

“ John Rendell Street, Esquire,

“ being Members of the said Assembly, to be members of the Committee of Elections and Quali-
“ cations in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the
“ room of Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, and Bruce Smith, Esquire, whose Seats in the said
“ Assembly were this day declared vacant, by reason of their acceptance of the offices of Minister
“ of Public Instruction and Secretary for Public Works respectively.

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

“ JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

“ Speaker.”

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Burdekin moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 2nd April,
at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes
before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday, 2nd April at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 APRIL, 1889.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, and upon Resolutions passed by the House, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of the undermentioned gentlemen, whose Seats had been declared vacant by reason of their acceptance of office, viz. :—

Sir Henry Parkes—a Member for St. Leonards,
 William McMillan, Esquire—a Member for East Sydney,
 James Nixon Brunker, Esquire—Member for East Maitland,
 Bruce Smith, Esquire—a Member for The Glebe,
 Albert John Gould, Esquire—Member for Patrick's Plains,
 Daniel O'Connor, Esquire—a Member for West Sydney,
 Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire—a Member for Canterbury,
 Sydney Smith, Esquire—a Member for East Macquarie ;—

And that the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers of the election of the following gentlemen to serve as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names :—

Sir Henry Parkes—for St. Leonards.
 William McMillan, Esquire—for East Sydney.
 James Nixon Brunker, Esquire—for East Maitland.
 Bruce Smith, Esquire—for The Glebe.
 Albert John Gould, Esquire—for Patrick's Plains.
 Daniel O'Connor, Esquire—for West Sydney.
 Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire—for Canterbury.
 Sydney Smith, Esquire—for East Macquarie.

2. MEMBERS SWORN :—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named :—

The Honorable Sir Henry Parkes—for St. Leonards.
 The Honorable William McMillan, Esquire—for East Sydney.
 The Honorable James Nixon Brunker, Esquire—for East Maitland.
 The Honorable Bruce Smith, Esquire—for The Glebe.
 The Honorable Albert John Gould, Esquire—for Patrick's Plains.
 The Honorable Daniel O'Connor, Esquire—for West Sydney.
 The Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire—for Canterbury.
 The Honorable Sydney Smith, Esquire—for East Macquarie.
 James Inglis, Esquire—for New England.

3. THE CLERK SUMMONED :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the adjournment, the Clerk had received summonses to appear before,—

(1.) The Court of Quarter Sessions at Orange, on Wednesday, the 13th day of March last, in a case of "Personating at an Election," against Thomas Nesbitt, and produce the Writ, bearing date the 19th day of January last, issued for the election of two Members to represent the Electoral District of Orange, and all other papers, writings, and documents in his possession in any way relating to the subject matter of the prosecution.

(2.) The Court of Quarter Sessions at Cobar, on Wednesday, the 20th day of March last, in a case of "Personating at an Election," against James Fallon and others, and produce the Writ, bearing date the 19th day of January last, issued for the election of three Members to represent the Electoral District of Bourke, and all other papers, writings, and documents in his possession in any way relating to the subject matter of the prosecution.

(3.) The Court of Quarter Sessions at Coonabarabran, on Tuesday, the 26th day of March last, in a case of "Personating at an Election," against James Watson, and produce the Writ, bearing date the 19th day of January last, issued for the election of one Member to represent the Electoral District of The Namoi, and all other papers and writings in his possession in any way relating to the subject matter of the prosecution.

(4.) The Court of Petty Sessions at the Central Police Office, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 27th day of March last, in a case—Police *v.* Mason and others—counselling persons to personate electors, and produce the Writ of Election for four Members to represent the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

And that he had authorized the Clerk to attend and produce the documents as required,—which he did accordingly.

4. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Shipping facilities west of Goff's Harbour:—*Mr. Hogan*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What provision does the Government intend to make to enable the selectors resident west of Goff's Harbour to ship their produce?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—An amount of £4,000 has been submitted on the draft Loan Estimates on more than one occasion, but nothing seems to have been decided. Upon inquiry, I find that the matter has been favourably reported upon, and I therefore intend to bring it again before the Cabinet, with a view to an early determination being arrived at.

(2.) Tolls on Ferries :—*Mr. Hogan*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) What provision has the Government made for carrying out the Resolution carried by the late Parliament approving the abolition of the tolls at present collected at the various ferries throughout the Colony?

(2.) How does the Government intend to act in the case of ferries within and under the control of Municipalities?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The greater number of the ferries were leased for twelve months before the decision referred to was arrived at. The question as to whether it is desirable to extend the collections at all ferries to the end of the year will be laid before the Cabinet shortly. The question will no doubt be materially affected by the contemplated Local Government Act.

(2.) The Government have no control whatever over ferries within municipal limits.

(3.) Entrances to Bellinger, Nambucca, and Macleay Rivers:—*Mr. Hogan*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government received any report from Sir John Coode with reference to the improvement of the entrances to the Bellinger, Nambucca, and Macleay Rivers?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The reports referred to have not been received. The information asked for by Sir John Coode in reference to these rivers is very extensive and costly. The report, survey, and borings for the Macleay will not be ready for a few months. The Bellinger and Nambucca surveys have not yet been started for want of funds. I may mention that I fully recognize the great importance of the question of the improvement of our harbours and rivers, and I intend to bestow special attention upon it.

(4.) Entrances to Richmond, Tweed, and Brunswick Rivers:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the bar at the entrance to the Richmond River is at present in a dangerous state, and that shipping communication is only carried on at the risk of life and property, and if action is not taken immediately some 30,000 people may, any minute, be unable to get their supplies?

(2.) Is it a fact that the entrances to the Tweed and Brunswick Rivers are also almost blocked up for want of water?

(3.) Will the Government take immediate steps to remedy the foregoing state of affairs?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As the Honorable Member is aware, I have, to a deputation which recently waited upon me on the subject, given my assurance that my best attention shall be bestowed upon the subject touched upon in his questions; and I can only repeat that assurance. I believe all that is stated is correct as to the unfortunate position of the entrance to these important rivers.

(5.) Applications under 28th section of Mining Act:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Minister for Mines,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Department to give beforehand notice to applicants of the intention of the Department to refuse applications under the 28th section of the Mining Act?

(2.) If this has not hitherto been the practice, will he issue instructions that it should be done in future?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) It is the practice in certain cases to give beforehand notice of intention to refuse such applications.

(2.) Instructions have been given that beforehand notice be sent to applicants who have not abandoned, or apparently abandoned, their applications.

(6.) Road through Barratta Pastoral Holding:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the year 1887 (Records No. 87,252-14, Roads), application was made to the Lands Department for a public road to be opened across country from Bundyalumbla, on the Billabong, to "Everett's Hotel," on the Edwards River, through the Barratta pastoral holding, whereby several miles in distance will be saved to the travelling public, and waste lands of the Crown made available for selection?

(2.) What is the cause of delay, and why was this road not opened long ago?

(3.) Is it a fact that large portions of the resumed area of Barratta would be available to be taken up if this direct road was opened?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In consequence of strong objections, additional reports had to be obtained from the District Surveyor before final instructions to survey were issued. Survey of the road has now been completed, and receipt of plan is daily expected.

(3.) Until such plan is received, it cannot be stated what portion of the resumed area of Barratta will be available for sale, lease, or other purposes.

(7.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government, at an early date, to propose a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Nothing can be decided until the result of the recent alternative surveys which have been made has been placed before the Government, when the whole matter shall receive the careful attention which its importance demands.

(8.) Supply of Seed Wheat to Farmers:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to supply seed wheat to the various farmers of the Colony who have been almost ruined by the late droughts?

(2.) If so, considering the sowing season has now almost arrived, when will such seed be supplied, and to what limit?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is intended to supply seed wheat to such as are not in a position to purchase.

(2.) Instructions have been issued to the Police Magistrates throughout the Colony to receive and deal with applications from farmers in need of assistance.

(9.) Main Botany Road:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount of money expended on the Main Botany Road during the years 1887 and 1888 respectively?

(2.) What is the amount (if any) of the unexpended Votes for the Main Botany Road for the abovenamed years respectively?

(3.) Is the unexpended balance (if any) available for expenditure by the trustees of the Main Botany Road at the present time?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The expenditure on the Botany Road, Sydney to Banks Meadow, during 1887, amounted to £117 5s. 3d., and in 1888 to £1,287 19s. 1d.

(2.) The balance on 1st January, 1889, was £108 19s. 11d., of which £107 9s. 5d. has since been expended, leaving a balance of £1 10s. 6d. to date.

(3.) There is no amount left for issue to the trustees.

(10.) Passengers by Occasional Goods Train from Bathurst:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does a train—termed an occasional goods—leave Bathurst, to go as far as Penrith only, on Saturday night when goods are ready to be carried?

(2.) Did such a train leave Bathurst on Saturday night, the 9th February last, and was Sir Henry Parkes a passenger by such train?

(3.) At what hour did such train leave, and is it a fact that it came right through to Sydney?

(4.) What goods were drawn, and what was the freight paid for such goods?

(5.) Did such a train leave Bathurst on Saturday night, the 16th February last, and what was the freight paid for goods drawn?

(6.) Was a gentleman named Mr. B. R. Wise a passenger by such train, and did he pay his fare?

(7.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House, copies of all telegrams sent by the station-master at Orange to the station-master at Bathurst or other railway station in reference to arranging the sending of the two trains referred to?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) I am informed that a train, termed an occasional goods, leaves Bathurst for Penrith every Saturday night, and that such train left as usual on Saturday night, the 9th February last. The Honorable Sir Henry Parkes travelled by this train. The train left Bathurst at 10:35 p.m., and arrived at Penrith at 4:35 a.m. This train did not run through to Sydney. Sir Henry Parkes travelled from Penrith by the ordinary goods train at 5 a.m. From Bathurst to Penrith the train consisted of a composite carriage and a brake-van. There were not any trucks to be attached at Bathurst. From Penrith to Sydney twelve trucks were hauled. They were loaded with lime, vegetables, and general goods, weighing 29 tons 2 cwt., and the freight amounted to £21 3s. 4d.

(5, 6, and 7.) The train left as usual on the 16th February, and had a load of equal to fourteen trucks of coal from Eskbank to Penrith, and the freight paid for same was £43 12s. 9d. Mr. B. R. Wise was a passenger by this train, and he held the return half of an ordinary ticket issued at Sydney. There were not any telegrams despatched from the station-master at Orange to Bathurst or other stations respecting the running of the trains referred to.

(11.) Mr. B. R. Wise—Railway Free Pass:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that it is a misdemeanour for any person to travel on the railways on a pass to which he is not legally entitled?

(2.) Did Mr. B. R. Wise, one of the defeated candidates for South Sydney, travel to and from Bathurst several times between the declaration of the poll at South Sydney and the 16th of February last on a pass to which he was not entitled?

(3.) If so, will he take the necessary steps to prosecute Mr. Wise?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) This question involves a matter of law, upon which the Minister of Justice can give no opinion.

(2 and 3.) I have received no information respecting this matter.

(12.)

(12.) Reserves in County of Rous :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are reserves in county of Rous, undermentioned, held under lease by pastoral lessees :—Parish Kyogle, Nos. 232, 80, and 80 east extension ; parish Runnymede, Nos. 81, 194, 82, 195 and 81 east extension ; parish Wyangerie, Nos. 363, 1,132, 216, 309, and 323 extension ; parish Wyndham, No. 472 ; parish Loadstone, Nos. 1,147 and 1,108 ; parish Rosberry, No. 1,111 ; parish Lindon, No. 1,115 ?

(2.) Are pastoral leaseholders paying rent for these reserves at the present time ?

(3.) Is it a fact that timber-drawers between Queensland Border and Casino have no suitable camping-places ?

(4.) Will he have reserves defined, and provision made for camping-places for those engaged in the timber industry ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) A report from the District Surveyor will be obtained as to the necessity for notification of reserves for camping places between Casino and the Queensland Border.

(13.) Reserves in County of Rous :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of District Surveyors' and Forest Rangers' reports upon forest reserve No. 1,120, parishes of Mummulgum and Dyraba, county of Rous ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes ; if the Honorable Member will move for same in the usual manner as a Parliamentary Return.

(14.) Lismore Rifle Corps :—Mr. Ewing asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the members of the Lismore Rifle Corps have been unable to obtain ammunition on requisition ?

(2.) Is it a fact that services of large bodies of men as mounted infantry have been refused ?

(3.) Will he see that men in all country districts willing to enrol themselves are as considerately treated by the authorities as those about the metropolis ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No ; but there was delay because the corps had not returned to the Ordnance Store receipt vouchers for previous supply.

(2.) A few applications have been refused.

(3.) I am certainly not desirous that bodies of men in the country should be treated differently from those in the immediate neighbourhood of Sydney ; but many circumstances in military matters—such as facilities of travel—tend to make it desirable that corps should be treated in a manner in some places which is not equally advisable in others.

(15.) Case of the Richardson Family, Merrygoen, Castlereagh River :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a case, viz., that of the Richardson family, residing at Merrygoen, Castlereagh River, which was brought under the notice of the public by Mr. John E. Kelly in the *Herald* of the 26th instant ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to enforce the provisions of the Land Act of 1884 in such cases as the above ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes ; the holding in question is apparently "Hoblingrah," standing in the names of John, William, and Peter Richardson.

(2.) The Government have not as yet come to any decision on this question.

(16.) Licensing Court, Bathurst :—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Police Magistrate, and also a member of the Licensing Court, at Bathurst, are related to an attorney in practice at that place ?

(2.) Is it a fact that this state of affairs gives rise to a feeling of dissatisfaction at Bathurst ?

(3.) Will he take steps to alter the constitution of the Licensing Court, and also to appoint some other Police Magistrate for Bathurst ?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Police Magistrate, and also a member of the Licensing Court, are related to an attorney in practice in that town.

(2.) No report has reached me indicating any dissatisfaction arising from this.

(3.) I am not aware of any circumstances rendering this necessary.

(17.) The Quarantine Station :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to state what progress (if any) has been made towards the removal of the Quarantine Station from North Head ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—So far as I am concerned—I can hardly speak for this Government—I am very desirous for the Quarantine Station to be removed. I am desirous of that removal for more than one reason ; but it cannot take place until another suitable site can be definitely fixed upon.

(18.) Pastoral Leases, Eastern Division :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have the requisite notices with reference to the termination of leases been given to pastoral lessees in the Eastern Division ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes ; both by notification in the *Government Gazette*, as required by law, and by letter to each pastoral tenant.

(19.) Police Magistracy, Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Police Magistracy of Queanbeyan has been abolished?
- (2.) Is it a fact that at least five districts in the country which had a lesser population were allowed to retain their Police Magistrates?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Police Magistrateship at Gunnedah was abolished simultaneously with that of Queanbeyan, and has since been restored?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that the Queanbeyan District is quite as populous and as important as that of Gunnedah?
- (5.) Will he take steps immediately to have the Police Magistracy at Queanbeyan restored?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) If the Honorable Member will have the goodness to specify the districts to which he alludes it will afford a better opportunity to me of presenting a correct answer than the question in its present state allows.
- (3.) The position of Police Magistrate at Gunnedah was not abolished.
- (4.) I am informed that the district of Gunnedah is more populous than that of Queanbeyan; but the relative importance of the two districts being a matter of opinion, I do not think I am called upon to answer the question.
- (5.) It is not at present intended to restore the position of resident Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan; but arrangements have been made for Mr. Aldcorn, Police Magistrate, of Braidwood, to visit Queanbeyan periodically.

(20.) John Sullivan, late Engineer of the "Leila":—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that John Sullivan, late engineer of the "Leila," was sent to tend an engine at Fitzroy Dock, and that he complained that he was unable to do the work owing to illness?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that one of the medical officers of the Government, Dr. Ashburton Thompson, reported that while Sullivan was able to officiate as engineer, he also implied that he was unable to do hard work like that to which he was told off at Fitzroy Dock?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the "Leila" is still occasionally run by the Government?
- (4.) If so, why was not Sullivan employed as engineer of that boat?
- (5.) On the medical certificate that Sullivan was unfit for the work he was ordered to do, would he be allowed to retire from the Service with the usual allowance?
- (6.) Will he have an inquiry made into the matter, in order to learn if Sullivan cannot be allowed to retire or be appointed to perform some work which he is physically capable of doing?
- (7.) Will he also consult Dr. Ashburton Thompson with regard to the fitness of Sullivan to do the work he was assigned?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Dr. Ashburton Thompson reports as follows:—"I am of opinion that Sullivan is suffering from sciatica, and that he is at present rendered unfit for duty by it. In other respects he is strong, and there is no reason to suppose that he will not presently recover and be fit for any work which, in point of demand for muscular exertion, nearly resembles that he has been accustomed to during a few years last past."
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The "Leila" is so seldom employed that no special engineer is engaged or required.
- (5, 6, and 7.) In February last Sullivan absented himself from duty on the plea of ill-health, and represented himself as being incapable of performing the duties of his office, for which reason he asked to be granted a superannuation allowance. The Civil Service Board considered that Sullivan should be examined by the Government Medical Officer, which was done. It was reported that he was suffering from sciatica, but there was no reason why he should not recover, and be fit for the work previously performed by him. Dr. Woodward also gave an opinion similar to this. The Board considered that these reports did not justify a recommendation for Sullivan's retirement, and he was requested to resume duty. This, however, he failed to do, but instead protested against the decision arrived at in his case, and stated that the work he had performed for the Department had incapacitated him from performing manual labour. The Medical Officer was again asked to examine Sullivan with a view of ascertaining whether he was fit for work. Dr. Ashburton Thompson accordingly examined him, and reported that he found no organic disease—that he suffered from sciatica—but that his general health was otherwise good. Under these circumstances he could not pronounce Sullivan's illness likely to be permanent. Sullivan has therefore been informed that it is out of the power of the Department to interfere in this matter, which is one strictly regulated by the terms of the Civil Service Act.

(21.) The River Murray:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the right of the Colony of Victoria to control and regulate the navigation upon the River Murray without the consent of the Colony of New South Wales?
- (2.) Has the consent been given; and, if so, does it empower the Marine Board at Echuca, in the Colony of Victoria, to issue licenses, levy fees, issue certificates, and act as a tribunal in all cases affecting the owners and captains trading with their vessels upon the said river?
- (3.) Has this Colony the sole right, if it chooses to exercise it, of absolutely controlling and regulating all traffic upon the said river?
- (4.) If not, will he state fully what are its rights in respect to the said river?
- (5.) Has the Marine Board at Echuca power to call upon any captain trading upon the Murrumbidgee River to appear before it and give evidence in respect to any accident happening upon the said river 200 miles from the Victorian boundary line, and wholly within the Colony of New South Wales?
- (6.) Has the Marine Board at Echuca asserted that it has jurisdiction, not only in their own Colony, but also in the Colonies of New South Wales and South Australia; if so, is that assertion a correct one?

(7.)

(7.) If, upon inquiry, it is found that the interests of this Colony demand that a Marine Board should be appointed at Moama to regulate and control the traffic upon the River Murray and such of its tributaries as are situated within the boundaries of New South Wales, will he take immediate steps to have such a Board appointed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot at the present time give any definite answer to these questions; but I may say that special care will be taken by the Government to guard the rights of this Colony in respect to the River Murray.

(22.) Reserves for Railway Purposes, Counties of Georgiana and Westmoreland:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on 23rd February, 1889, he gazetted reserves from sale for railway purposes of the area of 63,900 acres, in the counties of Georgiana and Westmoreland, and in the parishes of Warragamba, Werriberri, Cooba, and Kedumba?

(2.) Is there any probability of a railway being made near those districts for the next fifty years; is the land fit for anything but mining; and were not the minerals all reserved to the Crown by the Land Act of 1884?

(3.) Is it a fact that reserves like the above prevent settlement when the land is of any value, and, when only fit for mining, play into the hands of mining speculators, who are required to pay less rent than if the land was not a reserve?

(4.) In view of such contingencies, will he cancel these reserves and get the best money out of the land for the benefit of the Colony?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Cannot say when the railway will be made, or whether the land is at present fit for anything but mining. All minerals are reserved under the 7th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) I am not aware of any such instances as those referred to by the Honorable Member.

(4.) The matter of cancelling these reserves will be considered.

(23.) Phillip Park:—Mr. Street asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the western portion of Phillip Park been enclosed; if so, under whose authority, and upon what terms; and, if for the purpose of fireworks exhibitions, have any steps been taken for the safety of the public and the property in the neighbourhood.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have noticed that Phillip Park has been enclosed in a manner which appears to me objectionable. I believe the enclosure has taken place under the authority of the trustees of the Park.

(24.) Working of late Casual Labour Board:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the late Casual Labour Board been instructed to ascertain the amount of public money expended on the land owned by Messrs Burns, Withers, and Smith, at Hornsby?

(2.) If not, will such instructions be given?

(3.) Do the Government intend to take the necessary steps to recover from Messrs Burns, Withers, and Smith the amount of the people's money so spent on the said land?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have given no instructions to this Royal Commission. I found it sitting when I entered upon the duties of office; and, beyond a request that they would bring their inquiry to a termination as speedily as they can, consistently with a proper investigation of the facts, I have not interfered; and I do not think it would be well for me to interfere.

5. TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from the Excelsior Land Investment and Building Company and Bank (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the platform or station known as Fassfern, on the Government Line of Railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate, at Lake Macquarie.

And Mr. Stevenson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Wallsend and Plattsburg Sun*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

6. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from the Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company, Limited, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company, Limited, to establish a system of Water Supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities.

And Mr. Abbott having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Australian Star* and *The Barrier Miner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

7. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Hayes moved, pursuant to Notice, That Ninian Melville, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Melville made his acknowledgments to the House.

8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE UPON BARRATTA RUN:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all conditional purchases made upon the run of Barratta (Henry Ricketson, lessee), from January, 1872, till December, 1882; how many were lapsed or forfeited; what became of the improvements; how many were converted into improvement purchases.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lync, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Alison, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Chapman, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Woodward, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

9. **THE LAND LAW:**—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, as early as practicable, introduce a Bill to amend the Land Act in such a manner that holders of conditional leases under section 52 be allowed an extension of lease and a preferent right to purchase a part of such leases, or the whole where the lease does not exceed the maximum area allowed to be held by a conditional leaseholder under section 48.

Mr. Harold Stephen moved, That the Question be amended, by the addition of the words, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to relieve the holders of conditional leases under the 54th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 from the condition of residence."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.

Original Question put and passed.

10. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:**—Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain a free passage for vessels between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct and maintain a harbour within the waters of the said lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden, and wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands, situate between the South Coast Colliery, on the north, and the Macquarie River, on the south; and to levy and recover rates, tolls, and dues, for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and of the said railways; and for other purposes. And Mr. Sutherland having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Illawarra Mercury*, and the *Wollongong Argus*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

11. **DUTIES UPON BACON, BUTTER, CHEESE AND KEROSENE:**—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, "That," in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without any delay, bring in a Bill to remove the duties now imposed upon bacon, butter, cheese, and kerosene imported into the Colony.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Alexander Brown 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, "inasmuch as the duties at present levied on butter, bacon, cheese, and kerosene are of a protective character, and their collection hitherto has encouraged the production of these commodities within our own borders, this House, having regard to the great advance made by the principle of protection, as manifested in the result of the recent General Election, is of opinion that the said duties are an instalment of the protective policy, and as such should await a systematic revision of the Tariff in the direction of that policy."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1889, A.M.

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

Debate continued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Wiltshire,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Seobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. William Stephep,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bardckin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. King,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. A'Beckett.
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers,</i>
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Shepherd,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. Copland,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Slatery,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wright,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Mackianon,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Dawson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. Ferguson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. McRue,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Hogan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without any delay, bring in a Bill to remove the duties now imposed upon bacon, butter, cheese, and kerosene imported into the Colony.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. King,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. A'Beckett.
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Hurley.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Copland,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Edmunds,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. McRae,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.

Debate ensued.

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 been passed in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Hurley presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884,’*”—which was read a first time.

Mr. Hurley then moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for “Tuesday week.”

Mr. Chanter moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words “Tuesday week,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “this day six months.”

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1889.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received summonses to appear before—

(1.) The Circuit Court at Young, on Monday, the 8th day of April instant, in two cases of "Personation"—The Queen *v.* Ward, and the Queen *v.* Fallon,—and produce the Writ, bearing date the 19th day of January, 1889, for the return of Members for the Electoral District of Young, and all other papers connected therewith;

(2.) The Circuit Court at Dubbo, on Monday, the 8th day of April instant, in a case of "Personation"—The Queen *v.* Miller—and produce the Writ, bearing date the 19th day of January, 1889, for the return of Members for the Electoral District of The Bogan, and all other papers connected therewith;

(3.) The Circuit Court, at Bathurst, on Monday, the 15th day of April instant, in a case of "Personation"—The Queen *v.* Nesbitt—and produce the Writ, bearing date the 19th day of January, 1889, for the return of Members for the Electoral District of Orange, and all other papers in connection therewith;—

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.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Supply of Seed-wheat to Farmers:—*Mr. Lakeman*, for *Mr. Cruickshank*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry the seed-wheat proposed to be granted to distressed farmers free on the railways?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I have referred this matter to the Minister for Railways, who is giving the question his earnest consideration.

(2.) Letters addressed to Drs. Germont and Loir:—*Mr. Traill* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that a cable message addressed to Messrs. Germont and Loir, received in Sydney on 18th July, 1888, was not delivered to these gentlemen till the 21st August?

(2.) Was such cablegram noted as follows—"Mislaid.—H.P."?

(3.) Were the initials "H.P." written by Sir Henry Parkes, the then Colonial Secretary?

(4.) What was the reason for so long a detention as thirty-six days?

(5.) How was the cablegram mislaid, and by whom?

(6.) Is it a fact that two letters, one directed to M. Loir, the other to Messrs. Germont and Loir, care of General Post Office, Sydney, were sent to the Colonial Secretary's Office?

(7.) Are these the letters which the Colonial Secretary, replying to *Mr. Lyne* in November last, admitted to have been opened in the Colonial Secretary's office?

(8.) Was there any indication on the exterior of such letters that they came from the Pasteur Institute, or any other source?

(9.) Is the explanation given to the daily papers by the Under Colonial Secretary, to the effect that the delay in delivering these letters to the addresses, in accordance with the facts as known to the Colonial Secretary?

(10.) Is it the case that other letters similarly addressed, but having no external indication of their source, were delivered to Messrs. Germont and Loir during the period when the Under Colonial Secretary alleges the addresses of those gentlemen were being sought in vain?

(11.) Is it true that the Under Secretary was resident in the same house with Messrs. Germont and Loir during that time, or at any time?

(12.)

(12.) Is he aware of any reason why certain letters addressed to Messrs. Germont and Loir, or either of them, were sent from the General Post Office to the Colonial Secretary's Office, and there opened, while other letters, simultaneously received by mail, were delivered direct to those gentlemen?

(13.) Had the Post Office officials any instructions relating to any such letters?

(14.) If so, has he any objection to state what these instructions were?

(15.) Has any despatch or correspondence been received in this Colony from the Imperial authorities in relation to the opening or detention of the letters and cablegram above referred to?

(16.) If so, has he any objection to state what is the nature of such despatch or correspondence?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will cause an explanatory Return to be made, giving the information which is required by this question. I may state, however, that I, as Colonial Secretary at that time, never saw any one of the letters addressed to those gentlemen. The "H.P.," I imagine, must have been written by me, and it is exactly the thing I should write. If the telegram had been mislaid, I should write "mislaid" upon it, no doubt.

(3.) Special Area brought to Auction at Deniliquin:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was special area 7,021 brought to auction at Deniliquin on 28th December last—1,326 acres, at £2 5s. per acre; and was any of the land sold?

(2.) What will now be done with the land;—will the squatter be allowed to use it without paying any rent, or will he be charged a fair interest on its value from the day it was offered at auction?

(3.) Has his Department ever yet received any rent for the unsold portions of special areas; if so, who paid it?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; none of the land was sold.

(2 and 3.) The lands still remain parts of the occupation license, and rent is duly paid by the licensee on the areas not alienated.

(4.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases on Leasehold Areas:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the forfeited conditional purchases on leasehold areas, but since reserved to await further legislation, exceed 200,000 acres?

(2.) Is it a fact that the pastoral lessees have been using these lands, with the improvements thereon, for several years past without paying any rent?

(3.) Is it a fact that if such lands had been selected, the selectors would have paid for the improvements (about £50,000), also paid £20,000 in deposits, and also paid £10,000 yearly in instalments for interest and principal?

(4.) Will he say when he intends to take steps to throw all such lands open for conditional purchase, in accordance with the spirit of the Privy Council's decision?

(5.) Will he instruct his inspectors to report if any of the improvements on the land at the time of forfeiture have been since removed; and, if so, will he cause such to be restored, and the parties prosecuted for illegal removal?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) It is impossible to say what land would have been selected, or what would have been the amount paid.

(4.) Will be dealt with in the Amending Land Bill.

(5.) If the Honorable Member will specify any particular case, inquiry will be made.

(5.) High Schools at Bathurst, Maitland, and Goulburn:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the cost to the State of the High Schools at Bathurst, Maitland, and Goulburn, for the year 1888, the cost of each school to be separately stated?

(2.) What was the amount received in fees by each of the above schools?

(3.) What is the number of pupils attending each of these schools, distinguishing the sexes?

(4.) What is the cost per annum to the State of each of the pupils attending these schools?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) High Schools were in operation in Sydney (two in number), West Maitland (two in number), and Bathurst (one), but not in Goulburn during 1888. The expenditure was: Sydney Public High Schools, £4,587 18s. 2d.; West Maitland Public High Schools, £1,418 11s. 2d.; Bathurst Girls' Public High School, £685 9s. 4d.

(2.) Total amount of fees received during 1888:—Sydney Public High Schools, £3,602 11s.; West Maitland Public High Schools, £546 13s. 2d.; Bathurst Girls' Public High School, £177 8s. 5d.

(3.) The number of pupils enrolled at each school was as follows:—Sydney—Boys, 315; girls, 291; total, 606. West Maitland—Boys, 66; girls, 38; total, 104. Bathurst—Girls, 27; total, 27.

(4.) The cost per annum to the State for each pupil was as given below:—Sydney, £1 12s. 6d.; West Maitland, £8 7s. 8d.; Bathurst, £18 16s. 4d.

(6.) The Aborigines:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What supervision does the Government exercise over the expenditure of money voted by Parliament for the benefit of the aborigines?

(2.) What number of aboriginal children were there in the Colony, including half-castes, when returns were last taken?

(3.) How many of such children are receiving any attention as regards education, and to what extent?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The expenditure is under the supervision of a Board appointed by the Government.

(2.) 2,855.

(3.) 379—323 in Public Schools, and 56 privately.

(7.)

(7.) Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Asylum for Infirm and Destitute:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers having reference to the removal of Mrs. Cunynghame from the position as Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, together with a printed copy of the report of the General Asylums Inquiry Board on this Institution?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—So far as the Government are concerned, there can be no objection to laying these papers before Parliament; but it is hardly desirable, as it could not be done without injuring Mrs. Cunynghame, and it is not deemed desirable unnecessarily to injure persons who have left the Public Service. The Honorable Member, if he requires the papers, had better seek them in the ordinary way by moving a Resolution.

(8.) Railway from Molong to Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the plans of the extension of the railway from Molong to Parkes, &c., been submitted to the Railway Commissioners; and have they reported against the construction of the said line of railway?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay a copy of the Commissioners' report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The plans of the railway from Molong to Parkes have not been submitted to the Railway Commissioners.

(9.) Town Common, Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has there been any delay in proceeding with the construction of a water-tank on the town Common of Molong; and, if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The work is ready to be proceeded with as soon as the money is voted. No other cause for delay exists.

(10.) Supply of Stationery to Government Departments:—Mr. Toohey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any contracts been given to the firm of Sands & McDougall for the supply of stationery, &c., to some of the Government Departments?

(2.) The names of the Departments for which such contracts have been given?

(3.) The contract price, upon which such tenders have been given?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Contracts have been given to the firm of Sands & McDougall (Limited) for the following supplies for the year 1889:—(1) Stationery, &c., (2) drawing and tracing papers, (3) brown paper, (4) surveyors' and architects' materials, (5) post office wax and obliterating ink, (6) telegraph envelopes, (7) writing papers, (8) printing papers, (9) millboards, &c., (10) book-binders' sundries.

(2.) 1, 2, 3, and 4, for the Public Service generally; 5, for the Postal Department; 6, for the Telegraph Department; 7, 8, 9, and 10, for the Government Printer.

(3.) The prices I will lay upon the Table in a printed shape for the information of the Honorable Member.

(11.) Woorooloolgen Run, County of Rous:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all returns, plans, and correspondence with reference to proposed exchange of land on Woorooloolgen Run, near Casino, county of Rous?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes; if the Honorable Member will move for a Parliamentary Return in the usual manner. I should however state the the correspondence is voluminous, and comprises several plans, so that the cost of copying and printing will be very considerable, and may not be justified. The whole of the papers will be placed at the Honorable Member's disposal upon application at the Lands Department.

(12.) Locking the River Darling:—Mr. Edmunds asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the scheme for the locking of the River Darling, proposed by Mr. Gordon, Civil Engineer, been considered and reported upon by the officers of the Works Department?

(2.) Does the Government intend to bring forward that or any other scheme for the locking of that river?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Mr. Gordon has been consulted in reference to a scheme which has been proposed by the Department for locking the Darling River, and plans for the work are nearly ready.

* (13.) Resumed Area on Coronallo:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands:—

(1.) Has the whole of the resumed area of the pastoral holding of Coronallo (H. Ricketson lessee), containing 22,288 acres, remained in the occupation of the lessee, and been shut out from selection ever since the 1884 Act was passed, by reserve?

(2.) Has the District Surveyor, who was instructed to report some two or three years ago, reported yet, and has he pointed out what portion of these reserves might be revoked and made available for conditional purchase?

(3.) Is he aware that a great demand for land exists in this district, and if this land was allowed to be selected, a large additional income would be derived therefrom?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The questions cannot be answered without reference to the local officers. Upon receipt of the requisite information, it will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(14.) Brookong Shearers' Petition:—Mr. Copland asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether he has yet dealt with the Brookong shearers' petition, and whether he intends to release them?

Mr. Gould answered,—This matter has not yet been finally dealt with, but will receive immediate attention when I am in possession of certain reports and other information already called for by me.

3. **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, and Thursday in each week.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lakeman moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word “Four,” 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 Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question then put and passed.
4. **MEETING OF THE HOUSE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the bell be rung at “twenty-eight minutes after Four o’clock.”
Mr. Lakeman moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “twenty-eight minutes after Four o’clock,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “fifty-eight minutes after Three o’clock.”
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put and passed.
5. **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.
6. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business, and that on every alternate Tuesday General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
7. **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.
8. **FORMAL BUSINESS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, “Whether there is any objection to its being a ‘Formal Motion,’ or ‘Order of the Day,’” no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a “Formal” Motion or Order of the Day.
(2.) That, before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and, on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such “Formal” Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such “Formal Motions” or “Orders of the Day,” or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
(4.) That, in consequence of any such “Formal” Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
(5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill, shall be held to be a “Formal” Motion.
Question put and passed.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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.

12. **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.
13. **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 initialised on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
14. **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.
15. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Gould, Mr. Street, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Edmunds, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
16. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Reid, Dr. Ross, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Stevenson, 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.
Question put and passed.
17. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Bowman, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Scaver, Mr. Cooke, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **PAPER**:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report of Royal Commission to inquire into the introduction of Contagious Diseases amongst Rabbits.
Ordered to be printed.
21. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Church of England Property Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of properties held on Trusts for the benefit of the Church of England, and to grant powers of dealing with the same, discharged from trust or consecration, in certain events,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd Apr , 1889.
JOHN HAY,
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. Burns, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th April. (2.)

(2.) Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to adapt and assimilate the Trusts of Wesleyan Methodist Church Properties in New South Wales to the present constitution of such Church in the said Colony, and for other collateral purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a first time

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th April.

22. TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Stevenson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the platform or station known as Fassifern, on the Government line of railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate, at Lake Macquarie.
Question put and passed.
23. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY BILL:—Mr. Brunker 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 Land Act of 1884, and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the public lands, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
24. ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER "AJAX":—Mr. Frank Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to the accident which occurred to the s.s. "Ajax" in December last, and to the inquiry or inquiries held in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
25. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—Mr. Brunker 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 legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, and to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof.
Question put and passed.
26. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law, so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences.
Question put and passed.
27. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.
Question put and passed.
28. CIRCULAR QUAY IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.
Question put and passed.
29. NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.
Question put and passed.
30. SYDNEY CENTRAL POLICE COURT BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court, in the city of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
31. MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.
Question put and passed.
32. POTTS' HILL STORAGE RESERVOIR BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the completion of a storage reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland.
Question put and passed.
33. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts' Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.
Question put and passed.

34. **PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
35. **PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES' REMUNERATION) BILL**:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Question put and passed.
36. **METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Bruce Smith 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 further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to authorize the completion of certain sewerage works within the Municipalities, for which funds have been provided by the Councils thereof; and to amend the said Act in certain respects for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
37. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes explained to the House the course which the present Government intended to take in the conduct of the Public Business.
38. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Walker 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 "to bring under the notice of the House the intolerable manner in which he had been "persecuted by the present Colonial Secretary and certain others since he had been a Member of "the Legislative Assembly."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Walker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
39. **PAPER**:—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Copies of Papers in connection with the distribution of Seed-wheat to Farmers in Distress.
Ordered to be printed.
40. **TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Stevencuson 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 platform or station known as Fassifern, on the Government Line of Railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate, at Lake Macquarie,*"—read a first time.
41. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain a free passage for vessels between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct and maintain a harbour within the waters of the said lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden, and wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands situate between the South Coast Colliery, on the north, and the Macquarie River, on the south; and to levy and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and of the said railways; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
42. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Employers Liability Act of 1886.
Question put and passed.
43. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 APRIL, 1889.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Petty Sessions, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, in a case of "Personation" against Andrew McGuire, and produce the Writ and all papers in his possession in connection with the late election for Central Cumberland;—

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 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.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Land Law:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps to allow of conditional purchasers under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 making declarations before a Justice of the Peace instead of before a Crown Land Agent, as required by the existing Regulations?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Provision will be made in the Amending Land Bill to allow of the declarations being made before a Justice of the Peace.

(2.) Tolls and Ferry Dues:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish tolls and ferry dues after the 1st July next?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have to refer the Honorable Member to the reply given by me yesterday to a somewhat similar question asked by the Honorable Member for the Macleay (Mr. Hogan). I have not yet had an opportunity of submitting the question to the Cabinet, but hope to be able to do so in a few days.

(3.) Water Supply to Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood:—Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the scheme devised by the Water and Sewerage Board for supplying the higher levels of Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood be brought into operation?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following answer:—The work was delayed, awaiting resumption of land. The land has been selected, and the Survey Department requested to survey the same. As soon as this has been done, the scheme as a whole will be arranged and submitted to the Board. Its construction will probably take three months if the Board approve of it.

(4.) Railway to Cooma:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When was the original contract time for opening the railway to Cooma?

(2.) Has there been any delay in carrying out the work; if so, was it the fault of the Government or the contractors?

(3.) When will the railway be opened to Cooma for passenger traffic?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) 30th June, 1888.

(2.) Yes. (a) Through a delay of six months in completion of the line to Michelago, the contractors for the section Michelago to Cooma became entitled to six months' extension of time, bringing the date up to December last. (b) Further delay has occurred through the failure of the contractors to obtain readily a sufficient supply of ironbark sleepers for plate-laying purposes.

(3.) Probably next month.

(5.)

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

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Atkinson, manager of a station fronting Lake George, is continually threatening to take legal proceedings against people who land on the shores of that lake below high-water mark?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that Mr. Atkinson objects to people landing on reserve No. 152, near Butmaroo Creek?
- (3.) Has Mr. Atkinson leased the land between high-water mark, or in any way obtained authority to order people off this land?
- (4.) Has Mr. Atkinson leased reserve 152, or obtained any authority from him to order people off the reserve?
- (5.) Will he have a re-survey of the late frontage of the station managed by Mr. Atkinson made, in order that the people may be protected from the annoyance of his threats?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Department possesses no information in the matter.

(3.) No lease can be traced.

(4.) No lease is registered in the name of Mr. Atkinson; but the Local Land Board will be communicated with, where all information can be obtained.

(5.) A report will be obtained on the subject, and the matter of re-survey will receive consideration.

(6.) Conservation of Water, Bourke-Wanaaring Road:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The time taken at each bore on the Bourke-Wanaaring Road from date plant arrived till work completed?
- (2.) The total cost of each bore?
- (3.) The estimated supply from each bore?
- (4.) What steps have been taken to conserve the water at the respective bores, and the cost?
- (5.) Also, the number, situation, capacity, and cost of the tanks on this road?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This information will be supplied in the form of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table on Tuesday next.

(7.) Road Vote:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to increase the Road Vote to be placed upon the Estimates for this year, thereby giving more employment to the unemployed in the country districts?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Certain of the Road Votes have been increased, details of which will be seen when the Estimates are placed upon the Table. Regarding the giving of employment, I take this opportunity of stating that I have studiously abstained from raising any false impression regarding the intentions of the Government in the matter. I am willing, and am loosing no opportunity, to push on necessary and remunerative works, which will have the effect of absorbing any plethora of labour which the cessation of railway works has produced; but I have no intention of starting new works, or of carrying on old ones, merely for the purpose of finding employment for the class alluded to, regardless of their remunerative character.

(8.) Bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey:—Mr. Hogan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to make provision in the present Estimates for the construction of a bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey, in keeping with the promise recently made to the residents there by the Colonial Secretary?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There is no present intention to do so. A decision cannot be arrived at, pending a settlement of the question of the proposed coast railway.

(9.) Land at Junction of George-street North and Queen's Wharf:—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government any intention to utilize the ground recently cleared at the junction of George-street North and Queen's Wharf; and, if so, for what purpose?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No decision has been arrived at as to the purpose for which the land referred to by the Honorable Member is to be utilized. I look upon that land as wharfage land, connected with the Circular Quay and its surroundings.

(10.) Extension of the Railway into the City:—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps in the matter of the city railway; and when?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The matter is now engaging the attention of the Government, and an early decision will be arrived at. I may add that the Government are favourable to a scheme of city railway, but the route has not yet been decided upon.

(11.) Railway between Molong, Parkes, and Forbes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will plans and specifications of the railway line between Molong, Parkes, and Forbes be submitted to the Railway Commissioners in time to admit of their being dealt with during the present Session of Parliament?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with the above line in one section, that tenders may be called for in one contract between Molong, Parkes, and Forbes, as promised by the late Ministry?

Mr. Bruce Smith, answered,—

(1.) Revised trial plans of the railway line between Molong, Parkes, and Forbes, will be completed in about ten days.

(2.) Nothing can be decided in this matter until it is dealt with as prescribed by the Public Works Act.

- (12.) Entrance to the Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it fact that the entrance to the Clarence River is shoaling?
 - (2.) Can he say when the Public Works Committee will report upon the plans as prepared by Sir John Coode, so that the harbour works can be recommenced without further delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that, on account of the long continuance of dry weather and the absence of land floods, the entrance has been shoaling of late.
- (2.) This will have to be decided by the Public Works Committee itself.

- (13.) Jetty at Woolgoolga:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a jetty at Woolgoolga?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a number of selectors have had to leave their holdings, owing to there being no jetty whereby they could slip their produce?
- (3.) Will he make the necessary provision for the erection of a jetty at the earliest possible date?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) It is proposed to submit a sum on the Draft Loan Estimates for the consideration of the Cabinet for this work.
- (2.) I am not aware; but representations of the kind have been made to the Department.
- (3.) I must refer the Honorable Member to the answer to Question 1.

- (14.) Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina:—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Government taken into consideration the matter of constructing a light line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I take this opportunity of informing Honorable Members that a distinction must be drawn between railway construction and railway management. Matters relating to construction are dealt with by the Works Department, and to management by the Department of the Colonial Treasurer. A trial survey of this line has been made. The question will be taken into consideration when the railway policy of the Government is being dealt with.

- (15.) Stock Routes:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that most of the stock routes in the north-west are overgrown with Bathurst-burr and other noxious plants, rendering it almost impossible to travel stock, particularly sheep, from one part of the country to another?
- (2.) Will he cause any steps to be taken to clear such stock routes and make them practicable?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) The reports of the Inspectors of Stock show that portions of a good many of the roads are infested with Bathurst-burrs and other noxious plants, rendering it impossible for travelling sheep to travel without injury to the wool.
- (2.) There are no funds available in this Department for such purposes, but a Bill has been prepared dealing with this question.

- (16.) Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What portion of the Prospecting Vote has been expended in the Bingera District?
- (2.) What localities were selected for the purpose?
- (3.) What amount has been expended in each locality?
- (4.) The names of the persons receiving aid from the fund?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) None expended, but £155 allotted.
- (2.) Bobby Whitlow and Spring Creek.
- (3.) Bobby Whitlow, *nil*; Spring Creek, *nil*.
- (4.) James Hunt and party, and Henry Miller.

- (17.) Payments due to Government Contractors, Gwydir District:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that great delay occurs in payments due to Government contractors in the Gwydir District, thereby causing great inconvenience to those interested and to business people generally?
- (2.) Will he cause such steps to be taken as will avoid these delays in future?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not aware that any delay occurs, so far as the Treasury is concerned, in payments due by the Government to contractors at the Gwydir.

- (18.) William McIlveen, Conditional Purchaser, County of Pottinger:—Mr. Turner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, through the roundabout methods of administration pursued in the Lands Department, a gross injustice has been done to William McIlveen, conditional purchaser in the county of Pottinger, under which he has suffered severely for the past fourteen years?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have a sum placed on the next Estimates, not being less than £1,000, to compensate the said William McIlveen for loss and inconvenience incurred?

Mr. Brunner answered,—I have perused the papers on the case of William McIlveen, and find that it has been surrounded with difficulties from the commencement, chiefly attributable to the vagueness of the description given in the original application, and I am not prepared at present to determine what course to pursue in regard to the question of compensation.

3. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Criminal Law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of First Offences*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 30th April.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Sixth Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock, under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.

(2.) Report of Board of Audit on Public Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, required for Sewerage Purposes, Paddington.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land in parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, required for Additional Shunting and other Railway Works at Eveleigh.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes, at Cerrimal, Eglinford, Granville South, Mortdale, Mona Vale, Narrabeen, Narara, Orange East, and Rockdale.

(2.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1888-9.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Notification of amendment of Regulation No. 11 of the Timber, State Forest, and Quarry Regulations.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.

(2.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Silverton.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hay.

(4.) Correspondence respecting Letters addressed to Drs. Germont and Loir.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Newcastle Harbour Improvements 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 sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th April, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) Circular Quay Improvements 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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th April, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(3.) North Shore Drainage Works 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 sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th April, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(4.) Sydney Central Police Court Bill :—

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 sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court, in the city of Sydney.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th April, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(5.)

(5.) Manly Drainage Works Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

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 sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(6.) Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

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 sanction the completion of a storage reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(7.) Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

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 sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts' Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(8.) Public Works Act Amendment Bill :—

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 alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(9.) Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

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 provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(10.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

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 further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to authorize the completion of certain sewerage works within the Municipalities, for which funds have been provided by the Councils thereof; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

6. TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Toronto 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. Creer, Mr. William Stephen, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Melville, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. SHERIFFS BAILIFF AND COURT-KEEPER AT WOLLONGONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Woodward moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, petitions, papers, documents, and minutes relating to the appointment of the Sheriff's Bailiff and Court-keeper at Wollongong, and the discontinuance of the services of the late Bailiff of the District Court at that place.
Question put and passed.
8. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883 by the omission of the 43rd clause, thereby allowing the Pastures and Stock Protection Act to deal with rabbits in the same manner as other noxious animals.
Question put and passed.
9. BILLS OF SALE LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the registration of bills of sale and other documents.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Wall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Bills of Sale and other Documents*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 30th April.
10. INLAND WATERS CONSERVATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the conservation and storage of water in river channels.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Lakeman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Conservation and Storage of Water in River Channels*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 30th April.
11. CITY OF SYDNEY MAYORAL ELECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act, by providing for the election of the Mayor by the citizens of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill postponed until Tuesday, 16th April.
13. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Land Act of 1884, and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the public lands, and for other purposes,—Mr. Brunker moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Sutherland 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 Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain a free passage for vessels between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct and maintain a harbour within the waters of the said Lake and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden, and wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands, situate between the South Coast Colliery on the north and the Macquarie River on the south; and to levy and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and of the said railways; and for other purposes*,"—read a first time.
15. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, 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 legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof.
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 legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

16. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.

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 sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain harbour improvements at Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland*,"—which was read a first time.

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

17. CIRCULAR QUAY IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.

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 sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney*,"—which was read a first time.

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

18. NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.

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 sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland*,"—which was read a first time.

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

19. SYDNEY CENTRAL POLICE COURT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court, in the city of Sydney.

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 sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court, in the city of Sydney.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court, in the City of Sydney*,"—which was read a first time.

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

20. MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.

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.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain drainage works at Manly, in the county of Cumberland*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

21. POTTS' HILL STORAGE RESERVOIR BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland.

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 sanction the completion of a storage reservoir, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

22. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts' Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.

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 sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Pott's Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Pott's Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

23. PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*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 alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth*,"—which was read a first time.

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

24. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES' REMUNERATION) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

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 provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Wednesday next.

25. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to authorize the completion of certain sewerage works within the Municipalities, for which funds have been provided by the Councils thereof ; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized ; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*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 further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to authorize the completion of certain sewerage works within the Municipalities, for which funds have been provided by the Councils thereof ; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized ; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880'; to authorize the completion of certain sewerage works within the Municipalities, for which funds have been provided by the Councils thereof; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

26. 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 "to draw attention to the action of the Government in granting seed-wheat to farmers."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

27. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 APRIL, 1889.

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

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 4th April, 1889, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Ninian Melville, 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 NINIAN MELVILLE, 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 fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-second year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ CARRINGTON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.”

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported:*—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 8th March last, appointing Frank James Smith, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, 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; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Smith and Mr. Street to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.

(2.) *Members of Committee Sworn:*—James Hayes, Esquire, Frank James Smith, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Employés :—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a practice has recently been adopted of deducting time from the railway engine-drivers and firemen whilst they are standing with their engines under steam?

(2.) If so, under what authority, Rule, or Regulation of the Department has this system been adopted, and on what date was it first put in force?

(3.) What are the number of hours which, under the Regulations, constitute a week's work for the engine-drivers and firemen on the railways?

(4.) Is it a fact that a number of engine-drivers and firemen are required to remain on duty for a number of hours exceeding the Regulation time?

(5.) What is the greatest number of hours which any of the engine-drivers and firemen are required to be on duty over the Regulation time?

(6.) Do the engine-drivers and firemen receive overtime pay for all the hours which they are required to be on duty exceeding the Regulation time?

(7.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view to lessen the hours of duty where they are found to be excessive, and to give relief to those engine-drivers and firemen who may be suffering from too long continuous work?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed the arrangements referred to were made some years ago, but have been considerably modified by the Railway Commissioners, in order to improve the position of the men, both as regards time deduction, and lengthened hours.

(2.) Harbour Trust for Port of Newcastle :—Mr. Grahame asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during this Session a Bill making provision for a Harbour Trust for the Port of Newcastle?

(2.) If not, will the Government, when dealing with the Bill providing for a Harbour Trust for Wollongong, make it also apply to the Port of Newcastle?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may say that the Government are in favour of taking this step, but they doubt very much if the business of the House will permit of that being done this Session.

(3.) The Quarantine Station :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have been taken towards the selection of a site for the Quarantine Station, in lieu of the present one at North Head?

(2.) What site or sites (if any) have been under consideration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I thought I pretty well answered this question in a reply I gave the other day. I may state that nothing has been done to definitely fix upon a site. The most probable site is at Broken Bay; but there is some little objection even to that, and it is very difficult to decide upon the question of site. The decision as to the site is the only thing that is standing in the way of the removal of the Quarantine Station. The Government are of opinion that the station should be removed on various grounds—certainly on sanitary grounds; but the greater reason which weighs with us is that the present site is wanted for other purposes.

(4.) Taylor's Property, Stephen-street, Balmain :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Government intend to resume the property at the foot of Stephen-street, Balmain, known as Taylor's property?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No steps whatever have been taken towards resuming the property spoken of.

(5.) Site of Old Central Police Office :—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government any intention of utilizing the site of the old Central Police Office which was recently demolished; and, if so, for what purpose?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The present Government has really not had time to consider the matter as to what ought to take the place of the late Central Police Court; but if the question is asked in (say) three week's time I may perhaps be in a position to give a definite answer.

(6.) Agricultural Colleges :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Mines,—What steps have been taken with reference to establishment of Agricultural Colleges in various country districts?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This question is now under the consideration of the Government, and I hope to be in a position to give the Honorable Member a definite reply if he will ask the question in about a fortnight's time.

(7.) Dismissal of Thomas Buckley from Roads Branch, Public Works Department :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay all papers and other documents connected with the dismissal of Thomas Buckley from the Roads Branch of the Works Department upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall have no objection to comply with the request of the Honorable Member. I shall lay them upon the Table next week.

(8.) Railway, *via* Botany, to Fortifications at La Perouse :—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government taken into consideration the expediency of constructing a line of railway, *via* Botany, to the fortifications at La Perouse, for military and other purposes?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The matter has not been considered by the Government, and I can find no record in my Department of such a work having been proposed. It is possible that the work has been brought under the notice of my colleague the Colonial Secretary in connection with defence matters, and I have addressed him officially, with a view of ascertaining what has been done.

(9.) Payment of Rabbit Subsidies :—*Mr. Wyman Brown*, for Mr. Dickens, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps do the Government intend taking as regards the payment of the rabbit subsidies?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Payment of such of the claims as are approved of will be made when the funds necessary for the purpose have been voted by Parliament.

- (10.) Channel leading to Moama Wharf:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to order the immediate construction of the works required for continuation of the channel leading to the Moama Wharf?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There are no funds at present at my disposal to admit of this work being carried out. I find the work is estimated to cost £4,000, and I have, therefore, thought it my duty to defer it for further consideration.

- (11.) Tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the request made by the residents of Berrigan and district for the construction of a tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I recollect that a deputation brought this matter under my notice when I was a member of a former Administration. The present Government have not had the matter under their notice. I will see, in the course of a week, that it is considered.

- (12.) Revenue from Crown Lands:—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the net amount of returns from Crown Lands per annum to the revenue of the Colony after all expenses in connection therewith have been paid, taking an average for the last four years?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The net amount per annum is £1,498,598 6s. 1d. The following statement shows the net amount of returns from Crown lands per annum to the Revenue of the Colony, after all expenses in connection therewith have been paid, taking an average for the last four years:—

Total land revenue for the years mentioned below, as shown by Treasury Annual Statements, but excluding revenue from Mining Occupation and (for the years 1885, 1886, and 1887) from Timber Licenses:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Year ending 31st December, 1885	1,836,293	18	3
Do. do. 1886	1,604,062	8	6
Do. do. 1887	2,328,087	19	8
Do. do. 1888	2,172,907	11	11
				7,941,351 18 4		

Less expenditure for the years named, as shown by Treasury Statements, exclusive of expenditure on account of detailed survey of the city of Sydney and Suburbs, viz:—

Year ending 31st December, 1885	475,864	2	5
Do. do. 1886	543,959	9	6
Do. do. 1887	473,188	3	5
Do. do. 1888	453,946	18	6
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Net revenue for the four years	£5,994,393	4	6
Average revenue for one year, based upon the above	1,498,598	6	1

- (13.) Rabbit-proof Fencing:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Whether he has given permission to lessees to erect rabbit-proof fencing around their leaseholds; and, if so, does he stipulate any size of mesh for wire-netting?

(2.) Is it a fact that the difference in cost between 1½ and 1¼ mesh is very considerable; and can he say what that difference is?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) It is not necessary for lessees desirous of enclosing their holdings with rabbit-proof netting to obtain the consent of the Minister for Lands; but, in view of the provisions of the Bill introduced by a former Minister for Lands, it was deemed necessary to describe the netting, for the purchase of which the Government were to advance money.

(2.) The difference in the cost of wire netting depends to a great extent upon the width and gauge; but it is estimated that if the size of the mesh of the netting approved by the Government were increased to 1¼ inch, the price would be reduced by about £6 per mile.

- (14.) Entrance to the Manning River:—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have been taken by the Government with a view of improving the entrance to the Manning River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The plans and information asked for by Sir John Coode were forwarded to London in November last year. When that gentleman's report comes to hand a decision will be arrived at without delay.

- (15.) The Centennial Park:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount expended on the Centennial Park to the 30th March, 1889?

(2.) When will the villa sites at the Park be offered for public competition?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) £100,931 5s. 6d.

(2.) It has not yet been decided when to offer the villa sites for sale.

4. SILVERTON TRAMWAY EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from the Silverton Tramway Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of an extension of the Silverton Tramway from its present terminus at Broken Hill to Menindie.

And Mr. Abbott having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Australian Star* and *The Silver Age*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Bores for Water on the Bourke-Wanaaring Road.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Regulations for the Transmission and Delivery of Telegrams.
Ordered to be printed.
6. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited) to establish a system of water supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said company certain powers and authorities.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Abbott 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 Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited) to establish a system of Water Supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities,*"—read a first time.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott, for Mr. Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to John See, Esquire, and C. A. Goodchap, Esquire, Honorable Members of this House, for the remainder of the present Session.
Question put and passed.
8. ELECTORAL ACT (EXPANSIVE CLAUSES) AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the amendment of the Electoral Act (44 Vic. No. 13) by the repeal of clauses 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the said Act.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the amendment of the Electoral Act (44th Victoria No. 13), by the repeal of clauses 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the said Act,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. THE CASUAL LABOUR BOARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That no payments be made to the Chairman or members of the Casual Labour Board for services rendered on claims pending unless first submitted to this House for approval or otherwise.
Question put and passed.
10. DUTIES UPON TIMBER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, with all despatch, bring in a Bill to remove the duties now imposed upon timber.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. O. O. Dangar.

Tellers,

Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Nobbs.

Noes, 60.

Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Tece,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Straet,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ritchie.
Mr. Brunner,	Tellers,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Linsley,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Lee,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. ROAD FROM ROUCHEL TO SCONE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott, for Mr. Fitzgerald, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, reports, petitions, and other documents relating to or connected with the road from Rouchel to Scone, passing through the Segenhoe Estate.
Question put and passed.

12. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable not to prolong the sittings after 11 o'clock p.m.

(2.) That, with a view to carrying out this object, unless otherwise ordered, no fresh business shall be taken after 11 o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dalton,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Wynan Brown,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Linsley,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Inglis.
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Lync,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Playfair,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. William Stephen,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Turner,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Alison.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should bring in a Bill to make provision for the payment of Members, such payment to date from the commencement of "next" Session.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hayes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "this."

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should bring in a Bill to make provision for the payment of Members, such payment to date from the commencement of this Session.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Wynan Brown,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Harold Stephen.
Mr. Copland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Burns,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Wheeler,	
Mr. Marlin,	
Mr. King,	
Mr. Wilshire,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Linsley,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Playfair,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. A'Beckett.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. CLOSING AND PURCHASE OF UNNECESSARY ROADS:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in every application made for the closing and purchase of unnecessary roads, the Crown should be paid, in addition to a fair price for the land, all expenses incurred from the initiation of the application up to and including the issue of the Crown grant.

(2.) That, to provide therefor, every applicant shall lodge in the Treasury, along with his application, the sum of £20 per acre or fraction of "an acre," to abide the result of his application, and the Lands

Lands Department shall deduct out of such moneys all charges for clerical, professional, reporting, and advertising work done in connection with such application, whether such work be done by salaried or by piece work officers, and whether the application be granted or refused, and the balance (if any) shall be returned to the applicant.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the words "an acre" of the words, "provided that in no case shall more than £50 be required to be paid."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—and Division called for,—but there being on Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Torpy.

Tellers,

Mr. McRae,
Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Garland,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teeco,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Playfair.
Mr. Cooke,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Alison,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	

And so it passed in the *negative*.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Endowment to the Municipal Council of Sydney:—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to continue to the Municipal Council of Sydney the payment of the sum of £25,000 as an endowment, which has been received by the said Council for so many years past?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter has not yet received the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Court-martial on man named Webster:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What was the cost of the prosecution in the recent Court-martial on a man named Webster?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide for such cases as Webster's being tried in future in the ordinary Courts of Justice, in place of the expensive and lengthy Military Court?

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

- (3.) The Abattoirs:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What was the reason the control of the Abattoirs was transferred from the Treasury to the Public Works Department during the tenure of office of the late Parkes Administration?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the contracts for the desiccating works at the Abattoirs were given to the Cattnach Chemical Works Company, without tender, by the Minister for Works in the late Parkes Administration?
 (3.) Did the Tender Board offer opposition to this contract?
 (4.) Did the Crown Solicitor contend that the contract should be for three years?
 (5.) Was the opinion of the Crown Solicitor overruled, and the contract given for five years?
 (6.) Were any inquiries ever made from municipal bodies as to the efficacy of the Cattnach deodorant?
 (7.) Did not the Government Analyst, Professor Elms, and Mr. Dixon condemn the Cattnach deodorant?
 (8.) Were any inquiries made as to the financial position of the Cattnach Company before the contract was given them?
 (9.) Have not the inhabitants of Balmain, Pyrmont, and Glebe Point complained that a nuisance was created by these works?
 (10.) Was this nuisance condemned by Dr. MacLaurin, Medical Adviser to the Government?
 (11.) Is it a fact that the offal and refuse from these works are often found floating into Manly and Bondi?
 (12.) What are the names of the shareholders in the Cattnach Chemical Works Company?
 (13.) In view of the circumstances which have come to light regarding this system, is it the intention of the Government to allow the Cattnach Company to go on with their contract?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone the questions for a week, to enable me to look into the matter. Honorable Members will perhaps permit me to point out that the very short notice which is often given of questions, some of which necessitate a great deal of research to answer properly, prevents to a considerable extent the attention being given to them which their importance demands. In this case it is my intention, before answering, to consult with the late Minister for Works (*Mr. Sutherland*) as to the action he took in the matter.

(4.)

- (4.) Claim of D. Berger against Railway Department:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he inquire as to a claim that D. Berger, of Hay, has against the Railway Department?
Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that Mr. Berger's claim has been carefully considered but cannot be entertained.
- (5.) Losses by Free Selectors through Drought:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the late disastrous drought, will he take into consideration the unfortunate position of the free selectors who have been compelled to temporarily abandon their selections for want of water, and protect their holdings from forfeiture?
Mr. Brunker answered,—Any case of hardship, the result of the late drought, has been treated with the utmost possible leniency, although the existing law makes no provision for it. In preparing the Bill about to be submitted to Parliament, I had already made provision for such cases.
- (6.) Tramline, Botany Road:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken with a view to removal of the dangerous posts near the tramline on the Botany Road where a fatal accident occurred on 10th March, 1888?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have the abovenamed posts removed without any unnecessary delay?
Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that arrangements have been made to remove the verandah posts referred to.
- (7.) Administration of Justice, Redfern:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken towards providing suitable accommodation for the administration of Justice in Redfern?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide such accommodation without any unnecessary delay?
Mr. Gould answered,—The Colonial Architect, who has been called upon to inspect and report upon the accommodation at the Court-house building at Redfern, will be requested to expedite his report, upon receipt of which the matter will receive the earliest consideration.
- (8.) Drs. Germont and Loir:—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What has been the cost of the cables from the Agent-General, London, for the information of Drs. Germont and Loir; and are these gentlemen supposed to pay for the use they have made of the Agent-General in the transmission of information solely for their benefit?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The cost of these telegrams amount to £211 12s.; but it is not the intention of the Government to ask these gentlemen to defray the cost.
- (9.) The Casual Labour Board:—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any moneys been paid to the late Chairman of the Casual Labour Board since the present Government came into office; if so, what is the sum paid and the date of payment?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No moneys have been paid to Mr. John Davies, as Chairman of the late Casual Labour Board, since the present Government came into office.
- (10.) Sydney Sewerage Contract:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Was the contract for No. 47, Sydney sewerage, given to Messrs. Thomson and Grimes?
(2.) Did they refuse to go on with the work?
(3.) Is it now the intention of the Government to give the contract to Mr. Moonie, whose tender was £6,000 higher than that of Messrs. Thomson and Grimes?
(4.) Why were fresh tenders not called?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1 and 2.) No; their tender was the lowest, but they subsequently asked to be allowed to withdraw their tender on the ground of having made "a gross error in some of their prices." I quote these words from their own letter.
(3 and 4.) The Commissioner for Roads, under whose Department this work comes, recommended the acceptance of the next lowest tender—viz., that of Messrs. Moonie & Co., and the work being one of a very urgent nature, involving sanitary considerations of much importance, I have approved such recommendation. I may add that, according to the Tender Board Regulations, the lowest tenderer would now be excluded from further competition in the event of fresh tenders being called, and even from other works at the pleasure of the President. The amount of Messrs. Moonie & Co.'s tender is some hundreds of pounds below the cost estimated by the Department, and I know of no reason for supposing that an invitation for fresh tenders would produce any more economical result—it would certainly involve delay where urgency is demanded.
- (11.) Bill to amend Coal-fields Regulation Act:—Mr. Alexander Brown, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to amend the Coal-fields Regulation Act?
Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter has engaged the attention of the Government, and a Bill on the subject is in a forward state; but it is doubtful, in the present state of the public business, whether it will be possible to deal with it this Session.
2. INSTALMENTS DUE BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS:—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from Alexander Rogers, Chairman of a Meeting held at Attunga, near Tamworth, representing that the farmers in the District of Tamworth are holders of conditional purchases on which one year's interest is now due, and that, in consequence of the recent drought, they are unable to pay it; and praying the House to take their case into favourable consideration,
Petition received.

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

(1.) Crown Lands Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor,

Message No. 13.

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 Land Act of 1884, and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the public lands, and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 14

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 legalise the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1889.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) 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.

(2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section 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.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers 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 provide for the payment of royalties, and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend in certain respects the "Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880" and the "Church and School Lands Mining Act."
Question put and passed.

6. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Law of Divorce.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Abbott then 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 Tuesday, 28th May.

7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Broken Hill Water Supply 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. Tonkin, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Dickens, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

8. HOMESTEAD AND PASTORAL LEASES, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DIVISIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of homestead and pastoral leases held in the Central and Western Divisions of the Colony, together with the rent paid in each respective case.
Question put and passed,

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Brunker, 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 Land Act of 1884, and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the public lands, and for other purposes. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*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 Land Act of 1884, and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the public lands, and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, 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. Brunker (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1889, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1888 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 15.*
Governor.
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 Expenditure for the year 1889, together with Supplementary Estimates for the year 1888 and previous years.
Government House,
Sydney, 10th April, 1889.
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 1889.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.
15. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1889.
Ordered to be printed.
16. 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., to-morrow, the 11th instant, in Committee Room No. 3.
17. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Smith, 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. Smith, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

18. CIRCULAR QUAY IMPROVEMENTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

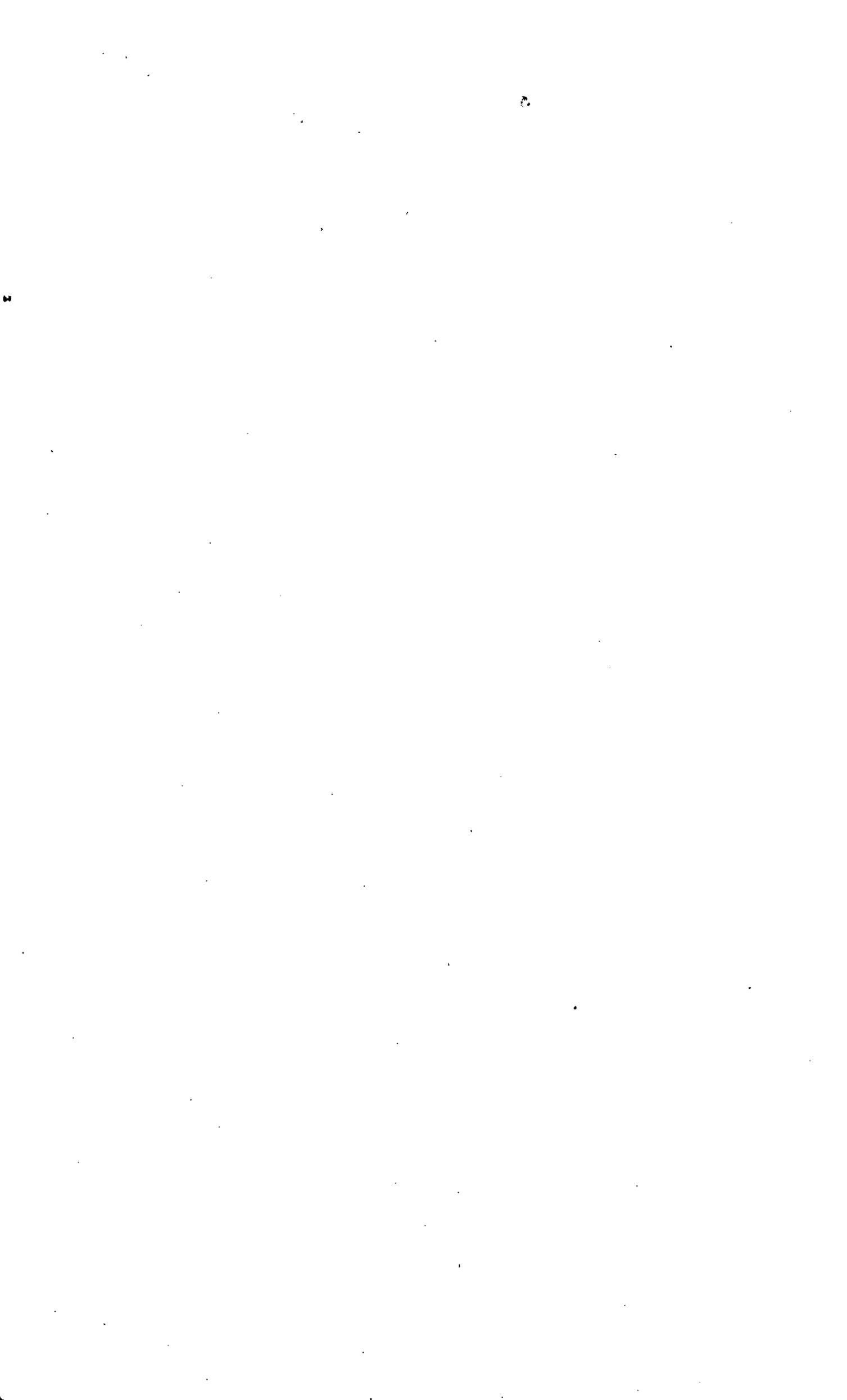
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

The House adjourned, at Twelve o'clock (Midnight), until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 APRIL, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenues of certain Countries and Colonies:—Mr. William 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, and also the amount per head of the population expended (in the last two years for which statistics are available) in governing—(1) Great Britain, (2) France, (3) Germany, (4) Russia, (5) Austria, (6) Italy, (7) United States of America, (8) Canada, (9) New South Wales, (10) Victoria, (11) South Australia, (12) Queensland, (13) New Zealand, and (14) Tasmania?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not in possession of the data required for the information asked for by the Honorable Member. I may, however, say that I think my honorable friend will find it in the Statesman's Year Book.

- (2.) Public Park, Borough of Alexandria:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What steps have the Government taken with the view of securing a public park in the borough of Alexandria?
 (2.) Have the Government met with any opposition from Sir Daniel Cooper, or his agents, to the dedication of a public park in the borough of Alexandria?
 (3.) If so, what is the nature of the opposition?
 (4.) Can he state at what probable date from the present time will this dispute be adjusted, and the dedication of the park proclaimed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) By reserving 10 acres out of Hutchinson's grant of 1,400 acres, in accordance with the provisions of the deed of grant.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) By action in Supreme Court and subsequent appeal to the Privy Council.

(4.) The appeal to the Privy Council was dismissed on the 3rd instant; but until the Supreme Court makes that decision a Rule of the Court, no further action can be taken.

- (3.) Water-gauge for Namoi, Peel, Manilla, and Mooki Rivers:—Mr. Turner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the discharge of the Namoi, Peel, Manilla, and Mooki Rivers being gauged; and, if so, at what points?

(2.) Will he appoint some one at Gunnedah to gauge the Namoi and Mooki Rivers near that town, and some one at the junction of the Peel and Namoi to make similar observations with regard to these latter rivers?

(3.) Is the Department aware of the importance of having all these rivers throughout the Colony, which are likely to be of service in connection with schemes of irrigation, carefully gauged for as long a term as practicable?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The discharges of the rivers named, with the exception of the Namoi, are not being gauged. Provision has been made on this year's Loan Estimates for the construction of gauges, and for taking the discharges of the rivers of the Colony.

(2.) When the money is voted by Parliament gauge-readers will be appointed, who will be selected from amongst the residents.

(3.) Yes—well aware.

(4.)

- (4.) Eradication of Bathurst-burr, &c.:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps towards providing for the eradication of the Bathurst-burr and other noxious weeds?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Provision has been made in the Stock and Pastures Bill, and it is the intention of the Government to deal with the Bill as soon as the state of the Government business will permit.

- (5.) Tram-line, Botany Road:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that inconvenience is caused to the public when travelling on the Botany tram-line in consequence of it being only a single line for a great portion of the way?
 (2.) Have the Government taken into consideration whether it would be desirable to duplicate the line?
 (3.) Will the Government make inquiries, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of inconvenience experienced by the public when travelling on this line, with a view to its duplication, if found to be necessary?
 (4.) Will the Government make these inquiries without any unnecessary delay?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that very little inconvenience is suffered by the public when travelling on the Botany tram-line, in consequence of the single line, except on holidays and special occasions. It would cost a considerable sum to duplicate the line, but the Railway Commissioners are considering whether they would be justified in incurring the necessary expenditure.

- (6.) Resignation of Mr. W. J. Hill as Captain of the Penrith Volunteer Corps:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all papers relating to the resignation of Mr. W. J. Hill, as Captain of the Penrith Volunteer Corps in 1883?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If these papers are moved for in the ordinary way, there will be no objection whatever to laying them upon the Table.

- (7.) Condition Imposed on importation of Tasmanian Sheep:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Are the majority of Sheep Boards in favour of the abolition of the dipping condition now imposed upon Tasmanian sheep imported into this Colony?
 (2.) If so, will he take steps to remove these conditions accordingly?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) It will be necessary, before deciding in this matter, to communicate with the other Colonies, as the Regulations under which Tasmanian sheep are admitted were agreed to at the Intercolonial Stock Conference in October, 1886, and confirmed by the several Governments. Communications will be at once opened with them.

- (8.) Experiment by Rabbit Branch to test Wire-netting:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was an experiment made by officials in the Rabbit Branch of the Lands Department to test as to whether young rabbits could get through wire-netting of certain sized mesh?
 (2.) Whether in that test the young rabbits were assisted or partly pushed through the netting?
 (3.) Was it upon this experiment that a report was submitted to the Department against the use of the 1½ in. mesh?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; an experiment was made by Mr. Stanley, Government Veterinarian, in the presence of the Under Secretary for Mines.
 (2.) The reports furnished show that the rabbits got through the netting without any assistance.
 (3.) Yes.

2. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a Railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.

And Mr. Stevenson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. McMillan, for Mr. Bruncker, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884,' and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the Public Lands, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 24th April.

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

- (1.) Return showing Pastoral Lease Rents and Occupation License Fees reduced under the 100th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 (2.) Statement of Accounts, as Appendices, in connection with the Financial Statement.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Stevenson, 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 4th April, 1889, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd April.

Question put and passed.

6. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation 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 legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1889.*

7. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Harbour Improvements at Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Harbour Improvements at Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1889.*

8. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation 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. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Tonkin, and Mr. Sutherland.

Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Traill 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 "with the view of discussing the opening and detention and interception of letters and "other communications directed or intended for Dr. Gemmont and M. Loir."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the payment of royalties, and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend in certain respects the "Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880" and the "Church and School Lands Mining Act."

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 provide for the payment of rent and royalties and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend in certain respects the "Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880," and the "Church and School Lands Mining Act."

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

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the payment of rent and royalties, and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend in certain respects the "Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880," and the "Church and School Lands Mining Act"*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. CIRCULAR QUAY IMPROVEMENTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney.*"

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 sanction the carrying out of certain Improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1889.*

12. NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Wilsbire,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. William Stephen.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Edmuuds,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Torpy.

Tellers,

Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 APRIL, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Waddell*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of free passes issued to the unemployed to travel to Nyngan, Byrock, and Bourke for the last six months?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If these particulars are moved for in the ordinary way, there will be no objection to laying them upon the Table.

- (2.) Byrock-Brewarrina Railway:—*Mr. Waddell*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all plans of trial surveys, letters, correspondence, minutes, petitions, &c., in reference to the Byrock-Brewarrina Railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall have no objection, if the Honorable Member will move for their production in the usual manner.

- (3.) Death of Workman employed on Hawkesbury Bridge:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the death of the man Baker, killed whilst working on the Hawkesbury Bridge, is it a fact that the scaffolding on which he was at work was of a dangerous character, inasmuch as on it there was a large hole unprotected by a trap-door or covering of any kind?

(2.) Is it a fact that no inquest was held for two days, and that in the meantime the scaffolding was altered so as to appear safe?

(3.) Were a number of the jury employés on the bridge?

(4.) Did the sub-contractors, Messrs. Ryland and Morse, attempt to have the corpse buried, sewn up in a bag, without any coffin?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The particulars given in answer to this question are rather long, and I will lay them upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

- (4.) North Shore Railway:—*Mr. Grahame* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Before placing the line from Crow's Nest to Milson's Point under the consideration of the Public Works Committee, will the Colonial Treasurer furnish this House with a probable estimate of the cost in resuming the land along the proposed line of railway?

(2.) Has the route surveyed from Crow's Nest to Cremorne been placed before the Railway Commissioners for their consideration?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The information has already been obtained, and will be produced before the matter goes to the Works Committee.

(2.) No; another route having been determined upon.

- (5.) Cleaning Public Schools:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it his intention to make provision on the Estimates for the cleaning of Public Schools?

(2.) Is it a fact that the children attending the Public School at Brewarrina have been requested to pay a certain sum weekly for the cleaning of that school?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) No; the present scale of salaries paid to teachers was fixed on an exceptionally liberal basis, to enable them to provide for the proper cleaning of their schoolrooms. Were other provision to be made on the Estimates for the cleaning of Public Schools, it would have to be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in teachers' salaries. For a period of thirty-four years prior to 1883, teachers were required to arrange for the cleaning of their schools, and the abolition of a special allowance for this service in 1887 was, therefore, merely a return to the old practice.

(2.) I am not aware, but inquiries are being made to ascertain if such is the case.

(6.)

- (6.) Public Schools' Penny Banks :—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to continue the penny savings bank system, recently established in connection with Public Schools?
 - (2.) If so, will an additional allowance be made to the teachers for the extra duties they will have to perform?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No.
- (7.) The Refreshment Room :—Mr. Creer asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the officers and waiters in connection with the refreshment room belonging to this House paid from the Consolidated Revenue?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the whole of the silver, plate, crockery, glassware, and linen has been paid for out of the Public Revenue?
 - (3.) What is the amount of funds to the credit of the Parliamentary Refreshment Committee?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The Chairman of the Joint Refreshment Room Committee only is the proper medium through whom this information can be obtained, and he is not as yet elected.
- (8.) Site of Sydney Chamber of Commerce :—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What were the conditions attaching to the grant of the land on which the Sydney Chamber of Commerce now stands?
 - (2.) Will he specify the exact area of the land so granted?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) That the land be used as a site for the erection of a building to be used as an Exchange or place of resort wherein merchants and other persons concerned in commerce might conveniently meet.
 - (2.) 1 rood 28 perches.
- (9.) Field of Mars Common :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of persons have been in occupation of Crown lands, forming part of the Field of Mars Common, for some years past?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to legalize such occupancies, similar to the Bill introduced by him to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Yes; eleven people have been trespassing on the Field of Mars Common for some years.
 - (2.) The matter has not yet been considered by the Government.
- (10.) Incorporation of Canley Vale :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have the Petitioners for incorporation at Canley Vale complied with the provisions of the Municipalities Act made in such case, and has the time elapsed necessary to entitle such Petitioners to incorporation?
 - (2.) If so, when does he propose to take the necessary steps to proclaim such Municipality?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Petition is stated to be signed by two-thirds of the electors, and has been duly published. An investigation to ascertain whether the provisions of the Municipalities Act have been complied with is to be made without delay.
- (11.) Equipment for Mounted Infantry :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the equipment for the Mounted Infantry yet been ordered from England?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The equipment has not been imported, but has been manufactured in the Colony.
- (12.) Lake George :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Referring to the replies given *re* frontages of Lake George, does Mr. P. Osborne, of Currendooley Station, hold any rights on the shores of Lake George?
 - (2.) Is Mr. P. Osborne, of Currendooley, the lessee of a reserve at Balinaroo Creek, near Bungendore?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Mr. P. Osborne holds certain freeholds fronting Lake George, and he has the rights of a freeholder in respect thereof. He has no rights over any Crown lands or reserves forming portion of the shores of the lake.
 - (2.) No.
- (13.) Foreshore of Newcastle Harbour :—Mr. Grahame asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) By what Government, and on what date, was permission granted to the A. A. Company to reclaim portions of the foreshore of Newcastle Harbour?
 - (2.) What area has been so reclaimed (if any)?
 - (3.) What amount has the A. A. Company paid to the Government for such land so reclaimed?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause a survey to be made under the original grant to the A. A. Company?
 - (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to take possession of the land now held by the A. A. Company, other than that included in their grant?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) By that of which Sir James Martin was Premier, on the 30th May, 1871.
 - (2.) 2 acres and 25 perches.
 - (3.) £1,079.
 - (4.) A report will be obtained from the local officers as to the necessity for this.
 - (5.) On receipt of such report, and in the light of other available information, the matter will be taken into consideration.
- (14.)

(14.) Bridge over the Murray River:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the last Report upon the question of the erection of a bridge over the Murray River, at either Jingellic or Tintaldra?
- (2.) Will the Government communicate with Victoria as to the payment of half the cost of a bridge over the Upper Murray?
- (3.) Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates to defray half the cost of such bridge if the Victorian Government will pay the other half of the total cost?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Government are communicating with the Government of Victoria on the subject, and as soon as a determination has been arrived at I shall be prepared to give the Honorable Member the fullest information thereon. The question of half the cost is not being overlooked.

2. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE UPON BARRATTA RUN:**—Mr. Lamb presented a Petition from Henry Ricketson, of Barratta Station, referring to the Select Committee now sitting upon this subject; and praying that he may be heard by Counsel, Attorney, or Agent before such Committee, with liberty to adduce such evidence as may be within his power.
Petition received.
Mr. Lamb (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
Question put and passed.
3. **PAPER:**—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the death of the man Baker, killed whilst working on the Hawkesbury Bridge.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Wall, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the whole of the Standing Orders of this House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for its consideration and report, with power from time to time to make progress reports to this House.
Question put and passed.
5. **FUEL BILL (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday 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.
6. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (Formal Motion):**—
(1.) Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Stevenson 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 enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*"—read a first time.
7. **RESIGNATION OF CAPTAIN W. J. HILL, PENRITH VOLUNTEER CORPS (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to the resignation of Captain W. J. Hill from the Penrith Volunteer Corps in 1883.
Question put and passed.
8. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Plumb moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to Charles Launcelet Garland, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Carcoar, for the remainder of the present Session.
Question put and passed.
9. **MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARRAMATTA ASYLUM (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers having reference to the removal of Mrs. Cunyngame from the position of Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, together with a printed copy of the report of the General Asylum Board on this question.
Question put and passed.
10. **SPECIAL AREAS UNDER CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1884 (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the special areas made under the Land Act of 1884, specifying each the date on which it was made, the locality, the area, the upset price for residence selections, the area selected, the date when offered at auction, the auction upset price, the area purchased at auction with the price realized, and the balance remaining unsold.
Question put and passed.
11. **FIRE BRIGADES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. McFarlane presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough Council of Grafton, praying that the House, in passing such Bill, will make provision to enable country towns mentioned in the Bill to withdraw from the operation thereof.
Petition received.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. King,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Tecce,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Cruickshank,	

Noes, 25.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. A'Beckett.
Mr. Traill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Lamb,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Ritchie,	
Mr. Linsley,	
Mr. Playfair,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Cooke,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 14th May.

13. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Burns moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 14th May.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. **WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard 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. Garrard, 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. Garrard, the report was adopted.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Abattoirs:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the reason the control of the Abattoirs was transferred from the Treasury to the Public Works Department during the tenure of office of the late Parkes Administration?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the contracts for the desiccating works at the Abattoirs were given to the Cattanaeh Chemical Works Company, without tender, by the Minister of Works in the late Parkes Administration?
 - (3.) Did the Tender Board offer opposition to this contract?
 - (4.) Did the Crown Solicitor contend that the contract should be for three years?
 - (5.) Was the opinion of the Crown Solicitor overruled, and the contract given for five years?
 - (6.) Were any inquiries ever made from municipal bodies as to the efficacy of the Cattanaeh deodorant?
 - (7.) Did not the Government Analyst, Professor Elms, and Mr. Dixon, condemn the Cattanaeh deodorant?
 - (8.) Were any inquiries made as to the financial position of the Cattanaeh Company before the contract was given them?
 - (9.) Have not the inhabitants of Balmain, Pyrmont, and Glebe Point complained that a nuisance was created by these works?
 - (10.) Was this nuisance condemned by Dr. MacLaurin, Medical Adviser to the Government?
 - (11.) Is it a fact that the offal and refuse from these works are often found floating into Manly and Bondi?
 - (12.) What are the names of the shareholders in the Cattanaeh Chemical Works Company?
 - (13.) In view of the circumstances which have come to light regarding this system, is it the intention of the Government to allow the Cattanaeh Company to go on with their contract?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The papers show that the Abattoirs were transferred from the Treasury at the request of the late Minister for Works, Mr. Sutherland, who considered that, for the purpose of attending to the sanitary condition of the island, it should be placed under the control of the Works Department.
- (2.) The late Minister, Mr. Sutherland, did enter into an agreement with the Cattanaeh Chemical Company to cleanse and disinfect the Abattoirs, removing therefrom all blood, offal, &c. The Minister was greatly dissatisfied with the way the work was being carried out, and, as the Cattanaeh Company were patentees of a special deodorant in which the Minister had a strong belief, he took the subject into his own hands, and it being a matter requiring prompt action, contracted with that Company without resorting to the lengthy method of inviting tenders.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) I can find no record to show that the Crown Solicitor made any such objection.
- (5.) The Crown Solicitor, so far as I can discover, expressed no opinion on the subject.
- (6.) I know of no such inquiries having been made by the Department; but I understand that the Minister made a careful investigation of the whole subject.
- (7.) There are no papers in my office bearing on this question, and the officers are unaware of any such condemnation.
- (8.) I am not aware; but I have no doubt Mr. Sutherland satisfied himself on this point, as he appears to have bestowed great attention upon the whole subject. The bondsmen are, I am informed, substantial men.

(9.)

(9.) The papers show that a large deputation waited upon Mr. Sutherland to protest against the re-establishment of the desiccating and boiling-down works which the arrangements made with the Cattnach Company superseded. However, no complaints have been since made by these inhabitants, but my own attention was incidentally drawn to certain offensive deposits lately, while on a visit to the district on other matters. I am bound to say that I did not see much difference between these deposits and others far removed from the spot complained of.

(10.) I cannot discover that any such report was ever made by Dr. MacLaurin.

(11.) The Colonial Architect reports that complaint has been made in only one instance, to his knowledge, and this was after a southerly gale.

(12.) I am not aware. The bond was signed by the following persons, viz.:—J. G. Weaver, J. B. Christian, Percy Robt. Russell, Directors; C. O'Hanlon, Secretary; and Chas. K. Moore and W. H. Wesley, sureties.

(13.) The Department has been informed that the Company are not prepared to continue the contract. In any case, it is my intention to deal promptly with the matter, with a view to obviating all objections. Owing to Mr. Sutherland's illness, I have not had an opportunity of consulting him thereon as I had intended. I shall consult the best authorities on the subject before acting.

(2.) Admission of Chinese into this Colony:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to so amend the existing Acts regulating the admittance of Chinese into this Colony, as will provide for the admission into it, without payment of the £100 poll-tax, of individuals of that race, naturalized in other Australian Colonies, who require to visit it temporarily for business or other necessary purposes; or does it intend to continue to depend upon the personal action of the Premier to obviate cases of hardship, as in the case of Mr. Way Lee, of Adelaide, on 8th January last at Albury?

(2.) If the Government does intend to amend the existing laws relating to this matter, when will it take the necessary steps to do so?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the "Chinese Restriction Act" in some particulars. Indeed, they are under an obligation to the Conference that sat in Sydney to introduce a Bill that would virtually make the Act of this Colony to conform with the Model Bill which was adopted by the Conference; and in any measure of this kind, provision will be made to meet any such exceptional cases as that of Mr. Way Lee.

(3.) Mrs. Byrnes, Reed's Station, near Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that compensation, to the amount of £89 10s., has been approved by his predecessors to a Mrs. Byrnes, a selector at Reed's Station, near Molong, for improvements made on a certain portion of land held by her as a selection for over ten years; and was this land, with improvements, taken from her and given to the Honorable John Smith?

(2.) If the compensation has been approved, will he state when the money is likely to be paid, and why the amount has not appeared on the Estimates?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A sum of £89 2s. as compensation to Mrs. Byrnes is included in the Supplementary Estimates for 1888.

(4.) Samuel Lemon's Land, Railway Line, Orange to Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any final decision yet been arrived at, and is it the intention of the Government to allow compensation, in the case of one Samuel Lemon, for improved land taken from him for railway purposes, in the extension of the line from Orange to Molong?

(2.) If so, will he state when the money is likely to be paid and the case finally disposed of?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The amount of compensation is fixed by the Act under which the land was taken up, viz., the Railway Act of 1874, 37 Vic. No. 18.

(2.) The compensation money will be paid as soon as the release is signed. I understand, however, that the parties contend that a sufficient sum has not been allowed for improvements, and I shall be prepared to consider any further representations which may be made on this point.

(5.) The Deficit:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Does he intend to take the land revenue, as estimated by Mr. Burns—which includes the estimated annual amount to be derived from auction sales—and apply it to ordinary annual revenue for 1889?

(2.) Has he decided what area of suburban land is to be sold to pay off the deficiency; and, if so, where is such land situated?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, plans of the land to be sold, showing the upset price?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable friend will have an opportunity of asking these questions in Committee of Ways and Means, when I shall be able to answer them more fully than I can under present circumstances.

(6.) Regulations for the Importation of Sheep:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he take such action as will allow Tasmanian stud sheep to be imported into New South Wales without enforcing the Dipping Regulations at the next annual sheep sale?

(2.) Is it a fact that Victorian sheep are imported without these Regulations being enforced?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Victorian and Tasmanian sheep are exhibited side by side before being dipped, and buyers pass from sheep to sheep in such a manner that if any disease existed it would be conveyed to the Victorian sheep, which are not dipped at all?

(4.) Under these circumstances, are not the precautions in reference to Tasmanian sheep useless?

(5.) Is it a fact that no scab has existed in Tasmania for ten or twelve years?

Mr.

Mr. Sydney Smith, answered,—

- (1.) Action is now being taken to ascertain the views of the other Colonies, as it has been agreed to act in concert.
- (2.) No; imported Victorian sheep—that is, sheep arriving by sea—are subject to the same Regulations as Tasmania.
- (3.) It is a fact that Victorian sheep brought overland stand side by side with Tasmanian sheep before they are dipped; but the Victorian sheep are dipped before they leave Sydney.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) It is believed the Colony has been clean for eight or nine years.

(7.) Suppression of Gambling:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to at once introduce a measure to suppress consultations and such like illegal practices on races?
- (2.) If so, will such measure contain a provision to enable the postal authorities to open all letters passing through the post for the above purposes, as is now the case in Victoria?
- (3.) Is it a fact that at the present time over 100 totalizators are being conducted in Sydney?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) In view of a report from the Inspector-General of Police that the penalties inflicted under the present law are so light that they do not act as a deterrent, and that the law is inoperative in other respects, the Government have under their consideration the desirability of introducing a measure to deal more effectively with the evil complained of, though, in view of the state of public business, and the desire to make the Session as brief as possible, it is doubtful whether it will be practicable to deal with the matter this Session.
- (2.) This suggested provision will be considered.
- (3.) There are numerous totalizators being worked, but I am unable to say that there are as many as represented.

(8.) Purchase of Land for Asylums for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any part of the purchase money (£3,600) for Taylor's land at Parramatta been paid?
- (2.) What amount has been expended by the Government in improvements on the said land?
- (3.) Is it a fact that typhoid fever has broken out amongst the aged people living on the said land?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) In respect to the Honorable Member's first question, I should be glad if he will postpone it until to-morrow.
- (2.) £2,660.
- (3.) No; but the Superintendent's two children contracted the malady a fortnight ago outside the Institution.

(9.) *Mr. Lee*, Police Magistrate at Bathurst:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Lee*, the Police Magistrate at Bathurst, is over 60 years of age?
- (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to bring about the retirement of that official under the Civil Service Act?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) *Mr. Lee* being physically and mentally capable of discharging the duties of his office, and having submitted a medical certificate as recently as July last that he was perfectly sound in mind and body, and well able to perform his duties as a Magistrate, it is not my intention to take steps to bring about his retirement.

(10.) Tramway from Waverley to Randwick:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost of construction of the tramway from Waverley to Randwick?
- (2.) The cost of rolling-stock used thereon?
- (3.) The cost, including wages, of maintaining the said line?
- (4.) The income derived from the said line last year.

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have been furnished with information, in reply to the questions asked, as follows:—

- (1.) £8,195 12s. 8d.
- (2.) £1,350.
- (3.) £987 18s. 4d., during year 1888.
- (4.) £499 14s. 1d.

(11.) Surveyors under Real Property Act:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a surveyor, holding a license from the Surveyor-General under the Crown Lands Act or under the Mining Act, or under both Acts, cannot practice under the provisions of the Real Property Act without first obtaining a license under the 100th section of the last-mentioned Act?
- (2.) If so, will he direct the Surveyor-General to issue a license under the said 100th section to any surveyor holding a license under the Crown Lands Act or under the Mining Act on the application of such surveyor?
- (3.) If not for what reason?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is not considered expedient, in the interests of the public or the Crown, to do so.
- (3.) The reason is, that the work is more complicated and requires more practical and professional experience than surveying under the Crown Lands or Mining Acts.

(12.) By-laws of Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the new By-laws of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage require any person who keeps more than two horses or cows to provide himself with a meter?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the cost of a meter is about £6, and that very many poor people will be unable to bear such expense?
- (3.) Will he take steps to have the objectionable By-law struck out?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has supplied the following replies :—

- (1.) Clause 51 of the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act" says :—"The Board may supply any person with water for domestic or other purposes by measure at such rates upon such terms and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by the Board and the person requiring to be supplied; but 'domestic purposes' shall not, for the purposes hereof, include a supply of water for stables, or for manufacturing, &c." Without any By-law, this would make it imperative on anyone having but one horse to affix a meter. As this would bear heavily on those who earn their living by means of one or two horses, such as cabmen and owners of licensed spring vans, the Board brought in a By-law, enabling them to have the use of water for stable purposes on payment of a fee of 10s. per annum for each animal (not exceeding two).
- (2.) The cost of a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch meter is £2 10s., and of a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter, £3.
- (3.) If the By-law is struck out, it would be imperative on all those who have one or two horses to affix a meter, and thus defeat the object of the Board, who have brought in this By-law solely in the interests of the poorer class of ratepayers.

(13.) Border River Dues :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government had under consideration the question of adopting a system of river dues upon Border rivers to compensate for the amount spent in snagging, clearing, &c.?
- (2.) If not, will he bring it under the notice of the Cabinet at an early date, and inform the House of the result?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is engaging the attention of the Government; but I shall not be in a position for some little time to state definitely what is likely to be done.

(14.) The River Murray :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that works are being constructed on the Victorian side of the River Murray for the purpose of draining off large quantities of water for irrigation purposes, and that the Department of Irrigation in Victoria are issuing notices in the *Government Gazette*, calling upon persons wishing to draw water from the River Murray to apply to that Department?
- (2.) In view of the above, will he take early action to protect the interests of this Colony?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—An officer of the Government, who was a member of the late Water Conservation Commission, was despatched by the last Government to the Murray River to report fully on this question; but his report has not yet been received. When the Government are in possession of this report the House will be fully informed of their intentions.

(15.) Claim of George Samuel Peel :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Wright, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, all letters, minutes, and other papers relating to the claim of George Samuel Peel against the Government for services rendered to the Railway Construction Branch?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall have no objection.

(16.) Claim of Matthew McIvor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Jones, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the decision of the three Special Committees who heard and inquired into the claim of Matthew McIvor for compensation in the matter of a tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The case has not been considered by the present Government; but from the papers it would appear that a previous Government, in December last, arrived at the conclusion that there were not sufficient grounds to warrant them in asking Parliament to vote any sum as compensation to Mr. McIvor.

(17.) Medical Attendants to Aborigines at Cummeragunga Mission Station :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Dr. Sergeant, of Echuca, has been appointed as Medical Attendant to the Aborigines at Cummeragunga Mission Station?
- (2.) If so, upon whose recommendation was he so appointed?
- (3.) Has the services of Dr. G. R. Eakins, as Medical Attendant to the Aborigines at the said station, been dispensed with?
- (4.) If not, is it intended to dispense with his services?
- (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters and other correspondence passing between the Aborigines Protection Board and Dr. G. R. Eakins; also, copies of all correspondence relating to the appointment of Dr. Sergeant?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Dr. Sergeant has been so appointed by the Aborigines Protectorate Association, under whose control the Mission Station is.
- (3 and 4.) Yes.
- (5.) If these papers are moved for in the ordinary way, there will be no objection to laying them upon the Table.

(18.) The late William Foreman, Assistant Railway Guard :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to make liberal provision on the Estimates for the payment of a gratuity to the widow and four children of the late William Foreman, Assistant Railway Guard, who was killed on the 11th instant at the Picton Viaduct, whilst in the discharge of his duties?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This is a matter for the consideration of the Railway Commissioners, to whom the question has been referred.

(19.) Tram-line, Botany Road :—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there has been erected recently awning posts, in close proximity to the tram-line, on the Botany Road, near the "Half-way House," at the end of the section at Gardener's-lane?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, to ascertain whether these posts are dangerous, and, if found to be so, take steps to have them removed to a safe distance from the tram-rails without any unnecessary delay?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter will be referred to the Railway Commissioners for full inquiry to be made.

(20.) Tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Government arrived at any determination as to the necessity of constructing a tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan?
- (2.) If not, can he state when the matter will be decided?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways has reported adversely to the construction of this tramway; but further investigation will be made. I have an opinion that this is a work which ought to be tried. If we discover that there is any fair reason for its construction, the work will be proceeded with.

(21.) Labourers at Shea's Creek, Botany :—Mr. Edmunds asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the labourers employed by the Government at Shea's Creek, Botany, have struck work to the number of 250?
- (2.) Was the rate of wage paid by the Government 6d. per cubic yard for removing mud from the creek?
- (3.) Was it necessary, in doing such work, that the labourers should work in the waters of the sewer, 2 to 3 feet deep, and wheel the mud to distances averaging 4 chains, and up an embankment of 6 feet in height?
- (4.) Has he ascertained what amount of weekly wage these labourers were, on the average, enabled to earn?
- (5.) Is it true that the Department endeavoured to procure 250 labourers from the unemployed in the place of the men on strike at the same rate of wage?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The men have not struck work, but have refused to start at the rate offered.
- (2.) No; but 6d. per cubic yard has been offered.
- (3.) No; the work first to be done consists in excavating to a depth of 3 feet only, and is comparatively dry work. The average lead will be only 2 chains.
- (4.) No, as the men have not been at piece work; but I am informed by the Engineer-in-Chief, that, with fair work, each man should earn from 6s. to 7s. per day. The whole matter of the rate of pay has been inquired into by me this afternoon, and I have determined to try the rate for two days, and have the result further reported on.
- (5.) No, nothing of the kind has taken place; but I am informed that many men, who were discontented with the rate of pay, endeavoured to prevent others, who were willing to commence, from doing so.

(22.) The Sydney University :—Mr. Edmunds asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What was the total amount of Lecture and Examination Fees received by each of the Professors and Lecturers of the University of Sydney for the year 1888 and for the quarter ending 31st March, 1889, respectively?
- (2.) How many Scholarships have been established by the Department of Public Instruction to enable poor students to obtain a University education?
- (3.) Does he propose to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the Constitution of the University as regards the election and the term of office of the Fellows of the Senate?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.
- (2.) No Scholarships of the kind have been established by this Department.
- (3.) I do not propose to introduce a Bill of this character this Session; and before I consider the question, I prefer to have the views of the University authorities.

2. THE LAND LAW :—Mr. T. G. Dangar presented a Petition from certain Crown Lessees, Conditional Purchasers, Merchants, and others interested in the question of Land Legislation for the Colony of New South Wales, recommending certain alterations in the Land Act; and praying the House to favourably consider the matters referred to in their Petition, and give the relief which the Petitioners seek.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return showing Amount of Lecture and Examination Fees received by each of the Professors and Lecturers of the Sydney University for the year 1888, and for quarter ended 31st March, 1889, respectively.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part III—Trade and Commerce.
- (2.) Annual Return to an Order made on the 15th February, 1884—"Spirits, Wines, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act."
- (3.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Victoria.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act, of the Loan of Eight Thousand Pounds to Municipal Council of Wilcannia, for Water Supply Works.
 - (2.) Minutes and Correspondence respecting the dismissal of Thomas Buckley from the Roads Branch, Department of Public Works.
 - (3.) Report of Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Condition of the Prospect Dam.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. **RABBIT NUISANCE ACT**:—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from Augustus R. Fraser, Chairman of the Tenterfield Pastures and Stock Protection and Sheep Board, condemning the working of the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883;" and praying that in any future legislation on this subject the principle of local self-government, and the compelling of each district to destroy the pests within its boundaries, be as far as possible enforced.
Petition received.

5. **NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the County of Cumberland.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the County of Cumberland,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th April, 1889.

6. **CITY OF REDFERN NAMING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Howe moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Borough of Redfern to the City of Redfern.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Howe then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the name of the Borough of Redfern to the City of Redfern,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 30th April.

7. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Perry, Mr. Wall, Mr. William Stephen, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. **WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, and to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing water for irrigation and other purposes.

Question put and passed.

9. **WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to adapt and assimilate the Trusts of Wesleyan Methodist Church Properties in New South Wales to the present constitution of such Church in the said Colony, and for other collateral 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 agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to adapt and assimilate the Trusts of Wesleyan Methodist Church Properties in New South Wales to the present constitution of such Church in the said Colony, and for other collateral purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th April, 1889.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 30th April.*

(2.) Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill; second reading; *until Tuesday, 14th May.*

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Chanter 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 "to bring under notice the explanation of his pledges to the Dibbs Government, "made by Mr. Wilkinson, Member for Balranald."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. INTERCOLONIAL DEBTS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the recovery of Judgments against Debtors who have removed into adjacent Colonies, and the enforcement of Judgments obtained in such Colonies against Debtors who have removed therefrom into New South Wales*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th April, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 25th April.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising "to-morrow," stand adjourned until Wednesday next.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "to-morrow."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Haynes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Lec,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Wyman Brown.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Garrard,	

Noes, 45.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. King,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Bowman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Tece,	Mr. Toohy.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Barbour,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question, as amended, proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this House, at its rising, stand adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Copland,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. King,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Tece.
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Burns,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. W. E. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Perry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *Wednesday next* at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway from Wollombi to Annandale:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the plans and estimated costs of the proposed light line of railway, surveyed from Wollombi to Annandale on the Great Northern line of railway, be ready?
 - (2.) The length of the proposed line and the cost per mile?
 - (3.) When an estimate of the cost per mile has been prepared, is it the intention of the Government to refer the same to the Railway Commissioners, with the view to submitting the said light line, as a feeder to the main Northern line, to the Public Works Committee for report?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The plans and sections have not yet been finished. It has not yet been decided to refer the question of the construction of the line to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

(2.) Three routes have been surveyed:—First, 28 miles 5 chains in length, and estimated to cost £7,411 per mile; second, 27 miles 55 chains in length, and estimated to cost £7,462 per mile; third, 29 miles 10 chains in length, and estimated to cost £6,360 per mile.

(3.) This question will be considered when the Government are dealing with their railway policy.

- (2.) Government Roads through Municipalities:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of the various Municipal Councils which received grants for the Mileage Vote of main or other Government roads passing through such municipalities during the years 1886 and 1887?

(2.) The amounts paid to such Councils in each year?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for similar grants to all Councils in the Additional Estimates, where main or other Government roads pass through such municipalities?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a Return giving this information.

(3.) The Government has not yet considered the matter.

- (3.) Custody of Wills, Registrar-General's Department:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that all the original wills deposited in the office of the Registrar-General are kept in a room or rooms which are not fire-proof?

(2.) If this is the case, will the Government take some immediate steps to place these valuable documents in a more secure place?

(3.) Is there in existence a duplicate inventory or catalogue of these wills, and where is it kept?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) No; I am informed that the room in which all original wills are kept is on the upper floor of that portion of the Lands Titles Office specially built to be fireproof, and is so, with the exception of the roof.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) There is no duplicate inventory kept; but an index of all wills is kept in another portion of the same building, which is not fireproof. A duplicate copy is also kept of all wills proved up to June, 1884, when the annual Vote for this purpose was discontinued.

(4.)

- (4.) The Dog Acts:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the provisions of the Dog Acts, 6 William IV No. 4, and 39 Victoria No. 6, are felt to be a great hardship and serious tax on selectors and farmers living in districts infested with bandicoot and other native animals that destroy growing crops, and that there is no provision in the said Acts for the withdrawal of the operation of such Acts where found to be oppressive?
 (2.) Will he undertake to introduce a short Bill, giving power to withdraw the operation of the said Acts, or in some other way afford the required relief?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have on one or two occasions asked for a postponement of this question, with a view to having a consultation with the police authorities. However, I have not derived much advantage from that course, owing to them not having information. I am aware that in certain districts the Dog Act would do very little good in being enforced, and that a great deal of injury arises from the limitation or destruction of dogs, and the devastation caused by different noxious animals upon the settlers' crops. The matter has been represented to me on more than one occasion by deputations when I have been in districts of this character. I will give very early attention to the subject to see if relief can be afforded.

- (5.) Harbour Trust for Port of Sydney:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to create a Harbour Trust, similar to that in existence in Melbourne, for the Port of Sydney?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The creation of a "Harbour Trust" for the Port of Sydney involves several important questions, which have not yet received the consideration of the Government.

- (6.) Road from Broken Hill to Wilcannia:—*Mr. Wyman Brown*, for *Mr. Dickens*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to want of water, the road from Broken Hill to Wilcannia was rendered impassable for teams, travelling stock, and the travelling public, during the late summer months?

(2.) Do the Government intend to conserve water on said road; and, if so, what steps do they intend taking in the matter?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) It is understood that a new and more direct line of road has been opened between Wilcannia and Broken Hill, and it is not improbable that it was impassable during the severe drought last year.

(2.) An officer was sent over the road some time ago, and provision has been made on the Estimates for three tanks, which will be commenced as soon as the money is available.

- (7.) Bridge over River Darling at Wilcannia:—*Mr. Wyman Brown*, for *Mr. Dickens*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders for the bridge over the River Darling at Wilcannia be called for?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders will probably be invited within a month.

- (8.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount standing to the credit of the Assurance Fund of the Real Property Act on the 31st December, 1888, calculated according to the 28th clause of the Act, and reading the words "from time to time" as meaning annual rests?

(2.) In reference to the statement made on the 29th February, 1888, by the then Colonial Treasurer (*Mr. Burns*), that he had recently directed "that from the funds in hand, £53,600 be invested in good securities,"—has this investment yet been made?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The calculation now in the Treasury has been made with half-yearly rests. A fresh calculation will be made on the new basis suggested by the Honorable Member, namely, yearly rests.

(2.) Yes; £50,000 was invested in Government Debentures, on 18th April, 1888.

- (9.) The Police Force:—*Mr. Street* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make an allowance of one day in each fortnight to the members of the Police Force in this city, as is customary in the London Metropolitan Police, and as recommended in the report of the Inspector-General under date of 26th December, 1888?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Inspector-General of Police reports as follows:—The practice has been to allow one day's leave per month, though during pressure of police duties it has sometimes to be suspended. Any special leave applied for is granted if circumstances admit. Thirty-five additional constables would be required to make up the duty complement if one day per fortnight were given. As the Metropolitan Force is still numerically inadequate, I cannot recommend any action in the direction suggested at present.

- (10.) The Abattoirs:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of the erection of the wharf and the deepening of the harbour at the Abattoirs, recently carried out at the expense of the Government, in order to accommodate the Cattanaeh Chemical Company?

(2.) Is it a fact that this company have the use of Government horses and carts, spades, tools, &c.?

(3.) What is the amount paid per annum to the Cattanaeh Chemical Company for conducting their operations at Glebe Island Abattoirs?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The cost of the erection of the wharf was £172 11s. 4d., and deepening the harbour £316 7s. 2d. A further sum of £40 was expended in removing rock. There were other expenses in forming a road to the wharf.

(2.) The company has ceased to carry on the work. The Colonial Architect informs me that they did not have the use of the articles mentioned.

(3.) £3,450.

(11.)

- (11.) Electoral Rolls for The Namoi :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it intended to make better provision for collecting the Electoral Rolls, and taking same out of the hands of the police?
 - (2.) Did the several Collectors for the various districts in the Namoi Electorate visit the different stations in collecting such Roll for 1889-90, or frame their lists from the old Rolls?
 - (3.) Is it the case that, on account of the drought and scarcity of horse-flesh, many names could not be collected, and consequently the Electoral Rolls are considerably lessened?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government.
- (2.) Yes; the lists were personally collected. The old Roll forms the basis of the revised list.
- (3.) There are about 300 names on the Narrabri portion of the list less than last year. This is due to deaths and removals.

- (12.) Business at Narrabri Railway Station :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The amount of tonnage received at and sent from Narrabri railway station from 1st January to 31st December, 1888?
 - (2.) A similar return of live stock sent and received?
 - (3.) The number of bales of wool and weight thereof sent from Narrabri railway station during the same period?
 - (4.) The quantity of goods indented to Narrabri for Walgett and intermediate stations for above period?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (13.) Railway from Narrabri to Walgett :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners visited the surveyed railway line from Narrabri to Walgett?
 - (2.) If so, is it intended (and if so, when) to submit their report to the Public Works Committee for consideration?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Commissioners have visited the line from Narrabri to Walgett, and their report will be submitted to the Government upon an early date.

- (14.) Site of old Central Police Court and George-street Markets :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Government considered the present condition of the site of the old Central Police Station and the George-street Markets; if so, will he state the result?
- (2.) If the matter has not been considered, will he submit it at an early date, as both are a nuisance to the city under present circumstances.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think the Government will be able to come to any decision for a fortnight to come, at the very earliest.

- (15.) Road through Barratta Run :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he yet considered the petition by stock-owners and others of Deniliquin, praying that a certain road should be opened through Barratta Run?
 - (2.) If so, is it his intention to have the said road opened, and at what date?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Action has been taken to obtain a survey of this road; and so soon as the plan (which is expected daily) has been received, the matter of the petition will receive full consideration.

- (16.) Bores for Water, Byrock and Cobar :—Mr. Waddell, for Mr. Davis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the contract for artesian water in the west be commenced, and will such contract include a bore at Byrock, also at Cobar?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Provision has been made upon the Loan Estimate for boring for artesian water. As soon as Parliament has approved of the Vote, the work will be proceeded with at once. Inquiry is being made as to the probabilities of obtaining water by boring at Cobar and Byrock.

- (17.) Bridges over Warrago River :—Mr. Waddell, for Mr. Davis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the work of erecting a bridge on the Warrego, at Ford's Bridge, be commenced?
- (2.) When will the work of erecting a bridge at Engonnia, upon the Warrego River, be commenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Owing to the drought and the scarcity of water the contractor was granted an extension of time; but as the road is now practicable, he will be called upon to commence the work at once.
- (2.) The tender was accepted on the 23rd ultimo, and the contractor will now be informed that the work must be commenced at once.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

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 1889, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th April, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. **NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from Mahlon Clarke Cowlshaw, James Burns, and Charles Frederick Stokes, Directors of the New South Wales Tramway Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the "New South Wales Tramway Company (Limited)" to construct tramways in the City of Sydney. And Mr. Cullen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
4. **PAPER**:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return showing Grants to various Municipalities for Expenditure on Roads during the years 1886 and 1887.
5. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) **Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill**:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Harbour Improvements at Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1889.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
- (2.) **Circular Quay Improvements Bill**:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1889.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
6. **ELECTORAL ACT (PLURAL VOTE ABOLITION) AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Traill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880. Question put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Toronto Tramway Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading;—until Tuesday, 30th April.
- (2.) Fuel Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel;—until Tuesday, 14th May.
8. **WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL**:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, and to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing water for irrigation and other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th June.
9. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL**:—Mr. Scaver presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Broken Hill and District, in the parish of Willyama, town of Willyama, representing that the passing of the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill would be an act of extraordinary injustice against them; and praying the House not to sanction the passing of the said Bill. Petition received.
10. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CASE OF URGENCY**:—
- (1.) Mr. McMillan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that certain Standing Orders of this House be dispensed with, in order to the passing through all its stages this day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1889. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. McMillan then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1889*," 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.
11. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 £1,220,237, being £490,670 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April or following month of the year 1889, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1888, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1889; £88,000 to meet claims for subsidies, &c., under Rabbit Nuisance Act; £165,000 for Refunds to Pastoral Lessees of amounts overpaid under 100th section of Land Act of 1884; and £476,567 for Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges.
- On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to. 12.

12. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 1889, the sum of £1,220,237 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
13. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:**—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 1889.
(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 1889*,”—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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, *passed*.
Mr. McMillan 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 1889*.”
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 1889*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1889.*
14. **PAPERS:**—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Schedule showing the Classification and Proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1889 for Subordinate Roads under the Officers of the Roads Department.
(2.) Schedule showing the Classification and Proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1889 for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.
(3.) Schedule showing the Proposed Distribution of the Vote (£37,670) for 1889 for Bridges.
(4.) Roads Schedule Vote (£46,000) on Estimates for 1889.
Ordered to be printed.
15. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sewerage Scheme for the Glebe, Camperdown, and Leichhardt:—Mr. Chapman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will steps be taken to carry out the intended sewerage scheme for the Glebe, Camperdown, and Leichhardt?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The sewerage of these districts is included in the general scheme for the sewerage of the western suburbs. The matter has already been before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and as soon as that body is reappointed immediate steps will be taken to have it finally dealt with.

- (2.) Tamworth Land Board:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Turner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) At what townships has the Tamworth Land Board held meetings since 1st January, 1885, and how many meetings have been held at each?

(2.) How many cases have been dealt with at each place of meeting in each of the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888?

(3.) What are the respective numbers of applications requiring to be considered by the Board, made at each Land Office in the Tamworth Board District, during each of the years 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888; the area of land affected; and the amount of revenue collected at each office in each year?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Reference will be made to the Chairman of the Local Land Board, Tamworth, for the details required, which, when received, will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (3.) Dam at Marsden-street, Parramatta]River:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the dam crossing the Parramatta River at Marsden-street is in a dangerous state?

(2.) Will he cause an immediate inquiry, and cause the necessary repairs to the above to be carried out to prevent further destruction of property before the expected heavy rains occur?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have called for a further report on this matter, and, on its receipt, will decide what is necessary to be done.

- (4.) The Unemployed—Road Vote:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to increase the Road Vote for the present year, so that by this means a portion of the surplus labour may be employed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The matter has not yet been considered by the Government, as the Additional Estimates have not yet come up for consideration.

- (5.) Proposed Bores for Water at Bourke, Byrock, Cobar, and Nyngan:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What steps are the Government taking *re* the proposed bores at Bourke, Byrock, Cobar, and Nyngan?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Government has approved of a bore being put down at Bourke as soon as the money is voted. It appears doubtful whether water can be obtained by boring at Cobar, Byrock, and Nyngan, but the question is receiving the most careful attention.

- (6.) Proposed Nyngan-Cobar-Wilcannia Railway:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all plans, minutes, notices, tenders, petitions, and correspondence, in connection with the proposed Nyngan-Cobar-Wilcannia Railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will lay all the papers upon the Table; but as the plans cannot be spared from the Railway Construction Branch, I must ask the Honorable Member to inspect there any of the latter he may desire to see.

(7.)

- (7.) Payment of Members:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps are the Government taking to carry out the Resolution of this House that a Bill should be introduced for the payment of Members?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I hope I shall be permitted to say a few words in answering this question. The present Government of this country consists of nine members of Parliament—eight in this House, and one in the other Chamber. Of these nine persons, seven are opposed to the policy of payment of Members, two are in favour of it. I merely state these facts to show how embarrassing the question is to the present Administration; and whether honorable gentlemen are in favour of or in opposition to the question, I think in frankness they will admit the embarrassment. Well, this House has decided by a substantial, I might say an expressive, majority that Members should be paid for their services. Though I entertain the strongest opinion, in no way modified by recent circumstances as to the impolicy of the matter being put into practice, though I entertain that opinion now as I have always done, it appears to me that this question is one which ought not to disturb the existing Government of the country. That being so, it seems to me that the Government is bound, if it is not disposed to allow it to disturb its existence, to introduce a measure to carry out what a large majority of the House has decided upon. But I cannot more minutely state what we will do to-day; but next week I will be prepared to state definitely the course the Ministry is prepared to take to give effect to the decision of this Branch of the Legislature of the country.

- (8.) Court-house-keeper at Mudgee:—Mr. Wall asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Court-house-keeper at Mudgee has been dismissed from the Service?
- (2.) Was there any complaint lodged against the officer in question; and, if so, by whom was such complaint made, and what was the nature of the complaint?
- (3.) Was any inquiry made into the truth of the complaint before action was taken in dismissing the officer; if not, will he cause an inquiry to be made before the dismissal is allowed to take effect?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Sheriff:—

- (1.) Intimation was given by him to the Court-house-keeper that his services will be dispensed with on the 1st proximo.
- (2.) Yes; complaints were preferred against this officer by the late Police Magistrate, and the present Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mudgee, of general neglect in the performance of his duties.
- (3.) Yes; inquiry was made by the Sheriff, who was satisfied that the complaints were well-founded.

2. ELECTORAL ACT (PLURAL VOTE ABOLITION) AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Traill presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the amendment of the Electoral Act (44th Victoria No. 13)*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th May.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 10th April, 1889—"Homestead and Pastoral Leases, Central and Western Divisions."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1888, to 31st March, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

4. NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney, in opposition to the New South Wales Tramway Company's Bill; and praying that the House will not sanction the passing of any Act granting to any company or persons the right to lay down any tramways and run trams in and through the City of Sydney and adjoining boroughs; and that any Act giving such powers may be an Act empowering the Municipal Council of Sydney (in conjunction with the Councils of the suburban boroughs) to lay down, or permit to be laid down, such system of tramway for the said city and suburbs as they may think most suitable and advantageous.

At the request of Mr. Chapman, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—Bowers and another v. The Sitting Members, South Sydney*):—Mr. Lee, 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 8th March, 1889, the Petition of James Bowers and Charles Coulton against the return of the Sitting Members 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 1st March, 1889, to whom was referred on 8th March, 1889, a Petition from James Bowers and Charles Coulton, alleging that at the last General Election, and upon the examination of the ballot papers after the closing of the Poll for the Electoral District of South Sydney, it was found that a large number of such ballot-papers had not the initials of the Presiding Officer or Officers, as required by law, and were not rejected, but were improperly and illegally initialled and counted as formal; that many of the voting-papers which were declared informal were not so, and many were declared formal which were not so; and that, by reason of the premises, many votes should have been counted in favour of the candidates who were not declared duly elected; that for these and other reasons stated, the Petitioners pray that their Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the said Election for South Sydney may be declared null and void, or that such other determination may be made in the premises as may be just,—have determined and hereby declare,—

"(1.) That William Henry Traill, Walter Edmunds, James Martin, and James Matthew Toohy, Esquires, the sitting Members, have been duly elected.

"(2.) That the Petition of James Bowers and Charles Coulton is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"(3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"No. 3 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly, 25th April, 1889.

CHARLES A. LEE,

Chairman."

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lee, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

6. NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the "New South Wales Tramway Company (Limited)" to construct tramways in the City of Sydney.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Cullen 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 'New South Wales Tramway Company (Limited)' to construct Tramways in the City of Sydney,"—read a first time.
7. MEDICAL ATTENDANTS TO ABORIGINES AT CUMMERAGUNGA MISSION STATION (*Formal Motion*):—
 Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between Dr. G. R. Eakins and the Aborigines Protection Board; also, copies of all correspondence relating to the appointment of Dr. Sergeant as Medical Attendant to the Aborigines at the Cumeragunga Mission Station.
 Question put and passed.
8. TOTALIZATOR LEGALIZING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legalize an instrument known as the Totalizator on racecourses.
 Question put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Kidd 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 "re the inaction of the Government with regard to the operations of the Vine Diseases Board."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Kidd moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
10. TOTALIZATOR LEGALIZING BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to legalize an instrument called the Totalizator on Racecourses,"—which was read a first time.
 Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 28th May.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Wiltshire,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Greene.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Traill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Harold Stephen.

Noes, 17.

Mr. McRae,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fletcher,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

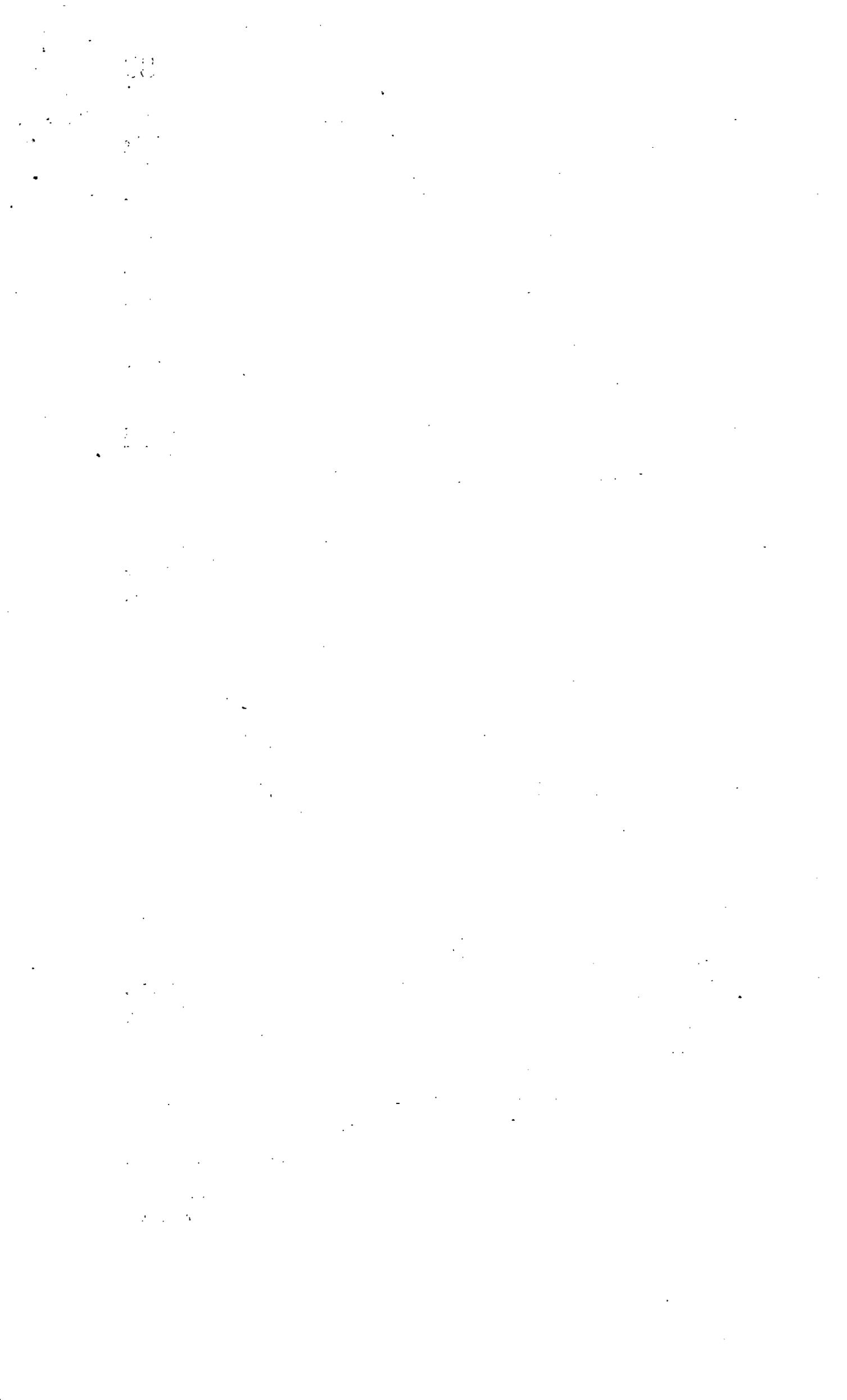
And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL, 1889, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1889.

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.) Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to adapt and assimilate the Trusts of Wesleyan Methodist Church Properties in New South Wales to the present constitution of such Church in the said Colony, and for other collateral 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th April, 1889.

- (2.) Circular Quay Improvements Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney,*"—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, 30th April, 1889.

- (3.) Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Harbour Improvements at Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland,*"—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, 30th April, 1889.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes, by consent, moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until half-past Seven o'clock to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of last General Election :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What were the respective sums of money spent by the Government in conducting the election of Members in the different constituencies at the last General Election?
- (2.) Also, what was the total cost of the last General Election?

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

(2.) Commissioners of Customs :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the names of the gentlemen at present holding office as Commissioners of Customs?
- (2.) By whom were they appointed, and what were the respective dates of their several appointments?
- (3.) How many sittings have they held during the year 1888, and what was the average length of each sitting?
- (4.) How many appeal cases have they dealt with during the year 1888?
- (5.) What remuneration (if any) have they received for services rendered in the year 1888.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Boulton Molineux, Michael Metcalfe, Edward Lee.
- (2.) His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council; 1st July, 1879, 1st April, 1882, and 8th February, 1887, respectively.
- (3.) Fifty; no record by which average length of sitting can be determined.
- (4.) One.
- (5.) £600, divisible as fees.

(3.) Site for Public Cemetery at Bowral :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Do the Government intend to resume or purchase any land at Bowral for a public cemetery?
- (2.) If so, will he state when the matter will be completed, and the land available for the various denominations?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes; it has been decided that 10 acres shall be resumed for the purposes of a cemetery.
- (2.) The matter will be dealt with as speedily as practicable. The survey has, however, not yet been completed, but steps will be taken to expedite action.

(4.) Mr. Wise, Crown Prosecutor at Wilcannia and Silverton :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that Mr. Wise, while in the service of the Government as Crown Prosecutor at Wilcannia and Silverton, is delivering a course of lectures on free trade under the auspices of the Freetrade Association?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that Mr. Wise has never acted as Crown Prosecutor, either at Wilcannia or Silverton. He received a temporary appointment to prosecute at the Broken Hill Circuit Court, which appointment terminated at the conclusion of that Court.

(5.) Postal Service *via* San Francisco :—Mr. Playfair asked the Postmaster General,—Have any arrangements been made to continue the present San Francisco contract for mail service for twelve months longer after the expiration of this year?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I am at the present time negotiating with the contractors for a renewal of the existing contract for another year, from November next.

(6.) Payment of Road Contractors :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that grave complaints exist, by reason of the delay in paying road contractors after the contracts are finished?
- (2.) Will he give instructions that in future steps shall be taken to remove this cause of complaint?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Commissioner for Roads has supplied me with the following explanation:—"I am not aware of any grave complaints in regard to non-payment of road contractors. The West Macquarie vouchers are paid well up to date, and I do not know of a single complaint from this district. The payments are, as a rule, made within a fortnight or three weeks from the time of receipt of voucher in this office. There are, of course, some exceptional cases, where it is found necessary to refer accounts back to the local officer, which necessarily entails delay. It may also be pointed out that early in this year the Roads Department was obliged to wait the voting of supplies, which caused some delay." If the Honorable Member will supply me with any specific instances of delay, I shall be pleased to have an immediate and searching inquiry instituted.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, which letter he read to the House, as follows :—

" J. H. Young, Esquire, M.P., Speaker, Legislative Assembly,—

" Dear Sir,

" Camp, National Park, 26 April, 1889.

" I much regret that I have been unable to take the Oath as a Member of Elections and Qualifications Committee; and as I cannot do so during the ensuing week, I reluctantly tender you my resignation as a Member of that Committee, with a view to saving inconvenience, as pointed out by Mr. Lee.

" Yours truly,

" ROBT. GEO. D. FITZGERALD."

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant, appointing Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, to be a Member of 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—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire,

“ being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and
Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid,
“ in the room of Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire, resigned.

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

“ JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
“ Speaker.”

5. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Stevenson, 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 the 17th April, 1889, together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 14th May.
Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return showing Cost of General Election, 1889,
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Notification respecting Reduction in Telegraphic Rates between Thackaringa and South Australia.
Ordered to be printed.

7. 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 1889,*” —returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th April, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cullen 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 New South Wales Tramway Company's Bill.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Perry, Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*), Mr. Woodward, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

9. WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove doubts touching the reversion to the Crown of certain land, being the old Public School site at Wollongong; to validate and confirm the sale of a certain portion of the said land to the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wollongong; and to authorize the sale by auction of the remainder, under the “ Public Instruction Act of 1880.”

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to remove doubts touching the reversion to the Crown of certain land, being the old Public School Site at Wollongong; to validate and confirm the sale of a certain portion of the said land to the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wollongong; and to authorize the sale by auction of the remainder, under the ‘ Public Instruction Act of 1880,’*” — which was read a first time.

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

10. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS :—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that motions for leave to introduce Bills shall be taken as “ formal,” and put from the Chair without discussion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “ formal,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ unless objected to by “ three Members rising in their places.”

Debate continued.

Interruption.

11. MEMBER SWORN :—John Henry Want, 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 Paddington.

12. **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS:**—The Debate on the Motion respecting the Introduction of Bills,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 11,—resumed.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. **OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. P. Abbott 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. 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 with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. **BILLS OF SALE LAW AMENDMENT 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 progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 11th June.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Seven o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 1889.

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,

Governor.

Message No. 20.

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 1889*,"—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 May, 1889.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Court-rooms, Chancery-square:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the winter, to take some steps to render the various Court-rooms, in the additions to the old buildings now known as Chancery-square, a little cooler and more habitable to the Judges and others who are obliged to use them?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is proposed to adopt means for meeting the requirements of the case, for which authority has already been given.

(2.) Extinguishing of Fires, Supreme Court:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any inquiry been made, as promised, into the means provided in the present Supreme Court buildings for the extinguishing of fires; if so, what is the result of the inquiry?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter was referred to Mr. Superintendent Bear, who recommended certain works which he considered necessary for the purpose of extinguishing fire, and the works have been carried out.

(3.) Government Roads through Municipalities:—*Mr. Toohey*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps do the Government intend to take in reference to granting a sum of money to country municipalities where Government roads run through such municipalities?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—All roads are Government roads: all those within Municipal limits, except roads proclaimed under the Main Roads Act, are in charge of the Councils. The Government have not yet had the matter under consideration.

(4.)

(4.) No. 12 Battery, Volunteer Artillery Reserve:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. William Stephen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he received an application from Captain Boyd, of No. 12 Battery, Volunteer Artillery Reserve, to have that battery placed on the partially paid list?
- (2.) If so, has he taken the matter into his consideration?
- (3.) Will he state what his intentions are with respect to this application?
- (4.) Will he deal with the application of Captain Boyd without any unnecessary delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2, 3, and 4.) The establishment, as voted by Parliament, is complete.

(5.) Timber used for Sleepers on the Hawkesbury Bridge:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that imported Oregon timber has been used for the permanent sleepers on the Hawkesbury Bridge?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the life of such sleepers is only three or four years?
- (3.) Is there any reason why colonial timber should not have been used?
- (4.) Is it not a fact, known to the Railway Construction Department, that ironbark colonial timber will last ten times longer, and be more solid and suitable and less costly, than Oregon timber?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The timber is not what is commonly called Oregon, but a special class of American pine.
- (2.) These sleepers are expected to last longer than the time named.
- (3.) The superstructure of the bridge was designed to receive pine timber, and the contract entered into in England stipulated that this timber was to be used.
- (4.) Ironbark timber is more durable than pine, but it is much heavier, and extra dead-weight should be avoided in bridges of large span.

(6.) Interviews between Secretary for Lands and Chairmen of Local Land Boards:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the Under Secretary for Lands has forwarded a circular letter to the Chairmen of the several Land Boards in the Colony, prohibiting them from interviewing the Secretary for Lands without his consent?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No letter has been issued to the Chairmen, prohibiting the Chairmen of Local Land Boards from interviewing the Minister for Lands; but, in order to save both time and expense, a letter was issued, requesting them to explain fully the subject matter proposed to be discussed, with a view to its being determined whether an interview was necessary.

(7.) The National Park:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the trustees the power and authority to grant a lease of any portion of the National Park to any publican for the purpose of erecting a public-house or hotel?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table an extract of the deed of grant of the National Park, from which the required information may be obtained.

(8.) Premises adjacent to Parliament House:—*Mr. Lakeman* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The names of the tenants who occupy all the houses at the rear and side of Parliament House, and the respective amount of rents they pay, and on what tenancy they hold them?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A Return, conveying the information asked for by the Honorable Member, will be prepared and laid upon the Table in a day or two.

(9.) Amendment of Fire Brigades Act of 1884:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the Fire Brigades Act of 1884?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall be very happy to introduce a Bill of this character, if the state of other public business will admit of it.

(10.) Wages of Labourers at Shea's Creek:—*Mr. Edmunds* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What measures have been adopted by the officers of the Works Department to ascertain the daily wage which the labourers at Shea's Creek were able to earn at the rate of 6d. per cubic yard of soil excavated?
- (2.) What was the amount of such daily wage?
- (3.) Does he intend to make any increase upon the rate of 6d. per cubic yard?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Fourteen gangs were started, at the rate of 6d. per cubic yard, and, after two days' work of eight hours, the least earned was 2s. 4½d. and the highest 4s. per day. An independent gang was, however, employed as a test, and earned 5s. 3¼d. per man.
- (3.) The rate has already been increased to 9d. per cubic yard.

3. BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—*Mr. Paul* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Bathurst, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of cattle sale-yards by the Borough Council of Bathurst, within the said Borough.

And *Mr. Paul* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Bathurst Times* newspapers, containing the notices required by the the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ending March, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Extract of Deed of Grant of the National Park.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Roset, county of Mouramba, in connection with Water Supply for town of Nymagee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the University of Sydney—Faculty of Medicine.

Ordered to be printed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Inland Waters Conservation Bill postponed until Tuesday, 11th June.

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lock-up at Kelso:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect the lock-up at Kelso without unnecessary delay?
 (2.) Has the erection of the said building been postponed on account of the title to the land required not being complete, and has such title now been perfected?
 Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
 (1.) There are no funds at present at the disposal of the Department for the erection of a lock-up at this place.
 (2.) I can hear of no objection to the title.
- (2.) Cost of Repairing Bridges during the years 1887 and 1888:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. McFarlane, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What amount has been expended during the years 1887 and 1888 for repairing bridges throughout the Colony?
 (2.) How many persons are at present engaged in attending to the different drawbridges in the Colony, also the annual cost?
 Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
 (1.) The amount expended in 1887 was £10,160 12s. 8d., and in 1888 £6,988 6s. 2d. In addition, there were small repairs to bridges paid from the Votes for the roads upon which the bridges are situated. This additional amount can be ascertained, but its preparation would entail much delay and reference to local officers.
 (2.) Eight. These men are also given constant employment in the vicinity of bridges—oiling, painting, and repairing bridges, and looking to the roads.
- (3.) Cost of Court-martial held on Colour-sergeant Webster:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The total cost to the country of the Court-martial held on Colour-sergeant Webster?
 (2.) Will he have the papers printed and placed upon the Table of this House early, so that they may be studied before the Military Estimates are reached?
 Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
 (1.) It would be impossible to give the total expenditure, as some accounts have not yet been rendered. The amount, however, expended to date is £561 8s. 6d.
 (2.) Yes.
- (4.) Harbour Trust for Sydney:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) When will the Government consider the matter of bringing in a Bill to create a Harbour Trust for the Port of Sydney?
 (2.) What is their intention regarding this matter?
 Mr. McMillan answered,—With other important and pressing matters on hand, the Government have not been able to consider this question.
- (5.) Opening of Road from Tindarys to Michelago Railway Station:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that application was made nearly two years ago for a road from the Tindarys side of the line, in order to give access to the Michelago railway station?
 (2.)

- (2.) Is it a fact that this road is not yet granted ?
 (3.) Is it a fact that at the present time the settlers at Burra and in the Tindarys cannot reach the Michelago station without trespassing on private land ?
 (4.) Will he give orders to have this road opened without delay ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
 (1.) Application was made for the road in question less than sixteen months ago.
 (2.) The road has not been established, but survey has been made with a view to proclamation. Gazettal will take place in a few days.
 (3.) It is so reported.
 (4.) The matter will be dealt with promptly.
- (6.) Foxlow Road—Road Gungahleen Estate—Road across Molonglo Plains :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) When will that portion of the Foxlow Road on which the manager of the station has locked the gates against a mail be proclaimed ?
 (2.) When will he send a surveyor across the road now being opened on the Gungahleen Estate, at Ginninderra, in order to show the public that the road is open to them ?
 (3.) When does he propose to open and proclaim the road across Molonglo Plains, near Hoskingtown ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
 (1.) Notification of proposed opening of this road will appear in the *Government Gazette* of 3rd instant.
 (2.) Gazettal of this road will be made in a few days. So soon as the time required by law has elapsed it will be confirmed and opened with as little delay as possible.
 (3.) Before deciding upon the course to take in this matter, it has been thought desirable to obtain a report from the officers of the Public Works Department as to the suitability and cost of construction of an alternative road through Mr. Osborne's land. Papers were sent to Works Department for that purpose on the 5th ultimo.
- (7.) State of the Road from Ballina towards Lismore :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the road from Ballina towards Lismore is almost impassable ?
 (2.) Will he obtain a report on the matter from his local officers ?
 (3.) If, on report, he finds the road to be impassable, will he take measures to have the matter remedied ?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
 (1.) The local officer reported on the 6th March last that the road was in fair order, but a little heavy after recent rain.
 (2.) Telegram has been sent to local officer to report and act at once as far as funds voted will admit; reply not yet received.
 (3.) No action can be determined on until the report is at hand, when it will receive proper treatment.
- (8.) Oriental Interpreter :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Government Oriental Interpreter has been in Darlinghurst Gaol since 11th instant up to 23rd April ?
 (2.) Do the Government intend to pay for this loss of time ?
 (3.) Is it a fact that a certain case, in which Indians were concerned, was dismissed for want of an interpreter ?
 (4.) Did the late Government promise to appoint a competent man in place of the present interpreter, and will the present Government do so ?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
 (1 and 2.) I have caused inquiries to be made, and learn that this interpreter was in Darlinghurst between the dates named; but as it appears his services were not required meantime, there does not seem sufficient reason to withhold payment of any portion of his salary.
 (2.) I have caused inquiry to be made, but am informed no case was dismissed on such grounds.
 (3.) No such promise was made by the late Government. The question as to the present interpreter's competency and position is now under consideration.
- (9.) Appointment of Mr. Day to Telegraph Office at Richmond :—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Harold Stephen, asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that a Mr. Day has been appointed to the Telegraph Office at Richmond, over the heads of a number of his superiors ?
- Mr. O'Connor answered,—With reference to the appointment of Mr. Day to Richmond, I find that prior to the appointment being made there were no applications received for the position from persons who understand telegraphy, excepting from Mr. Day. Mr. Day does not receive any increase of his salary of £240 per annum by his appointment to Richmond. Two applications have since been received for Richmond, the present salaries of the applicants being £250 and £240 per annum.
- (10.) Artesian Water in the Western Division :—Mr. Orick, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any special concession to those pastoral leaseholders who have practically proved the existence of artesian water in the Western Division ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The subject of special concession to pastoral leaseholders who have discovered artesian water in the Western Division has not yet been considered; but, in view of future possible developments, provision has been made in the Amending Land Bill for the protection of a limited area in localities where artesian water may be found.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part IV—Employment.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on the 16th April, 1889—"Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Parramatta Asylum."
- (3.) Annual Report on the Military Forces of the Colony for 1888.
- (4.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1888.
- (5.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Cooma.
- (6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 25th October, 1888—"Land known as Lamb's Farm, Lane Cove."

Ordered to be printed.

3. NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Chapman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney, in opposition to the New South Wales Tramway Company's Bill, presented on 25th April, 1889, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Question put and passed.

4. MR. JUSTICE WINDEYER:—Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from certain Jurors and Residents of the Town and District of Deniliquin, drawing the attention of the House to Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting held at Deniliquin, with reference to certain remarks made by his Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer at the Circuit Court at Wagga Wagga, and also to the hurried manner and undue haste displayed by His Honor at the last Sittings of the Circuit Court at Deniliquin; and praying the House to cause the Minister of Justice to make such inquiries and to take such steps as the House shall deem necessary in the circumstances.

Mr. Chanter moved, That the Petition be received,—and proceeding to debate the subject of the Petition,—

Mr. Speaker ruled that no debate should take place on that motion.

Mr. Crick then moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker that there can be no debate on the Question that a Petition be received.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick, by leave, withdrew his motion.

Original Question then put and passed.

5. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law so far as regards the Punishment of persons convicted of First Offences.*"

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 Criminal Law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of First Offences,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 2nd May, 1889.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Toronto Tramway Bill postponed until Tuesday, 11th June.

7. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Wright presented a Petition from Cecil Bloxsome, Chairman of the Glen Innes Pastures and Stock Protection Board, representing the necessity of the immediate repeal of the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883; and praying the House, in any future legislation on this subject, to enforce as far as possible the principle of local self-government, to compel each district to destroy the pests within its own boundaries.
Petition received.

8. PURCHASE OF LAND KNOWN AS DARLING ISLAND:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this "House," it is desirable, in order to afford the necessary facilities for the shipment of coal from the Southern Mines and for general shipping purposes, that the Government should purchase the land known as Darling Island, the price not to exceed £135,000.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Garvan 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, "the proposal to purchase the land known as Darling Island at a cost not exceeding £135,000 should be referred to the Committee to be appointed under the Public Works Act for consideration and report."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,

FRIDAY, 3 MAY, 1889, A.M.,

Mr. Hutchinson (*Glen Innes*) moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided,

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers,</i>
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Cruicksbank,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Clubb,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. King,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Woodward.
Mr. Lamb,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Greene,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Haynes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And Mr. Jones proceeding to move, That this Debate be now adjourned,—

Mr. Speaker stated that the practice of the House of Commons, and that of this House up to May, 1887, when the Additional Standing Orders were adopted, had been to require some intermediate proceeding before the motion for the adjournment of the Debate could be repeated; but that, under the altered circumstances created by the adoption of the said Additional Standing Orders, he would permit the Motion, "That this Debate be now adjourned," to be again moved, a speech on the Main Question having intervened.

Question proposed,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of Mr. Willis, the Honorable Member for Bourke, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of Mr. Crick, the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, directed him to discontinue his speech.

And Mr. Crick requiring Mr. Speaker to put the Question provided for in the Additional Standing Order (4),—

Question put,—That the Honorable Member, Mr. Crick, be further heard.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Harold Stephen.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Hawthorne.

Noes, 46.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. King,	Mr. Greeno,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Lakenan.
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Molesworth.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Mr. Lakenan moved,—“That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. King,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Lakeman.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Jones,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Perry,	

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 Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Copland,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Clubb.	

Noes, 46.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Street,
Mr. King,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. J. P. Abbott moved,—“That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. King,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. A'Beckett,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. O. O. Dangar.
Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Cullen,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Crick,	<i>ellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Edmunds.
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the majority in favour of the Motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question

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

Ayes, 48.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. King,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Plumb,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. O. O. Dangar.
Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Ewing,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Grahame.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Edmunds.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed.

And Mr. Stevenson proceeding to move an amendment to add certain words to the original Question,—

Point of Order :—Mr. J. P. Abbott submitted that the original Question was not capable of amendment, the House having already decided “That the Question be now put.”

Mr. Speaker ruled that no amendment could now be made in the Original Motion, except by way of addition thereto.

Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the following words be added to the original Question :—“Provided nevertheless that before any definite steps are taken with regard to the payment of the money for the said island, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into the true value and utility of the proposed purchase.

“(2.) That such Committee should have power to send for persons and papers, and to visit “Darling Island.

“(3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Frank Smith, “Mr. Hayes, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Perry, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.”

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Mr. Frank Farnell moved,—“That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Ball,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Bowman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. King,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Molesworth,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Melville.
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the majority in favour of the Motion consisted of “at least forty Members,”—

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Willis,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Hussall,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. McRae,	

Noes, 51.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. King,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Seaver,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Ball,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. Tonkin moved,—“That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. King,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Paul,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Molesworth,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Stokes.
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Creer.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the majority in favor of the Motion consisted of “at least forty Members,”—

Original Question put, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in order to afford the necessary facilities for the shipment of coal from the Southern Mines and for general shipping purposes, that the Government should purchase the land known as Darling Island, the price not to exceed £135,000.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. King,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Bowman,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hawthorne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Five o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Telephone between Oberon and Jenolan Caves:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of money that has been derived by the use of the telephone between Oberon and the Jenolan Caves?
- (2.) The amount of expense incurred by working the said telephone during the same period?
- (3.) Is the present line sufficient for the amount of business transacted with the Jenolan Caves?
- (4.) Are tenders being called for another line from Mount Victoria to the Jenolan Caves?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that a number of applications for telephones and telegraphs to districts which are in want of them have recently been refused?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) The revenue obtained from the telephone line between Oberon and Jenolan Caves, from the 23rd October, 1886, to 30th April, 1889, was £139 3s. 4d.
- (2.) No expense has been incurred in working the said telephone during that period.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes; it is proposed to run a line from Mount Victoria to Jenolan Caves, with a view to provide a circuit from the former place to Tarana, *via* Jenolan Caves and Oberon, to be used as a duplicate wire in case of interruption on the direct western line.
- (5.) Not that I am aware of.

- (2.) Interest due upon Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the approximate amount of money due for interest upon conditional purchases for the present year?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—A copy of this question has been sent to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, with a request that he would supply the information desired, and move the Colonial Treasurer to give the necessary reply.

- (3.) Compositors, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government Printer is advising compositors who may call upon him for employment to go to Brisbane?
- (2.) Is the Government Printer acting under his instructions in doing so?
- (3.) Is it a fact that there is a dispute in the printing trade at Brisbane?
- (4.) Is it a fact that compositors who have been employed at the Government Printing Office for the past three, five, and seven years were recently dismissed at a moment's notice, whilst the services of others who had been only a few weeks in the same office were retained; if so, will he explain the reason for such action?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Apart from current report, I have no knowledge that would enable me to answer this question.
- (4.) No; the engagements of temporary hands are by the day, and are terminable without notice from either side.

(4.)

- (4.) Removal of Police Magistrate from Molong:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the papers relating to the removal of the Police Magistrate from Molong be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table of the House within the next few days?

- (5.) Channel from River Murray to Moama Wharf:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to order the construction of a channel, leading from the River Murray to the wharf at Moama?

(2.) Will he make provision for the construction of a crane on the wharf at Moama?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the two previous Governments were favourable to the immediate necessity of these works being carried out, in order to conserve the large river trade?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) I explained to the Honorable Member, in reply to a somewhat similar question put to me on the 9th April last, that there were no funds at my disposal to admit of this work being carried out. This is still the state of the case. I intend to submit on the Additional Estimates, for the consideration of the Cabinet, a sum sufficient to carry out the whole work.

(2.) The above provision will include a crane.

(3.) The previous Government was, I gather from the papers, favourable to the project; and I find from the same source that the present Colonial Secretary, when in a previous Government, gave instructions for a report to be obtained thereon, which has been received.

- (6.) Bridge over River Murray, Tocumwal:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government communicated with the Victorian Government, inviting their co-operation in the construction of a traffic bridge over the River Murray, at Tocumwal?

(2.) If so, what reply has been received from the Victorian Government?

(3.) Will he state if it is intended to construct the bridge?

(4.) If so, when will tenders be invited for its construction?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) A reply has been received from the Victorian Government, intimating that Mr. William Thwaites, Engineer of the Roads and Bridges Department, had been instructed to confer with the officer appointed by this Government with reference to the construction of the bridge. These officers have furnished a report, but it has not yet been considered.

- (7.) Moama Common:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any applications been received from the trustees of the Moama Common (or on their behalf) for re-surveying the boundaries of the said Common?

(2.) Will he order that such re-survey be immediately made, in order that the boundaries may be clearly defined?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) A letter on the subject, dated the 26th April, 1889, was received on the 3rd instant.

(2.) The re-survey will be immediately authorized, on the usual terms.

- (8.) Prisoner Newman, Mount Rennie Case:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take into his consideration the expediency of opening up the Mount Rennie case, with a view to the liberation of the boy Newman, if that can be done with justice?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will take an early opportunity of looking into this matter.

- (9.) Commission of Inquiry, Lands Department:—Mr. A'Beckett asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on the Lands and Survey Department be dealt with?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Several Progress Reports have already been dealt with, or are under consideration. A Final Report is expected shortly, and will be dealt with as early as possible.

- (10.) Appointment of Mr. Shaw, Registrar-General's Office:—Mr. McRae asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a person named Shaw, not previously in the Government Service, been recently appointed to the position of Search Clerk in the Registrar-General's Office over the heads of old officers?

(2.) Was he recommended by the officers of the Department?

(3.) Was the position offered to any of the present officers?

(4.) Was there no one on the present Staff qualified for the position?

(5.) Will he make an inquiry into the circumstances of this case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) No.

(5.) I do not consider any inquiry necessary under the circumstances, as the gentleman was appointed on account of special qualifications.

- (11.) Capital expended on Railway Lines:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When can he inform the House what was the exact amount of interest payable annually on £26,532,122, the total amount of the capital expended on the railway lines opened at the end of 1887, allowing for the redemption of the debentures at par at due date?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—In the total capital expended on railway lines opened at end of 1887—viz., £26,532,122—was included £766,623, moneys expended from Consolidated Revenue, upon which no interest was payable. The amount bearing interest was thus £25,765,499. To raise this sum, debentures have been issued to the amount of £27,067,538, of which £987,275 had been finally paid off, leaving £26,080,263, the total amount upon which interest was payable annually. The interest payable was at the following rates:—

£ 6,097,567, at 5 per cent.	£304,878
£12,036,015, at 4	481,441
£ 7,956,681, at 3½	278,434
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£26,080,263					£1,064,803

- (12.) Court-house Reserve, Moama:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has he yet considered the desirability of complying with the request made by the Bench of Magistrates at Moama, that a sum of £50 sterling be expended in trenching and tree-planting upon the Court-house reserve at Moama?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to make provision, so that the money can be properly utilised before the present planting season has passed away?

Mr. Gould answered,—The request of the Bench has been considered, and an answer given to the effect that I cannot sanction the expenditure referred to; but that if the work of trenching can be done by the police lock-up prisoners, an application for the supply of a few trees and shrubs may be submitted.

2. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Chapman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the “Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill” be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and hold inquiries at, site of proposed harbour; and that the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of this House, to enable them to make the said visits of inspection.
Question put and passed.
3. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the discharge of mortgages.
Question put and passed.
4. LIMIT OF SPEECHES:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in order to expedite public business, that the speeches of Honorable Members should be limited to time.
- (2.) “That,” with a view to carrying out this object, unless otherwise ordered, no Member shall occupy more than forty minutes in speaking to any subject, except the mover of a substantive motion, or the second reading of a Bill, in which cases he may occupy one hour and thirty minutes when addressing the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” in the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the “Standing Orders Committee be requested to submit to the House a Standing Order dealing “with the Question.”

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, 10.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Melville.
Tellers,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Edmunds.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Lees,
Mr. William Stephen, Mr. Cooke,
Mr. McMillan, Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gould, Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Alison,
Mr. Brunner, Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Inglis, Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Barbour, Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Garrard, Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Greene, Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Dowel, Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Wall, Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cullen, Mr. King,
Mr. Perry, Mr. Paul,
Mr. Creer, Mr. Clubb.
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Abigail, Mr. Levien,
Mr. Wyman Brown; Mr. Nicoll.
Tellers,

And so it passed in the negative.

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 48.		Noes, 12.
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McRae,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Lovien,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Seaver,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. King,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Paul,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Alison.	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Dowel,		
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Barbour.	
Mr. Lakeman,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in order to expedite public business, that the speeches of Honorable Members should be limited to time.

(2.) That the Standing Orders Committee be requested to submit to the House a Standing Order dealing with the Question,—put and passed.

5. RAILWAY BETWEEN HAY AND DENILQUIN:—Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a railway should be constructed between Hay and Denilquin.
Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. RECLAMATION OF MUD-FLATS, BOTANY BAY:—Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, having regard to the state of the public health, and in view of the reproductive nature of the work, this House is of opinion that the nuisance which exists, and has existed for many years, on the north shore of Botany Bay should be at once abated, by reclaiming the mud-flats in that locality, for the following reasons:—(1) That such reclamation will conserve the public health, by removing the cause of typhoid fever and other diseases which are prevalent in the locality; (2) that it will very greatly increase the area of the public reserve; (3) that the work can be carried out at a moderate cost, and the value of the reclaimed land will be greatly in excess of the outlay.
(2.) That provision should be made in the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1889 to give effect to the above Resolution.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. SALE OF LIQUOR IN CLUBS:—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all clubs or other houses where liquor is sold should be required to pay license-fees.

(2.) That the sale of liquor in such clubs or houses should be prohibited after 11 p.m.

Question put.

The House divided:

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nicoll,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Cooke.	Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Traill,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Harold Stephen,		Mr. Gould,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Greene,	Mr. Wilshire.
Mr. Martin,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Paul.	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,		Mr. King,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. McRae,		Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Bowman.
Mr. Barnes,		Mr. Lec,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. 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 fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Crick, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*), Mr. Lees, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Harold Stephen, and Mr. Wilshire,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at Ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 1889.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 30th April last, appointing Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, 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; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Abbott to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.

(2.) *Member Sworn*:—Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Lieutenant Hammand:—*Mr. Kidd*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Lieutenant Hammand's request, by his letter of 1st February, 1889, for the specific formulation of charges to be made against him by his Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell), and for the appointment of a Court of Inquiry before which he could appear to refute them,—yet been granted or refused?

(2.) If no answer has been given to his request, what is the cause of the delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—So far as I understand this matter, Lieutenant Hammand has made this application and Colonel Cracknell has sought to obtain the Attorney-General's opinion as to whether there would be grounds for a civil action in any such proceedings. The Attorney-General declined, I think, to give his opinion unless asked for by the Colonial Secretary. Since then I think the General Commanding the Forces has also applied for a legal opinion. In the meantime, the Attorney-General has been so seriously ill as to be confined to his bed, and nothing has been done.

(2.) Seed-wheat to Distressed Farmers:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The name of the firm or person in Sydney supplying the seed-wheat to be distributed to distressed farmers?

(2.) The name of the gentleman who has been engaged to examine and pass the said wheat in Sydney?

(3.) Have any complaints been made as to the inferior quality of some of the wheat now being supplied by the Government to the farmers for seed?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Seed-wheat has been obtained from Messrs. Davidson Brothers, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin (Limited), the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., and Dalgety & Co., all of this city.

(2.) Mr. J. Cock, Soronto, Blacktown.

(3.) Mr. Hayes, M.P., has also inspected all the wheat which has been purchased. As I desired to be extra careful that the seed-wheat supplied was of the best quality, I applied to the honorable gentleman, feeling sure that from his great experience and knowledge of the subject he would not pass any seed wheat except it was of a quality suitable for the purpose intended. I purchased 2,000 bags from a firm which, upon arrival here last Tuesday, and upon inspection by Mr. Cock and Mr. Hayes, was found not to be up to sample, and it was accordingly rejected and other wheat had to be purchased. This has occasioned a little delay in supplying the seed-wheat. I purchased 2,400 bags, which was inspected yesterday, and is being distributed as rapidly as possible. I hope that in a few days all the wheat applied for will be supplied. In regard to the last question, no complaint has been made with respect to the quality of the wheat supplied. On Saturday afternoon I received a telegram from Mr. Black, of Molong, stating that the farmers there were well satisfied with the wheat which had been distributed by the Government. Considering the great care which has been taken in the examination of the wheat, I do not think it likely that any will be found to be faulty. (3.)

- (3.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Government delay the payment of the purchase-money, or any part of it, for Darling Island, until the Crown Solicitor certifies that the vendors have a title in fee-simple to the whole?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Honorable Member may rest assured that the interests of the Crown will be carefully guarded in the direction he points out.

- (4.) Board of Inquiry, Local Land Offices :—*Mr Willis*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a Board appointed to inquire into the working of Local Land Offices; if so, when was such Board appointed, and of whom does it consist?

(2.) Which of such Land Offices have the Board inquired into, and which are yet to be inquired into?

(3.) Has the Board furnished any Reports; if so, when will they be dealt with?

(4.) When will the labours of the Board be concluded, or are they permanently appointed to such position?

(5.) What remuneration are the members of the Board receiving, both with respect to salary and allowances?

(6.) What is the total cost of the Board up to the present time?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; a Board was appointed in July, 1887, by *Mr. Secretary Garrett*, consisting of *W. J. Conder*, Chairman, *Cooma Land Board*; *W. Houston*, then Chief Inspector of Land Board Offices; and *R. McDonald*, District Surveyor, Hay.

(2.) All Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices in the Colony have been inquired to.

(3.) The Board have furnished eleven (11) Progress Reports on all offices excepting those at Sydney, Forbes, and Dubbo, besides over one hundred (100) Special Reports and recommendations in connection with the local administration. A large number of these have been dealt with.

(4.) It is expected that the labours of the Board will be concluded in a few weeks.

(5.) Up to the present no arrangement has been made by which the members of the Board are to receive any remuneration other than the salaries attached to their respective offices, the amounts of which are as follows :—£700, £650, and £650 per annum. The travelling allowance to each member of the Board is 30s. per day whilst travelling. The two country members when in Sydney receive 15s. per day.

(6.) The total cost of the Board, as nearly as the sum can be apportioned, will be furnished in the form of a Return as early as practicable.

- (5.) Official Assignees :—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take the necessary steps to provide for a proper monthly audit of the books of the Official Assignees under the Bankruptcy Act, and also to have the accounts rendered by the Assignees to the Court certified as agreeing with those books?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The audit of the accounts of Official Assignees is regulated by the 94th section of the Bankruptcy Act of 1887, which places such audit in the hands of the Registrar in Bankruptcy. In addition to the audit so prescribed, the Judge may (under 93rd section) also direct an investigation to be made of the books and vouchers of the Assignees by the Colonial Treasurer or Registrar. When such directions are given, these accounts are audited by the Treasury Inspectors.

- (6.) Government Printing Office :—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he favourable to letting by public tender all printing work now executed at the Government Printing Office, excepting that required for the purposes of Parliament?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not favourable to letting by public tender all printing work now executed at the Government Printing Office, except that required by Parliament. A little consideration will show that a dual administration, partly by Government servants and partly by contractors out of doors, could only lead to increased expense, attended with much confusion and disorder. The practice in the Colonies, and in other countries, does not favour the view which seems to be held by the Honorable Member. I will presently lay upon the Table a minute from the Government Printer on the subject.

- (7.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island :—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any person been placed in charge of the Darling Island purchase, on behalf of the Government, to prevent the removal of material included in that purchase?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No one has yet been placed in possession. As soon as the transaction is completed, due care will be taken to conserve the interests of the Crown.

- (8.) Wharf Accommodation, Erskine-street :—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps have actually been taken by the Government up to this date in reference to the petition of Balmain residents for wharfage accommodation at Erskine-street, Sydney?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Inquiries have been made, with reference to a site for wharfage accommodation for the residents of Balmain. One which would be suitable is, I am informed, not open to purchase. At present there are no funds either for purchase or resumption. Provision will be made at an early date.

- (9.) *Mr. Fehon*, Railway Commissioner :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government received the Report from the Commission appointed to inquire into the charges made against *Mr. Railway Commissioner Fehon*?

(2.) If so, can he say when it will be laid upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Report of the Commission appointed to investigate the charges against *Mr. Fehon* has not reached me. There will be no objection whatever to laying it before Parliament.

(10.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the present length of the two Government jetties now in course of construction at the property known as Goodlet and Smith's, Darling Harbour, Pyrmont?
- (2.) What will be the length when finished, and the total cost?
- (3.) Is it a fact that there is about 1,400 feet of water frontage owned by private persons between Darling Island and the Government land known as Goodlet and Smith's?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the supposed road through the reclamation is only 66 feet wide and a distance of only 50 feet from the water frontage?
- (5.) Is it true that there are a number of factories and business places on this supposed road and reclaimed land?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to purchase this land?
- (7.) What is the estimated value of the land and improvements?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered—

- (1.) Two jetties, each projecting about 480 feet.
- (2.) Two, each 500 feet when finished; total cost, about £20,000, including the wharf on north side of Pyrmont Bridge.
- (3.) There appears to be about 1,120 feet of private frontage, and 200 feet of street frontages.
- (4.) The reservation is 66 feet wide, and at a distance of 50 feet back from reclamation limit.
- (5.) Yes; there are some timber-yards and other business places upon the Government land; but the reservation, 50 feet back, can be taken possession of at any moment and used as the Crown thinks fit.
- (6.) The Railway Commissioners are of opinion that it is not necessary, and that the new property can be sufficiently connected by rail on the 66 feet reservation, accommodating a double line of rails.
- (7.) I have not estimated the value, as former questions render it unnecessary.

3. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 25th April, 1889—"Medical Attendants to Aborigines at Cumeragunga Mission Station."
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cooma, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (4.) Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry and General Courts-martial, together with action taken in the Supreme Court, in the case of No. 95, Brigade Quarter-master Sergeant (now Gunner) William Webster, New South Wales Artillery.
- (5.) Blue Book for the Year 1888.
- (6.) Special Report by Commission of Inquiry on Casual Labour Board.
- (7.) Report of Messrs. Mason and Miles on working of late Casual Labour Board.
- (8.) Mr. John Davies' Explanation on Allegations made against him in the Special Report of Royal Commission on late Casual Labour Board.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Work now executed at the Government Printing Office.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) 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.
- (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 Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Plans in connection with Reports upon the Prospect Dam (to be appended to Papers previously laid upon the Table).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction on Education for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

4. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Plumb presented a Petition from Henry Glasson, Chairman of the Carcoar Pastures and Stock Protection Board, condemning the working of the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883"; and praying that in any future legislation on this subject, the principle of local self-government, and the compelling of each district to destroy the pests within its boundaries, be as far as possible enforced.
Petition received.

5. **COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND INVESTMENT COMPANY SALES 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 for the purpose of enabling the 'Commercial Building and Investment Company (Limited)' to sell and deal with real estate belonging to them, and of validating past sales or other dealings by the said Company,*"—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 May, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th June.

6. **BLUE JACKET MINING LEASE, CANOWINDRA** (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, minutes, reports, and other documents, relating to the case of the Blue Jacket Mining Lease 56, at Canowindra, in the county of Ashburnham.
Question put and passed.
7. **RAILWAY FREE PASSES ISSUED TO NYNGAN, BYROCK, AND BOURKE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of railway free passes issued to Nyngan, Byrock, and Bourke railway stations for the last six months, showing each month separately.
Question put and passed.
8. **RAILWAY FROM BYROCK TO BREWARRINA** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, &c., in connection with the proposed railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.
Question put and passed.
9. **LOSS OF FEES BY CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Howe moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications from Clerks of Petty Sessions for increase of pay in compensation for loss of fees, all recommendations from Stipendiary and other Magistrates bearing on these applications, and all minutes and other papers having reference to this subject.
Question put and passed.
10. **PURCHASE OF LAND KNOWN AS DARLING ISLAND** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, reports, plans, papers, and documents, in reference to the purchase of the property known as Darling Island, Pymont.
Question put and passed.
11. **PROPOSED RAILWAY TO LONGNOSE POINT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, reports, estimates, plans, and papers, in reference to the proposed railway to Longnose Point, Balmain.
Question put and passed.
12. **BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Paul moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of cattle sale-yards by the Borough Council of Bathurst.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Paul 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 Bathurst,*"—read a first time.
13. **SHEEP DISTRICT BOARDS (POWERS RESTORATION) BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Governor to revive, in certain Sheep Districts of the Colony, the provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, as amended by the Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881, in order that the Boards of such districts shall deal with rabbits as noxious animals.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Tonkin then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Governor to revive, in certain Sheep Districts of the Colony, the provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, as amended by the Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881, in order that the Boards of such districts shall deal with rabbits as noxious animals,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd July.
14. **OFFICIAL ASSIGNEES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Lyne, 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 the amounts paid to the respective Official Assignees for Commissions in Insolvency for the last ten years previous to 31st December, 1887, under Rule 15 of the General Rules in Insolvency, established 21st January, 1862; also, a Return of the amounts paid to the Official Assignees for remuneration, as per Quarterly Returns, in conformity with section 94 of the Bankruptcy Act of 1887.
Question put and passed.

15. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Standing Order should be established, prohibiting the asking of any question without notice, unless on the motion for the adjournment of the House; and that the answers to all questions of which notice has been given should be laid upon the Table of this House and taken as read.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Stokes.

Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 54.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. William Stephen,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ball,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Black,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Greene,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Edmunds.
Mr. Wymann Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Cullen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

16. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 :—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1889, 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 1889.

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

17. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 9 MAY, 1889, A.M.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Gould, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Lees, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Paul, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. William Stephen, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilshire,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at four minutes past Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Aborigines' Boat, Port Stephens:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Seaver, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was the boat sent to Port Stephens for the use of the aborigines taken from them by the Police and one of an inferior sort substituted for this one given specially for their use?
 (2.) If so, for what reason?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have a report from the Inspector-General to this effect:—"I am informed that this is not the case."

- (2.) Mineral Specimens, Paris Exhibition:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause the mineral specimens and trophies of New South Wales which were exhibited at the late Melbourne Centennial Exhibition to be exhibited at the Paris Exhibition?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—After very careful consideration, the Government have come to the conclusion that there is not time to make a successful exhibition of the specimens at Paris.

- (3.) Mineral Lease, Captain's Flat:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that over 500 acres of land near Captain's Flat were applied for as mineral leases by Forsyth and others over fifteen months ago?
 (2.) Is it a fact that up to the present time the leases have not been issued to these applicants?
 (3.) Will he state why these leases have not been issued?
 (4.) Have other applicants for land in the vicinity, who applied after Forsyth and party, had their leases issued long since?
 (5.) Will he take steps to have the leases of Forsyth and party issued at once, so that they may work the land, or be compelled to throw it up in order that others may do so?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) About 400 acres were so applied for in May, 1888.
 (2.) All the leases have been issued some time since, except one, which is awaiting His Excellency's signature.
 (3.) Some delay occurred through some necessary action on the part of the applicant.
 (4.) No instance can be found in which this has occurred.
 (5.) The remaining lease will be issued with the least possible delay.

- (4.) Business Sites, Captain's Flat:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he yet taken into consideration the claims of mining representatives to the business sites at Captain's Flat, which the holders have applied to have sold by auction with value of improvements added?
 (2.) If so, is there any reason for delay in returning the case to the Lands Department, so that it may be dealt with there?
 (3.) Is it a fact that it is now over twelve months since application was made to have these business sites sold?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) The papers relating to the proposed sale of allotments at Captain's Flat were referred to this Department, and reports thereon were obtained and forwarded to the Lands Department.
 (2.) The papers were returned to the Lands Department on the 28th March last.
 (3.) This is a matter for the Lands Department.

(5.)

- (5.) Money Order Office, Borenore:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster General,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish, for the convenience of the public, a savings bank and money order office at Borenore; if so, will he state when the office is likely to be opened?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Yes; about the 1st June next.

- (6.) Police Protection for Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that complaints have of late been made through the Press of the want of police protection at Molong?
 (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to reorganize the local police staff, with the view to the better protection of the public?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Force at Molong is numerically adequate for the duties to be performed. The Inspector-General of Police is making inquiries as regards efficiency, and will take action if necessary.

- (7.) Rabbit Nuisance Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Will he state the amount of money that has been expended annually in wages or fees under the Rabbit Act since it first came into operation to the present period?
 (2.) The same information with regard to the amount of collections or assessments received annually during the same period?
 (3.) What is the present state of the Rabbit Account Fund; and if in arrear, how much; and what steps (if any) are to be taken for its liquidation?
 (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to repeal the Act; if so, when?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The subject of repealing the present Act has not yet been considered by the Government. The other information asked for by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of a Return.

- (8.) Public Gates, Richmond River District:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a list of public gates in Richmond River District?

Mr. Brunner answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return in the usual manner, I am aware of no objection to the supply of the information desired.

2. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Discharge of Mortgages*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th June.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return showing Names of Tenants who occupy Premises adjacent to Parliament House.
 (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 31st March, 1889.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS 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 sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the County of Cumberland*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 9th May, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 9th May, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause add "And parts five and six of the said Act shall apply to such Municipalities in all respects, as if, instead of the words 'Board,' or 'President of the 'Board,' the words 'Secretary for Public Works, or the Member of the Executive Council for the time being charged with the duties of the said Minister,' were therein substituted."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ritchie moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to John Richard Linsley, Esquire, a Member for Central Cumberland, for the remainder of this Session.
 Question put and passed.
6. BERRIMA PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION BOARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, minutes, or other documents having reference to the appointment of the Board at Berrima under the Stock and Pastures Protection Act, or the appointment of Mr. E. Carter as one of the members of the Board for the year 1888-9.
 Question put and passed.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—Bourke v. Perry, The Richmond*):—Mr. Lee, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, and Appendix handed in to, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 8th March, 1889, the Petition of William Bourke against the return of John Perry as a Member for the Electoral District of The Richmond. 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 1st March, 1889, to whom was referred, on 8th March, 1889, a Petition from William Bourke, alleging that Petitioner is qualified to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly, and at the last General Election was a Candidate for the Electoral District of The Richmond; that, in addition to the Petitioner, three other persons—T. T. Ewing, B. B. Nicoll, and John Perry—were candidates; that the said John Perry, at and after the Nomination, was Postmaster at Alstonville, receiving a salary voted by the Parliament of this Colony, being an office of profit under the Crown; that, under the circumstances detailed, the Petitioner was duly and legally elected; and praying that it shall be determined and reported to the Legislative Assembly that the said John Perry was not duly elected, and that the Petitioner was duly elected for the said Electoral District,—have determined and do hereby declare,—

“(1.) That John Perry, one of the Members for The Richmond, 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.

“(2.) That the Petition is frivolous and vexatious.

“(3.) That the sum of £5 5s. out of the sum of £100 already lodged by the Petitioner be awarded to the Sitting Member towards his costs and expenses.

“No. 3 Committee Room,

“Legislative Assembly, 9th May, 1889.

“CHARLES A. LEE,

“Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lee, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

8. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, after Friday, 10th instant, unless otherwise ordered, Friday be a sitting day of this House; that the House meet at 4 o'clock p.m.; and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day. Question put and passed.

9. PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word “now,” with a view to adding, at the end, the words “this day six months.”

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Smith, 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 that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House thereon.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that Clause 10 of the Bill being under consideration, Mr. Stokes, the Honorable Member for Forbes, proposed to add to the Clause, the words—“Notwithstanding anything in the ‘Public Works Act of 1888’ to the contrary, all rival routes of surveyed railway lines, designed to connect towns with existing railways, shall be submitted to the Public Works Committee for their consideration and report, in conjunction with section 13, sub-sections 1 to 5 inclusive, of the Public Works Act of 1888, as hereby amended;” to which amendment exception was taken, on the ground that it would empower the Committee to report upon rival routes, and was therefore beyond the scope of the order of leave; that he, the Chairman, had given his opinion that the amendment was in order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was not admissible, it being outside the order of leave and the scope of the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. SYDNEY CENTRAL POLICE COURT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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. Smith, 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. Smith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Artillery Association:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has become of the money voted for the Artillery Association?
 (2.) Has it been expended for the purposes for which it was voted?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Artillery Forces:—The money is being expended, and the match meeting will be held as soon as the programme of events can be drawn up by the Committee. The delay occurred from the Permanent Artillery being away at Newcastle, which prevented the meeting being carried out last October.

- (2.) Police Barracks, Louth:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the work of erecting the police barracks at Louth be commenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Colonial Architect informs me that the work is already in progress.

- (3.) Special Vote for Water Conservation:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the present favourable condition of the country, in consequence of the late rains, and the fact that contract work in connection with water conservation could be let at a lower rate than in times of drought, is it the intention of the Government to ask Parliament during the present Session for a special Vote for water conservation and irrigation purposes?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The question is under the consideration of the Government.

- (4.) Road, Jindera to Yambula Railway Station:—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Hayes*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the reason for delaying opening of road from Jindera to Yambula railway station?

Mr. Brunker answered,—On an application presented by *Mr. Day*, M.P., a road through *Edward Kernan's* land was surveyed, and on 23rd March, 1888, established by proclamation in *Government Gazette*. On a protest of *Mr. Kernan's*, supported by a suggestion that an alternative line be adopted, a report was obtained, which being favourable to the object sought, instruction issued in December, 1888, to surveyor to lay out the alternative route.

2. PAPERS:—

- Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of Hyde, Phillip, and Cook Parks for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

- Mr. Bruce Smith* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Meehan, county of Cook, for Wharf Accommodation at Colo River.

(2.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Kalateenee, county of Dudley, for Wharf Accommodation at Euroka, Macleay River.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Correspondence respecting Claim of *George Samuel Peel* against the Railway Construction Branch.

(4.) Return to an Order made on the 3rd April, 1889—"Accident to the Steamer 'Ajax'."

3. **RABBIT NUISANCE ACT**:—Mr. McFarlane presented a Petition from William Small, Chairman of the Grafton Pastures and Stock Protection and Sheep Board, condemning the working of the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883"; and praying that in any future legislation on this subject, the principle of local self-government, and the compelling of each district to destroy the pests within its boundaries, be as far as possible enforced.
Petition received.
4. **OUTBREAK OF TYPHOID FEVER AT NEWTOWN**:—Mr. Bruce Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the original papers laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th January, 1889, respecting the Outbreak of Typhoid Fever at Newtown, having been printed, the Clerk have leave to return them to the custody of the Public Works Department.
Question put and passed.
5. **PROSPECT DAM**:—Mr. Bruce Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the original papers laid upon the Table of the House on the 6th, 12th, and 13th December, 1888, respecting the Prospect Dam, having been printed, the Clerk have leave to return them to the custody of the Public Works Department.
Question put and passed.
6. **BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—Mr. Tonkin presented a Petition from certain Residents of the town of Kelso, in the county of Roxburg and surrounding district, praying that the provisions of the Bathurst Cattle Sale-yards Bill may be so amended that a rate on all stock sold within the proposed radius will not be allowed.
At the request of Mr. Tonkin, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
7. **MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Hurley (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
8. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY 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 the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island:—Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was Darling Island included in the original Pyrmont grant?
 (2.) Was Darling Island ever granted to any one; and, if so, what is the date of the grant?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) It is impossible to say, from the description in the grant; but in 1885 its inclusion was recommended by the Surveyor-General, and approved by Mr. Farnell, then Minister for Lands.
 (2.) The action of the Minister in 1885 practically vested the island in the owner of the fee simple of the residue of the Pyrmont property.

- (2.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does the Darling Island purchase include the 1 acre 1 rood 21 perches comprised in Crown grant, dated 11th April, 1889?
 (2.) What amount did the Government receive for that grant?
 (3.) What are the circumstances under which that grant was issued?
 (4.) What is the price per acre paid by the Government for the Darling Island purchase?
 (5.) Was the Crown grant above referred to recorded in the books of the Registrar-General before or after the contract for sale of Darling Island was made with the Government?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) £680.
 (3.) It appears, from a perusal of the papers on the subject, that on the 7th January, 1885, the matter was reported upon by the then Surveyor-General (Mr. Adams) in the following terms:—“Submitted that, although in my opinion applicants do not show a legal title to the land, it is not desirable, after such long possession, that they should be disturbed, or that the Government should refuse to consider their application on its merits.” This recommendation was approved on the 19th January, 1885, by the then Secretary for Lands (the late Honorable J. S. Farnell). It was not, however, until 7th March, 1889, that the matter was finally completed, when the late Secretary for Lands (The Honorable W. J. Lyne) minuted the papers as follows:—“As the money has been paid, and the Government have gone too far to withdraw, the deed may issue.” The whole property cost £135,000. It includes 8 acres 1 rood 37¼ perches.
 (4.) The property was not purchased by the acre.
 (5.) The conditional contract is dated the 30th April, 1889. The registration of the sale of the 1 acre 1 rood 27 perches was merely a completion of the matter finally closed by Mr. Lyne. The registration was 9th May, 1889.

- (3.) Water from Nepean for Irrigation Purposes:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, at the earliest opportunity, consider the advisableness of formulating a scheme by which the surplus water from the Nepean may be utilised for irrigation purposes along the line of route?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter has already received considerable attention, and some suitable sites for reservoirs have been selected, and preliminary surveys made. I will have further reports and estimates prepared, with the view of arriving at a comprehensive scheme.

(4.)

(4.) Decree *re* Stephen *v.* Erwin :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Were the deeds of the 5th and 16th August, 1876, cancelled by the decree, as pronounced on 11th May, 1887, in the case of Stephen *v.* Erwin?
- (2.) Has the Judge who adjudicated reported to him in reference to the same?

Mr. Gould answered,—The answers given on the 14th March, 13th June, and 11th December last, to the Honorable Member, in reply to questions respecting the same case, are applicable to the questions now asked, viz.—“As this case is still pending before the Court, and 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.”

(5.) Civil Service Act :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the investigation, as provided by section 54 of the Civil Service Act, been made; and, if so, with what result?
- (2.) What was the amount standing to the credit of the Superannuation Account on 31st December, 1888?
- (3.) What amount was credited or is due to such account for that year?
- (4.) What amount has been paid, or is to be paid, as pensions or otherwise from such account for the same year?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Chairman of the Civil Service Board :—

- (1.) The investigation required by the Act has necessitated a very large amount of preparatory work, to form a basis upon which the Actuary can make his computations, and much time has been required to collect and verify the information. The work was commenced under the directions of the late Actuary (Mr. H. S. Hawkins), but was interrupted by his death. It is now being carried on by the present Actuary, who will shortly furnish his report.
- (2.) The credit balance on 31st December, 1888, was £299,597 2s. 3d.
- (3.) The sum of £102,289 18s. 1d. was credited to the account during 1888.
- (4.) The disbursements were £38,129 7s. 6d.

(6.) Casual Labour Board :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it customary for the permanent heads of Departments, who disburse public money, to enter into guarantee bonds of fidelity; if so, what are the various amounts of guarantees entered into in the case of each permanent head?
- (2.) Were the members of the Casual Labour Board required to enter into similar guarantee bonds; and, if so, what was the amount in each case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) All Heads of Departments who disburse public money are placed under security for different amounts, according to the nature and responsibilities of their offices. Such amounts vary from £200 to £3,000.
- (2.) The members of the Casual Labour Board were not considered as “Heads of Departments,” and no security was asked in their case. Their paid secretary, Mr. Hinchliffe, is, however, under security for the sum of £1,000.

2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY 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 provide for the vesting of properties held on Trusts for the benefit of the Church of England, and to grant powers of dealing with the same, discharged from Trust or Consecration, in certain events.*”

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 provide for the vesting of properties held on Trusts for the benefit of the Church of England, and to grant powers of dealing with the same, discharged from Trust or Consecration, in certain events,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th May, 1889.

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

(1.) Return to an Address adopted on the 13th December, 1888—“*Police Magistrate, Nowra—Clerk of Petty Sessions, Molong.*”

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 4th April, 1889—“*Sheriffs Bailiff and Court-keeper at Wollongong.*”

Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

(1.) Fuel Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel;—*until Tuesday, 25th June.*

(2.) City of Redfern Naming Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 25th June.*

(3.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 11th June.*

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Chanter 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 that the Members may discuss the conduct of Mr. Justice Windeyer at “Deniliquin and elsewhere, on various occasions.”

And

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Chanter moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Gould submitted to the Chair that the Honorable Member, Mr. Chanter, was out of order in discussing the conduct of a Judge on a motion for the adjournment of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not irregular to discuss the matter, but that the language used must not be disrespectful to that Judge.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable James Nixon Bruncker, 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, 15th May, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Honorable James Nixon Bruncker, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for the Honorable James Nixon Bruncker, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th May, 1889.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

8. NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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. Smith, 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 sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the County of Cumberland.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th May, 1889.

9. PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth.*"

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 alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th May, 1889.

10. SYDNEY CENTRAL POLICE COURT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Smith, *passed*.
 Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court, 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 sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court in the City of Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th May, 1889.
11. MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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. Smith, 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. Smith, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. POTTS' HILL STORAGE RESERVOIR BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith 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. Smith, 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. Smith, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge at Goolagong:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of a bridge at Goolagong; if so, will he state when the work is likely to be proceeded with, in the interest of the travelling public?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the Department is in favour of the erection of this bridge, and two or three years back the sum of £4,000 was approved of for that purpose?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The question has not yet been determined.

(2.) The officers of the Department recognize the fact that a bridge will have to be built eventually at the spot named, but no amount has ever been placed on the Estimates for the purpose. I can promise the Honorable Member that the matter will be considered when the next Estimates are before the Cabinet.

(2.) South Head Road Trust:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount did the Government of the day pay to the Commissioners of the South Head Roads Trust in liquidation of the debts due on such roads when the tolls on those roads were abolished?

(2.) Will he state the amount of the Parliamentary grant voted to the South Head Road Commissioners for maintaining the roads under their control from the year 1882 to 1888 inclusive?

(3.) Under whose jurisdiction is a street in the Municipality of Woollahra, described in the *Government Gazette* of 12th March, 1880, page 1261, as South Head Road, from Bentley's Bridge, Rushcutter's Bay, to South Head Old Road?

(4.) After the street referred to in the preceding paragraph was duly confirmed by the proper *Gazette* and other notices, did any person claim compensation in respect of the line of road as described in the Schedule to the *Government Gazette* notice in connection with such road, dated 20th July, 1880, page 3238?

(5.) Have the proper notices and proclamations as to the breadth of the carriage and foot ways of the South Head New Road (including in such the street immediately before referred to) been long since promulgated; and has any action, up to this time, been taken by the Commissioners of the Road Trust to carry out and fulfil the stipulations as to the alignment and breadth of such road?

(6.) Is it a fact that through the Commissioners of the South Head Road Trust not carrying out their duties and assuming the responsibility in connection with the proper breadths and alignments of such road, serious loss and damage has been sustained by the proprietors of land along such road; and are they prepared to abolish such Trusts, in pursuance of the Acts in that behalf?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) £5,000.

(2.) £18,975.

(3.) The Commissioners of the South Head Roads Trust.

(4.) No objection was received; but a proposal was made by Mr. Buckland, on behalf of the Cooper Estate, that the position of the road in certain places should be altered, but it has not been done.

(5.) Yes; the road or street in question was aligned by *Gazette* notice of 8th October, 1880, folio 5221.

(6.) The Department is not aware of any loss or damage, and is not contemplating the abolition of the Trusts referred to.

(3.)

(3.) Railway from Molong to Wilcannia, and Nyngan to Wilcannia:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the distance from Molong to Wilcannia, *via* Parkes, by the line surveyed for a railway?
- (2.) What is the distance from Nyngan to Wilcannia, *via* Cobar, by the line surveyed for a railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Molong to Wilcannia, *via* Bumberry, through Parkes and Condobolin, 382 miles 74 chains; Molong to Wilcannia, *via* Flagstone Creek, through Parkes and Condobolin, 381 miles 6 chains.
- (2.) Nyngan to Wilcannia, *via* Cobar, 237 miles 14 chains.

(4.) Volunteer Force:—Mr. Joseph Abbott, for Mr. Molesworth, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many companies, under the partially-paid system, in the Volunteer Force have failed to comply with the Volunteer Act as to their efficiency for the quarters ending 31st December, 1888, and 31st March, 1889, respectively?
- (2.) How many civilians are there engaged in connection with the Military Service of this Colony?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to place the Botany Volunteer Artillery upon the same footing as the Balmain Volunteer Artillery?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Efficiency is not calculated quarterly, but on annual returns.
- (2.) Sixteen, five of whom are temporarily employed.
- (3.) It has not yet been considered; but I will obtain a report from the military authorities on the subject.

(5.) Railway, Tarago to Braidwood:—Mr. Rylie asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Railway Commissioners take into consideration certain information submitted to them by the Secretary for Public Works with regard to the construction of the Tarago to Braidwood line of railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The very valuable additional information supplied to me by the Honorable Member some days ago has now been considered by the Railway Commissioners, whose report I received this morning. That report contains a proposal, which I shall now have to submit to the Cabinet, after which I shall again communicate with the Honorable Member.

(6.) Railway from Guyra to the Clarence, *via* Don Dorrigo:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received a letter from the Chief Commissioner for Railways, written by Mr. Copeland, with reference to a railway route from Guyra to the Clarence, *via* Don Dorrigo; if so, will he cause a flying survey to be made, with a view to ascertaining the practicability of connecting the table-lands of New England with the sea-board by this route, which, it is alleged, passes through rich agricultural land and a forest of valuable timber trees?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A letter has been received, and has been sent to the Engineer-in-Chief for his report. The survey asked for will now depend upon that report.

(7.) Establishment of Iron and Steel Industries:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he received a letter from Mr. Albert Leahy, C.E., dated 31st October, 1888, relative to the establishment of the iron and steel manufacturing industries in this Colony?
- (2.) If such a letter has been received, will he lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House, together with any other letters which Mr. Leahy has addressed either to him, the Under Colonial Secretary, or to the Colonial Secretary's Department, on or subsequent to 31st October, 1888?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In relation to this matter, the letters alluded to have been received. The question is one of very considerable importance, and it is engaging the attention of the Government, not only in relation to the letters which are here alluded to, but in relation to other proposals which have been submitted to the Government. I do not think a decision will be arrived at under (say) a week to come.

(8.) Sugar Duties Convention:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any communications from the Imperial Government been received by this Government since 1st January, 1887—either through His Excellency the Governor, or direct to the Premier—relative to the action of this Colony with regard to the Sugar Duties Convention?
- (2.) If so, what are the dates of those communications and the replies made to them respectively?
- (3.) Will he lay them upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In relation to this matter, I will lay a statement upon the Table of the House, fully explaining the position in which it stands.

(9.) Applications to purchase Roads:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to application to purchase roads, folio 3129, *Gazette*, 1889, Misc. S9-2,181,—will he cause an account to be prepared (and when prepared to be audited by the Under Secretary for Lands, and laid upon the Table of this House within the next two weeks in the form of a Return), showing the several items of cost to the Government of the work performed, whether by piece-work or salaried officers, in connection with the purchase of these roads, commencing with the application to purchase and ending with the advertisement in the *Gazette* referred to; such account to show the cost to the Government, actually paid or estimated, of all clerical and professional work done in correspondence, submissions, approvals, plans, tracings, town office work, district land office work, town survey work, district office survey work, inspections, surveys and valuations, travelling expenses, and time occupied in going to and from the subject land while inspecting, surveying, and valuating same; also, the actual money paid, or the usual charges made, for the several advertisements that have appeared in local papers and in the *Government Gazette* in connection with the sale of the said roads?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Return desired by the Honorable Member will be furnished as soon as practicable, but will necessitate a very expensive investigation, involving reference to the Land Board and District Survey Offices, and cannot therefore be promised within the period specified. The Return when completed cannot be expected to be more than an approximation.

- (10.) Paris Exhibition:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the letters of the French Consul of 21st February, 14th September, and 6th December, 1888, relative to the co-operation of this Colony in the Exhibition in Paris, with the replies thereto?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no objection whatever.

- (11.) Appointment of Mr. Angus to Railway Service:—*Mr. Lyno* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a gentleman named Angus, lately from England, has been employed by the Commissioners; if so, what is his position in the Railway Service, what is his title and his salary, and from what fund is he being paid?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Angus has lately had an examination of all former inspectors, sub-inspectors, time-keepers, and others; and, if so, for what purpose?
 - (3.) Is it also a fact that the Mr. Angus referred to has brought from England with him a navy; and, if so, what position does the navy fill?
 - (4.) Will he prevent the employment of the said navy, on the ground that to give him employment would be unfair while there are so many old railway hands eligible for the work?

Mr. McMillan answered,—*Mr. James Angus* is employed by the Railway Commissioners; he is a Civil Engineer; his salary is £600 per annum; and he is being paid out of the working expenses of the Railway, pending the passing of the Estimates by Parliament. The Staff of inspectors, &c., has recently been examined by Mr. Angus and the Engineer of Existing Lines, for the purpose of ascertaining their respective qualifications, in view of a proposed re-organization of the Staff. With regard to questions (3) and (4), nothing is known of the person referred to, by Mr. Angus, or by the Commissioners.

- (12.) John Sullivan, late Engineer of the "Leila":—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his promise that John Sullivan, formerly fireman of the "Leila," should be reinstated in the Service been carried out?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Sullivan is only to be reinstated when a vacancy occurs?
- (3.) Will he take steps to see that his promise is carried out?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I promised to reinstate Sullivan if it could be done without injustice to others, but found that this was not possible, as the place he occupied formerly had been permanently filled, and am informed further that there is no suitable vacancy at present for Sullivan in the Harbours and Rivers Branch. I have instructed the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers to give Mr. Sullivan the first suitable opening which occurs.

- (13.) Destruction of Trees, River Murray:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that men employed by the Victorian authorities in connection with the snagging of the River Murray are ruthlessly destroying valuable red gum trees growing upon the northern bank of the said river?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to who authorized this destruction?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no knowledge on the subject, but I will cause inquiry to be made.

- (14.) Tramway from Jerilderie to Berrigan:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government arrived at any determination regarding the construction of a tramway from Jerilderie to Berrigan?
- (2.) If so, has he any objection to state the intentions of the Government in regard to it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The matter has not yet been considered by the Cabinet.

- (15.) Reserves for Travelling Stock:—*Mr. Walker*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The approximate area of land at present reserved throughout the Colony for travelling stock reserve purposes?
- (2.) The amount of rent (if any) annually paid for the use of the same, and by whom paid?

Mr. Brunner answered,—As there are many thousands of miles of travelling stock reserves in the Colony, the information required cannot possibly be furnished at present, or within any brief period. If, however, the Honorable Member will move for a Parliamentary Return in the ordinary way, I see no objection to supplying the information, other than that of the large expense which will be entailed in procuring the necessary particulars. Each travelling stock reserve runs through a vast extent of country—not through one district, but through many. It will take a considerable time to compile the necessary information, and involve a large expense.

- (16.) Casual Labour Board:—*Mr. Kidd* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What sum or sums of money (if any) were paid to the Chairman of the late Casual Labour Board, on account of petty cash and travelling expenses, while in charge of the unemployed?
- (2.) What amount of fees and travelling expenses were due, to Mr. Davies on 31st December, 1887, and what amount did he receive?
- (3.) Is it true that upwards of £1,100 were due to Mr. Davies up to 31st December, 1888, on account of fees and travelling expenses?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Nothing paid on account of petty cash; but £261 10s. was paid to reimburse him for travelling expenses.
- (2.) Mr. Davies claimed £985, but it has not been paid.
- (3.) Mr. Davies claimed £1,100 up to this date, but no portion of it has yet been paid.

- (17.) Royal Commission, Mines Department:—Mr. Seaver asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Was a Royal Commission appointed to investigate and examine into the working of the Mines Department?
 (2.) What has been the result of the working of such Commission, and has it as yet sent in any report?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Royal Commission visited and inquired into the working of the Mines Department last year. The last visit was made some five months since, but no report appears to have been made.

- (18.) Amendment of Dog Act:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to so amend the Dog Act as to increase the registration fee to 10s., and to impose heavy penalties for non-registration?
 (2.) If so, will the Government insert a provision, requiring the destruction of all dogs at large without a collar thereon bearing the name and address of the owner?

Sir Henry Parkes answered:—The answer supplied to me, which I have only just this moment looked at, is in these words:—

- (1.) "A higher registration fee would be for the public benefit." I am obliged to say that I do not think I concur in that.
 (2.) "The law provides for this at present."

- (19.) Salary of Captain Fisher, Stipendiary Magistrate:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, for Mr. King, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Captain Fisher has only received, as a Stipendiary Magistrate, £800 per annum since his appointment, while a Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate has been paid at the rate of £860 per annum during the time he was acting for the Stipendiary?

(2.) Has the sum of £133 6s. 8d. on the Supplementary Estimates been paid to Mr. C. Delohery, Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate, without Parliamentary sanction; and when and by whom was such payment authorized?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes; Captain Fisher accepted the permanent position of Stipendiary Magistrate on the understanding that the salary would be £800 per annum, and this sum only was available for the salary of this office. Mr. C. Delohery acted for ten months as a Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate, but retained the responsibilities attaching to the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at the Central Police Court. The Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke) whom he was relieving having been absent without salary, a portion of the salary so saved was paid to Mr. Delohery, in view of the extra duties performed and saving in expenditure effected.

(2.) Yes; the payment was authorized by the late Minister of Justice on the 1st March, 1889.

2. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report, with the Standing Orders prepared by that Committee, pursuant to the references of the 16th April and 7th May, 1889.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. PUBLICATION OF OBSCENE EVIDENCE PREVENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Alexander Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the publication of proceedings in Courts of Law of an indecent or obscene character.
 Question put and passed.
4. ASSURANCE FUND UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The accumulation of the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act, at half-yearly rests, up to the 31st December, 1888, with interest added at 4 per cent., and distinguishing the fees from the interest.
 (2.) The investments and disbursements made up to the same date.
 Question put and passed.
5. BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Paul moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the "Bathurst 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. Bruncker, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Crick, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Thompson, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—McKinnon v. The Sitting Members, The Hastings and Manning*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott, 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 8th March, 1889, the Petition of Hugh McKinnon against the return of the Sitting Members for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning.

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 1st March, 1889, to whom was referred on 8th March, 1889, a Petition from Hugh McKinnon, alleging that at the last General Election, James Henry Young, Charles James Roberts, John Lowry Ruthven, and the Petitioner were severally candidates for election for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning; that, at the declaration of the Poll, the said James Henry Young and Charles James Roberts were declared to be duly elected; that, at the said Election, the polling-booth at Beechwood was closed for a portion of the time between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon on the day of polling, when the ballot-box was removed to another room, and certain voters were unable to record their votes; that, for those
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“ and other irregularities specified, the Petitioner prays that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said James Henry Young and Charles James Roberts may be declared null and void ; that a scrutiny of all the ballot papers should be made ; and that it may be declared and determined that your Petitioner was duly elected,—have determined and do hereby declare :—

“ (1.) That James Henry Young and Charles James Roberts, the Sitting Members, were duly elected as Members for The Hastings and Manning.

“ (2.) That the Petition is frivolous and vexatious.

“ (3.) That the sum of £30 out of the sum of £100, already lodged by the Petitioner, be awarded as witnesses expenses.

“ No. 3 Committee Room,

“ Legislative Assembly, 16th May, 1889.

“ J. P. ABBOTT,

“ Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Abbott, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be printed.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. O’Sullivan 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 “ to call attention to the information that has come to light concerning the Darling Island purchase.”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. O’Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunner, “ That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o’clock, until To-morrow at Four o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Manufactories in Wentworth Electorate:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Can he state who are the owners of the seven manufactories, and in what towns are they situated, stated by the Government Statistician to exist in the Electorate of Wentworth for the year 1888?

(2.) What is manufactured at each of these seven factories?

(3.) What was the output of each factory for the year 1888?

(4.) What was the total average number of hands employed in each factory for the year 1888?

(5.) How many of such hands were men, how many boys, and how many females?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government Statistician:—The works in the Wentworth Electorate, shown in the Statistical Register, are as follows:—Aerated waters, 1; printing, 2; saddlery, 1; tinware, 1; wool-scouring, 2. The total number of hands employed is 47—all males. The information regarding each work cannot be given, as the particulars are supplied to the collectors on the distinct understanding that no information will be divulged regarding the individual business of any person. In question No. 1, the term “seven manufactories” is used; but in the Register these are called “works or manufactories,” as the term “manufactory” does not properly describe some of the establishments.

(2.) Construction of Locomotives:—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many locomotive engines are being constructed for the Government by Messrs. Thos. Wearne & Co.?

(2.) What is the contract time for the whole of the engines, and when is the first one to be delivered?

(3.) Is it a fact that since the acceptance of the contract the Government have several times altered the designs of parts of these engines?

(4.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Wearne & Co. have been delayed and put to considerable expense by these alterations, and the want of boiler-plates, axles, and tyres, which the Government undertook to supply the contractor?

(5.) When will the designs of these engines be finally approved?

(6.) When will the contractor receive the boiler-plates, axles, tyres, and other material from the Government?

(7.) Is the Atlas Engineering Company carrying out their contract for the construction of twenty-five engines?

(8.) When will the first engine be delivered?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that Mr. Wearne has undertaken to construct twenty-five goods locomotives for the Government. The contract provides for the first engine to be delivered by the 30th July, 1889, and one engine every two months afterwards. No alteration has been made in the design, except as provided for by the conditions of contract. The Government arranged to indent for such quantities and descriptions of the necessary raw material of construction (with right to specify brands) as might be asked for by the contractor. This was done before the contract was actually signed, and the material is now in port and will be handed to the contractor as required. With the exception of a few minor details, required only at an advanced stage of construction, the designs have been in the hands of the contractor for some time. The Atlas Company are not carrying out their contract, having intimated to the Railway Commissioners, on the 29th ultimo, that they would be unable to do so.

(3.)

(3.) Real Property Act:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Edmunds, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that only a very few proprietors of leasehold interests have taken advantage of the Real Property Act to register their titles?
- (2.) How many leaseholds have been registered under that Act, and where are the properties situated?
- (3.) Are the registered proprietors original lessees, or are their titles derived through those lessees by assignment, or under lease?
- (4.) If it is a fact that there are only a few registered leaseholds under the Act, will he ascertain from the proper authorities at the Land Titles Office what the reasons are, and whether the form of the certificate issued to applicants for leasehold registration is one reason?
- (5.) Has the freehold estate been brought under the Act in any (and, if so, in what) cases in which leaseholds have been brought under it?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Upon inquiry of the Registrar-General, I find that these questions will entail a large amount of labour and research, and that it will take considerable time to prepare the answers. I will endeavour to obtain the information asked for, and will lay it upon the Table in the shape of a Return in the course of a week or fortnight.

(4.) The Penny Postage System:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Have the Government considered the advisability of extending the penny postage system throughout New South Wales, or at least to all places accessible by railway?
- (2.) Did the late Postmaster-General (*Mr. Roberts*) promise this, and also that it would be decided at an early date?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the present Government to consider it during the present session?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) The present Government has not yet had an opportunity of considering this question.
- (2.) *Mr. Roberts* promised that the question of extending the penny postage throughout the Colony should be considered; but no promise was made that it would be decided at an early date.
- (3.) Yes; if the state of public business will permit.

(5.) Cemetery at Botany:—*Mr. William Stephen* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken towards opening the cemetery at Botany, near La Perouse?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision during the present year to have the abovenamed cemetery fenced and made secure from trespass?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Trustees have been appointed for the following subdivisions of this cemetery, viz., Church of England, Independent, Wesleyan, and the general burial ground. For the Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Presbyterian portions, trustees will shortly be appointed.
- (2.) A sum was granted to trustees for fencing this cemetery in 1884, but not having been used was subsequently transferred to the Treasury. Upon the passing of this year's Estimates, the matter of granting a sum for the purpose mentioned will be considered.

(6.) Wharfs, Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an application has been made for extending a wharf into the fairway of Darling Harbour?
- (2.) Is it a fact that an extension to another wharf of a like character was some time ago granted to *Mr. Mellraith*, and that it is now unoccupied?
- (3.) Is it a fact that these two wharfs are in a very narrow part of the harbour, opposite to the railway wharfs?
- (4.) Will he at once stop all chances of this application being granted, as being prejudicial to public interests?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone the details of this question for a week; but I may say that I have sought an interview with the President of the Marine Board, in order that I might ascertain whether the proposed extension of the wharf is likely to interfere with the navigation of the harbour.

(7.) Appointment of *Mr. Shaw*, Registrar-General's Office:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the person appointed as Assistant Search Clerk, although stated to be specially qualified, has no special qualifications for the office?
- (2.) Do the Examiners of Titles accept and rely upon his searches?
- (3.) Did not the Registrar-General, previous to the position being filled, report that the appointment of an incompetent officer would probably involve the Government in a loss of perhaps thousands of pounds?
- (4.) Is the person appointed competent?
- (5.) Are there not officers in the Registrar-General's Department better fitted for the position than *Mr. Shaw*?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I do not think so. *Mr. Shaw* was recommended as being specially qualified.
- (2.) Yes, as far as I know.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I have no report from the Examiners of Titles or the Registrar-General to the contrary.
- (5.) I cannot say—none were recommended by the Registrar-General.

2. NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BILL:—*Mr. Cullen*, 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 30th April, 1889. And the Report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
On motion of *Mr. Cullen*, the Bill was withdrawn.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report on Prisons for 1888.
- (2.) Report of Proceedings under Bankruptcy Act of 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Appendices to Report of Minister of Public Instruction on Education for 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POTTS' HILL STORAGE RESERVOIR BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of a storage reservoir in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the county of Cumberland,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1889.*

5. TRIAL SURVEYS, RICHMOND TO WALLERAWANG AND RICHMOND TO ESKBANK (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Edmunds moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) Copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, papers, and other documents relating to the railway trial survey, Richmond to Wallerawang.
- (2.) Copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, papers, and other documents relating to the railway survey, Richmond to Eskbank, as carried out by Mr. Sharkey, Civil Engineer.

Question put and passed.

6. MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Bruce Smith 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 clause 3."

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 so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with an amendment.

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

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

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Traill 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 "to call attention to the delay in producing the opinion of Mr. Pilcher on the charge against Mr. John Davies, C.M.G., and the neglect of the Government to provide an opportunity for discussing the same and antecedent circumstances."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Opinion of C. E. Pilcher, Esq., Q.C., on Charges preferred against the Hon. John Davies, C.M.G., in Special Report of Royal Commission on late Casual Labour Board.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Papers relative to Fees, &c., to Members of late Casual Labour Board.

Ordered to be printed.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunker, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

10. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

11. **INTERCOLONIAL DEBTS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Gould, 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. P. Abbott* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Gould, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers 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. 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 *Mr. J. P. Abbott* 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.
13. **CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING 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 *Mr. J. P. Abbott* reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—
 (1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 10, and 11, postponed until Tuesday next.
 (2.) The remaining Notices of Motion of General Business postponed until Tuesday next.
 (3.) The Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1 and 2, postponed to follow after Order of the Day No. 3.
15. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stevenson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Stevenson, 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. P. Abbott* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Stevenson, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at Fifteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales,

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 MAY, 1889.

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.) North Shore Drainage Works Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works on the North Shore of Port Jackson, in the county of Cumberland,*"—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, 21st May, 1889.

(2.) Church of England Property Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of properties held on Trusts for the benefit of the Church of England, and to grant powers of dealing with the same, discharged from Trust or Consecration, in certain events,*"—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, 21st May, 1889.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Level-crossing Gates, Interlocking Gear, &c.:—Mr. Street asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he inform the House of the names and addresses of all contractors who have supplied the Government of New South Wales with level-crossing gates and machinery connected therewith, the date of the acceptance of the contracts, and the cost per set of said gates and machinery?

(2.) The names and addresses of the contractors who are supplying the Department with interlocking gear for operating points and signals on the railways of this Colony, the dates of the acceptance of such contracts, and the price per set?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed McKenzie & Holland have supplied the Railway Department with level-crossing gates and machines connected therewith. Formal contracts have not been made, the supplies being obtained as required at a schedule of prices. The cost is about £133 per set.

(2.) Supplies of interlocking gear, for operating points and signals, have been obtained from McKenzie & Holland, England, and Messrs. Ball & Co., Goulburn. I will lay information upon the Table in the form of a Return, giving prices in detail.

(2.)

(2.) Reserve at Goangora (Kilcargoo) Crossing-place, Namoi River :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the fences and obstructions on travelling stock reserve at Goangora (Kilcargoo) Crossing-place of the Namoi River (No. 13 from sale, No 75 from lease; notified 17th July, 1862) have not been removed, as promised and directed, and that the lessee positively refuses to do so?

(2.) What officer was instructed to see such done, and why has he not done so?

(3.) Will immediate instructions issue for the removal of these obstructions, so that the public travellers, carriers, and teamsters may have the free use of them and access to water?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I regret being unable at present to supply the Honorable Member with the information desired, as the correspondence having reference to the reserve in question is in the hands of the District Surveyor at Moree. Steps will, however, be taken to obtain the papers, and to supply the information required.

(3.) Regina v. Christensen :—Mr. Traill asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers connected with the case of Regina v. Christensen, tried at Dubbo at the April sittings, 1888?

Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the regular way.

(4.) Casual Labour Board :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many men are now employed under the direction of the Casual Labour Board?

(2.) What is the amount per diem paid to Mr. Miles for his services in connection with the Casual Labour Board?

(3.) The same information with regard to Mr. Mason?

(4.) What is the salary received per week by Mr. McPherson?

(5.) How much is paid to Semple, the groom or coachman of Mr. McPherson?

(6.) What salaries are paid to Messrs. Boylan, Munce, Bell, Bell junior, and Hibble for their services in connection with the Casual Labour Board?

(7.) Is it a fact that two detectives are still employed in connection with the Casual Labour Board?

(8.) What rent is paid for the premises occupied by the Board in Goulburn-street?

(9.) What works are the unemployed still engaged upon?

(10.) The date of the starting of these works?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table this afternoon, giving the information. It should have been laid upon the Table last week, but I overlooked it in my box.

(5.) Land purchased from Mr. John Taylor, at Parramatta :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount (if any) has been paid to or on behalf of Mr. John Taylor in connection with the land purchased by the Government from him at Parramatta?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay any further sums on account of the said purchase before the authority of Parliament is obtained?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The amount paid to Mr. John Taylor is £600; and I apprehend that the balance must be paid.

(6.) Site for Trades Hall, Bathurst :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government provide a site at Bathurst for the erection of a Trades Hall?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position at this time to say whether the Government can take this course or not. I do not think I shall be able to give any information on the point for two or three weeks.

(7.) Drivers and Firemen in Goulburn District :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to a reply given by the Railway Commissioners to a resolution tabled by Mr. McCourt, with reference to the hours of labour the firemen in the Goulburn District have been kept on duty, have the Commissioners taken steps to obviate the necessity for these men working long hours?

(2.) Can the time the men work be ascertained from the pay-sheets; and, if so, what necessity is there for a long delay in the matter?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed the Commissioners have taken steps to obviate the engine-men being employed unduly long hours. The daily time worked by the men cannot be ascertained from the pay-sheets. I will inquire more fully into this matter, and will furnish the Honorable Member with further information.

(8.) Foreshores and Reserves, Lake George :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the shores of Lake George are a favourite resort of the public for shooting and fishing purposes?

(2.) Is it a fact that several of the land-owners on the shores of Lake George, who hold no rights over the foreshores and reserves in that vicinity, are in the habit of turning the public off these Crown lands, and threatening actions for trespass?

(3.) Will he take steps to protect the rights of the public in this matter?

(4.) Will he also cause a survey of these reserves near Lake George to be made, in order that the public may know whose land they are on?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of such being the fact,

(2 and 3.) There is no information on the subject in the Department; but should any complaint be received, it will be duly investigated and dealt with on its merits.

(4.) A report will be obtained from the local officers as to whether it is necessary to survey these reserves, or any of them; but I may point out that several of them are already defined, either wholly or in part, by the boundaries of adjoining measurements of alienated lands.

- (9.) Nuisance at Sparke's Bridge, Alexandria :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a nuisance exists in the vicinity of Sparke's Bridge, in the Borough of Alexandria?
 - (2.) Will the Government cause inquiry to be made, for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the nuisance (if any), and obtain a report thereon?
 - (3.) If, upon inquiry, a nuisance is found to exist in this locality, will the Government lay upon the Table of this House the report showing (1) the nature of the nuisance, (2) its cause, and (3) its effects upon the health and comfort of the residents in its neighbourhood?
 - (4.) If, upon inquiry and report, a nuisance is found to exist in the abovenamed locality, will the Government take steps to have it removed or abated without unnecessary delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Inquiry has been made, and a report thereon obtained.
 - (3.) The papers are somewhat voluminous; but there will be no objection to laying them upon the Table, if moved for in the ordinary way.
 - (4.) The matter shall be looked into.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising on Thursday, stand adjourned until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS :—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Information respecting the Casual Labour Board.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Notification respecting Reduction in Telegraph Press Rates to Western Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
5. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL :—
(1.) Mr. Alexander Brown presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough Council of Central Illawarra, praying for leave to be heard by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee now sitting on the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill, to call witnesses and adduce evidence, and to examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence before the said Committee.
Petition received.
Mr. Brown (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Brown then presented a similar Petition from Francis O'Donnell, of Five Islands, David James, of the same place, and John Richards, of Unanderra, near Wollongong.
Petition received.
Mr. Brown (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
Question put and passed.
6. PUBLICATION OF OBSCENE EVIDENCE PREVENTION BILL :—Mr. Alexander Brown presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the Publication of Proceedings in Courts of Law of an indecent or obscene character*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th July.
7. PROPOSED LINE OF RAILWAY BETWEEN BLACKTOWN AND BLAYNEY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all plans, sections, and reports of Mr. Surveyor Cummings on Mr. Gipps' proposed line of railway between Blacktown and Blayney, together with all documents bearing on the subject, addressed to the Minister for Works.
Question put and passed.
8. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a Railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway*."
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 Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a Railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway*,"—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, 21st May, 1889.*
9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 28th May.
10. WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT :—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Fisheries Act.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Howe, Mr. William Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

11. **TRAMWAY TO FIELD OF MARS COMMON AND RYDE**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a tramway should be constructed without delay to the Field of Mars Common and Ryde.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. **ENTRANCE TO PORT HACKING**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday 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 for 1889 the sum of £500, to obtain surveys and reports on the best means of improving the entrance to Port Hacking.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. McMillan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Seaver,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Hurley.	

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Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. King,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Grhame,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Playfair,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Thompson.

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **RENTAL ON GOLD-MINING AND MINERAL LEASES**:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Mining Act should be so amended as to impose a uniform rental on all gold-mining and mineral leases, such rental not to exceed 5s. per acre per annum.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
14. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to submit to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, appointed under the Public Works Act of 1883, for their inspection and report, all rival routes of railways designed to connect towns with existing railways, of which trial surveys have been made.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Playfair.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alison,	
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Croer,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Howe,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Ritchie,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. King,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. **ANJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY, 1889, A.M.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Permanent Artillery:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that General Richardson, in his letter to His Excellency the Governor, dated 30th January, 1889, headed "Discipline.—Court of Inquiry—Supply and Issue of clothing, Permanent Artillery," recommended that Sergeant Lyttleton, who was £290 1s. 6d. wrong in his accounts, should be dealt with summarily, and that Sergeant Webster, who was about £3 wrong, should be proceeded against criminally before a Court-martial?

(2.) Is it a fact that General Richardson, in paragraph 1 of his letter above referred to, states:— "That such a state of affairs as has been disclosed by this inquiry should have existed in the administration of the Permanent Artillery is, I think, a matter for grave concern. Moreover, to have allowed this warrant-officer to occupy a position, notoriously known to be peculiarly susceptible to temptation and malfeasance, and without the check and supervision of at least one officer of the corps, was, I take it, neither just to the service nor to the individual"?

(3.) Was an application, made by the Attorney-General (acting for Webster) for a postponement of the case to enable him to fully master the case, refused at the instance of General Richardson?

(4.) Was the unsworn testimony taken at the Military Inquiry held before the Court-martial, put in by the officers and admitted as evidence against Webster at the Court-martial?

(5.) Is it a fact that, acting upon the General's recommendation, Lyttleton was allowed to refund the £290 1s. 6d. and take his discharge, while Webster was tried upon a criminal charge, involving £3, was convicted, and sentenced to twelve months in gaol with hard labour?

(6.) Is it a fact that Lieutenant Little, who worked up the case against Webster, was under arrest nearly the whole time of the late encampment; if so, will the Colonial Secretary state the cause of such arrest?

(7.) Was Webster Court-martialled under the Colonial Army Act or the Imperial Law?

(8.) Will the Colonial Secretary obtain the opinion of the Crown Law officers upon the legality of this action?

(9.) Has any allowance been made to the wife and family of Webster; if not, will it be attended to at once, to prevent them having to apply to the Benevolent Asylum?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Yes; except that Webster was tried on a charge involving deficiencies to the extent of several hundreds of pounds.

(2.) Yes; in paragraph 13.

(3.) No.

(4.) No; except on oath.

(5.) Yes; except that Webster's alleged defalcations were as noted in answer (1).

(6.) Lieutenant Little did not work up the case, but simply the tables of deficiencies. He was under arrest for intemperance.

(7.) Under the Colonial Act, which places the Permanent Forces under the Army Act.

(8.) The Supreme Court have decided this question in the affirmative.

(9.) No; but the matter is under consideration.

(2.)

(2.) Centenary of the Colony :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he taken any step to secure an official account of the Celebration of the Centenary of New South Wales ?

(2.) If so, when is the work likely to be published ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to this matter, I was in complete ignorance of any intention to publish a paper of this kind until it was brought under my notice this morning. I understand that the publication was stopped by a former Minister, the Hon. J. F. Burns, when holding the office of Colonial Treasurer. I had no knowledge of the matter until it was brought before me to-day ; and I scarcely need say I have not had time to look into it.

(3.) Electric Light, Newcastle Wharves :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Grahame, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the plant for the purpose of lighting the dyke and wharves at Newcastle with the electric light has been purchased by the Government ; if so, were tenders called for the plant ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No plant has been purchased ; but a specification is being prepared, with the view of inviting tenders on an early date.

(4.) Regulations for the Importation of Sheep :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Lync, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to Question No. 6, of 17th April last, and the reply thereto, will he take immediate action to so alter the Regulations for the importation of sheep from those Colonies where they are free from the disease known as scab, as to allow the importation of stud sheep at the next sales without enforcing the present stringent Regulations ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The question is now under consideration, and I hope to be in a position to give more information on the subject next week.

(5.) Civil Service Board :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The names of the two officers referred to in the report of the Civil Service Board—the one as having been dismissed, the other as having been reported for misconduct on more than one occasion, and both of whom were pressed upon the attention of the Board as worthy of promotion over the heads of older and worthier officers ?

(2.) In what department were these officers respectively ?

(3.) What was the serious dereliction from duty for which the first was dismissed ?

(4.) What were the acts of misconduct for which the other was reported ?

(5.) For what length of time was the first absent from the Public Service after dismissal ?

(6.) What was the position he took on reinstatement ?

(7.) What was his salary when dismissed, and what when reinstated, and what would it have been on promotion ?

(8.) What persons (if any) recommended him for reinstatement ?

(9.) When was he reinstated ?

(10.) Who recommended the second officer referred to for promotion, and what were the reasons (if any) given for such recommendation ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If these questions are answered categorically, it would probably place the officers in the Departments referred to in an unfair light in the absence of explanations. I will presently lay the Report of the Civil Service Board upon the Table, which will no doubt afford the Honorable Member the information he requires.

(6.) Local Government Bill :—Mr. Wilshire asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Local Government Bill, or a Bill to divide the Colony into Local Government areas ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce the Bill alluded to during the present Session ; but it will be prepared ready for immediate introduction on the reassembling of Parliament.

(7.) Sewer from Bourke to Phillip-street, Waterloo :—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money (if any) is now in hand, in relation to the contract for construction of sewer from Bourke to Phillip street, Waterloo ?

(2.) Is it his intention to apply any portion of this money towards paying the labourers who were engaged upon this work, and who have been deprived of five weeks' wages ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Taking into account the extra cost resulting from re-letting the work, a deficiency instead of a surplus has been incurred, and there are therefore no funds for distribution. The Honorable Member is probably aware that the Government is therefore under no obligation to the creditors of the original contractor, who abandoned his contract.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for the year 1888.

(2.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1888.

(3.) Report on Vaccination for 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Further Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 15th February, 1884—"Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be Dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Business at Narrabri Railway Station.

(2.) Return respecting Supply of Railway Level-crossing Gates, Interlocking Gear, &c.

Ordered to be printed.

3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

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 1889, and also for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Roberts presented a Petition from A. T. Laurie, Chairman of the Port Stephens Pastures and Stock Protection Board, condemning the working of the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883," and praying for its repeal.
Petition received.

5. INTERCOLONIAL DEBTS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Gould, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Gould then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to facilitate the recovery of Judgments against Debtors who have removed into adjacent Colonies, and the enforcement of Judgments obtained in such Colonies against Debtors who have removed therefrom into New South Wales.*"

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 facilitate the recovery of Judgments against Debtors who have removed into adjacent Colonies, and the enforcement of Judgments obtained in such Colonies against Debtors who have removed therefrom into New South Wales*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1889.

6. WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE 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 remove doubts touching the reversion to the Crown of certain land, being the old Public School Site at Wollongong; to validate and confirm the sale of a certain portion of the said land to the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wollongong; and to authorize the sale by auction of the remainder, under the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880.'*"

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 remove doubts touching the reversion to the Crown of certain land, being the old Public School Site at Wollongong; to validate and confirm the sale of a certain portion of the said land to the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wollongong; and to authorize the sale by auction of the remainder, under the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1889.

7. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING 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 provide for the payment of rent and royalties, and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend in certain respects the 'Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880,' and the 'Church and School Lands Mining 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 provide for the payment of rent and royalties, and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend in certain respects the 'Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880,' and the 'Church and School Lands Mining Act.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1889.

8. CASE OF REGINA v. CHRISTENSON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Traill 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 connected with the case of Regina v. Christenson, tried at Dubbo at the April Sittings, 1888.

Question put and passed.

9. SILVERTON TRAMWAY EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of an extension of the Silvertown Tramway from its present terminus at Broken Hill to Menindie.
Question put and passed.
10. OPENING OF MACNAMARA'S ROAD, PARISH OF KEMBLA, COUNTY OF CAMDEN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all petitions, plans, papers, and correspondence, in reference to the opening of a road in the parish of Kemplab, county of Camden, known as Macnamara's Road.
Question put and passed.
11. MINERAL LEASES, COUNTY OF GOUGH, PARISH OF HIGHLAND HOME (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of mineral leases Nos. 1,815, 1,816, 1,817, also 3,237, of land in the county of Gough, parish of Highland Home; also all applications for the conversion of the same, or any of them, into mineral conditional purchases, copies of all transfers or applications for transfers of the same, and of all reports, plans, and papers relating to the same.
Question put and passed.
12. OAKEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
Mr. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a line of Railway from land near Lithgow, belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway,*"—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, 22nd May, 1889.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Smith, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th June.
13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for a Service 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.
14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—
(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £520,670, being £490,670 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May or following month of the year 1889, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1888, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1889; and, in anticipation of Loan Vote, £30,000, further sum, for Sydney Water Supply Works.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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:—
(4.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1889, the sum of £520,670 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1889, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for a Service 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, *passed*.

Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for a Service 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 1889, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1889.*

17. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned

Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunker, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Works at the Washaway, High-street, West Maitland :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the cost of the works at the washaway in High-street, West Maitland, on the bank of the river Hunter, opposite the residence of Dr. Power?
- (2.) How often have the works there required attention, alteration, repairs, or amendment?
- (3.) What method is now adopted there to prevent further encroachments by the river Hunter?
- (4.) What sums have been expended from time to time at this place by the Government, and what has been the total cost?
- (5.) Are the precautions now taken considered to be effectual?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The expenditure from 1886 to 1889 amounts to £7,093 0s. 6d.
- (2.) This place has required constant attention, and some work has been done to it almost every year since 1866.
- (3.) The timber work and puddle wall has, during the last few years, been repaired throughout, and an additional quantity of rubble stone has been placed on the bank for its protection.
- (4.) A statement, giving the desired information, will be laid upon the Table, if required.
- (5.) Yes.

- (2.) *Mr. Hammand*, Manager of Telephones :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that during the past six months Mr. E. C. Cracknell recommended the removal of Mr. Hammand from his position as Manager of Telephones to any other position under the Postmaster General?
- (2.) If so, when was that recommendation made, and to whom, and for what alleged reason?
- (3.) What was the position (if any) for which Mr. Hammand was so recommended?
- (4.) Was any such position open, or was it to be created for Mr. Hammand?
- (5.) Was Mr. Hammand consulted as to his wishes in the matter, as to retiring from his present position and as to filling another position?
- (6.) If not, was this a usual course?
- (7.) What would have been the result as to Mr. Hammand's position in any other branch of the Service if the recommendation had been carried out?
- (8.) If such recommendation was made, who dealt with it, and what was the result?
- (9.) Is there any objection to lay the papers in connection with this recommendation (if made) upon the Table?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The suggestion was made to the late Postmaster General (Mr. Clarke). It was made because, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Telegraphs, the position of Manager of Telephones could be dispensed with, as it appeared to him that Mr. Hammand's time was not fully occupied.
- (3.) The position of Inspector of Lines and Stations in the North, with a residence, which would have given him an increase equal to £50 per annum.
- (4.) The necessity for such an officer has long been apparent, to fill the position at one time occupied by Mr. Inspector Carrol, and has only been held in abeyance upon retrenchment grounds.
- (5.) The suggestion that such an officer should be appointed was accompanied by a further suggestion that, if approved, it might be offered to Mr. Hammand.
- (6.) Answered by previous question.
- (7.) The suggestion was dealt with by Mr. Clarke, who disapproved of it, because of the increase of expenditure consequent upon it.
- (8.) The papers in connection with this matter were not registered, and were not preserved.

(3.)

- (3.) Reserve Cavalry Troops, Lismore and German Creek :—*Mr. Hayes*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he prepared to accept the services of the Reserve Cavalry Troops at Lismore and German Creek, Richmond River?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There are no less than ten applications for the formation of Reserve Cavalry Troops before the Government at the present time. The Major-General Commanding objects to deal with any single case, and hopes to have the whole dealt with at once as one question; but he reports, on being asked for information on this question, that if any one case were singled out from the others he should recommend that of Urana. Under these circumstances, I can give no more definite answer, except that the whole of these applications shall be dealt with as speedily as possible—probably within ten days.

- (4.) *Mr. Jones*, Police Magistrate at The Richmond :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Jones* was appointed Police Magistrate for The Richmond some months since, and he has not yet entered upon his duties?

(2.) Has great inconvenience to the district been caused in consequence?

(3.) Will he take steps to have this matter attended to at once?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes; on 1st March last.

(2.) A representation has been received by me from the Bench of Magistrates at Lismore to that effect.

(3.) A successor to *Mr. Jones* at Wilcannia has now been appointed, and upon his arrival at that place *Mr. Jones* will receive instructions to proceed at once to Lismore.

- (5.) The Unemployed :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that numbers of the unemployed are proceeding to Narrabri and other country districts, that crime is on the increase, and more police protection will be needed?

(2.) Do these men get free passes on the railways from Sydney to the country districts by consent of the Government, or on the responsibility of the Railway Commissioners?

(3.) Do the Government intend to afford these men employment in the country, in the shape of railways or other reproductive works?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In answering this question, I may mention that the same answer will apply to the Honorable Member for The Gwydir (*Mr. Bassall*), who, in speaking on a motion for adjournment, put very much the same question. I find that passes have been issued to men to go to the Narrabri district. They have been issued without my personal knowledge by the gentleman who is winding up the Immigration Department (*Mr. Wise*), and who, on other occasions, has had a good deal to do with the unemployed. I have given positive instructions that he shall issue no more passes of this kind.

- (6.) Life Assurance Societies :—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during this Session of Parliament to regulate the conduct of business by Life Assurance Societies within this Colony, requiring the publication of certified returns and abstracts of all business carried on, and, so far as is possible by legal enactment, securing the public from imposition and fraud?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am afraid that I cannot hold out any hope that the Government will introduce a Bill of this character this Session, though I am of opinion that it is a subject on which legislation is much needed.

- (7.) Subsidised Steam-tug Service :—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he under consideration the propriety of abolishing the system of maintaining a subsidised steam-tug service, apart from the control of the pilots, at our several seaports, with a view to placing steam-tug boats in the charge of the officers in command of the pilot-stations?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter referred to has not been under my consideration.

- (8.) Tolls on Ferries :—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any provision been made by the Executive for carrying out the Resolution of this House, passed on the 17th July, 1888, affirming the abolition of all dues collected at the public ferries?

(2.) If not, will he state when the Government intend to carry out such Resolution?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) No provision has been made for the purpose indicated.

(2.) I consider it very undesirable, in the present position of the finances, to give up any part of the public revenue. The loss, in this case, would amount to about £25,000 per annum.

- 9.) Lamp for Railway Crossing, Molong :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is the lamp at the railway crossing at Molong, at the bridge on the road from Molong to the Ironbarks, likely to be erected?

(2.) Is it a fact that the want of a lamp at the railway crossing is a great source of annoyance and danger to the travelling public?

(3.) Will he see that steps are taken for the erection of this lamp?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Nothing is known in my Department in regard to this matter; but I am causing further inquiries to be made, the result of which shall be communicated to the Honorable Member.

- (10.) Road through Gersbach's Selection, at Canobolas :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has anything yet been done in "Gersbach's case," in regard to compensation for land taken for a road which passes through his selection at the Canobolas, near Borenore, in the county of Ashburnham; if so, will he state what compensation is to be allowed, and when it is to be paid?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Gersbach has been informed that it is competent for him to apply to have granted to him, in lieu of land taken for the new road, an unnecessary road adjoining part of his eastern boundary. Application has not been made; but if it be made in accordance with section 69 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, it will receive due consideration. No other compensation is contemplated.

- (11.) Lands Office, Bellinger River:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the large number of conditional purchasers residing in the Nambucca, Bellinger, and Goff's Harbour Districts, and the large area of land open for selection within these districts, will he make the necessary arrangements for the establishment of a Lands Office on the Bellinger River?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A report will be obtained from the District Surveyor as to the necessity for establishing a Crown Lands Office at the Bellinger River, upon receipt of which the subject will be considered.

- (12.) Asylum for Destitute and Infirm, Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made, through the Inspector-General of Police, to ascertain the truth of a statement reported in a local newspaper—*The Cumberland Mercury*—to have been made by *Mrs. Cunynghame*, late Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Destitute and Infirm at Parramatta, to the following effect, viz.:—"That the police had repeatedly brought men drunk, and asked her to take them in. She had known policemen to send such men to her, and then hang about watching to see whether she took them in or not. She took it that they did this to get troublesome cases off their hands. She understood that the police had pursued a similar course at the District Hospital. She had often taken men in, even though they were drunk. She had done this repeatedly, until the police so persisted in those practices that she was compelled to stand out against it"?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have been informed by the Inspector-General of Police that *Mrs. Cunynghame's* statement is absolutely untrue.

- (13.) Bridge at Bob's Creek:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that a bridge is urgently wanted at Bob's Creek (near the Public School), on the road between Bob's Creek and Amaroo railway-station?

(2.) Is it a fact that the want of a bridge in this locality is a great source of annoyance and danger to the settlers in this neighbourhood, and prevents them from getting their produce to market?

(3.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have this bridge erected?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Department is not at present in possession of any information in regard to this matter; but inquiries will be at once made, and the result communicated to the Honorable Member.

- (14.) Case of *Mr. Kearney*, Bowan Park, County of Ashburnham:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any decision yet been arrived at in the case of *Kearney*, of Bowan Park, in the county of Ashburnham, in regard to his conditional lease, which has been occupied by miners; if so, will he state if the case is likely to be referred to a Court of Arbitration, or is it the intention of the Government to compensate him for the losses he has sustained through the land being taken from him for mining purposes after he had expended several hundred pounds in fencing in the land?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The case has been considered, and there appears to be nothing to warrant *Mr. Kearney's* claim for compensation. Conditional leaseholds are subject to search for minerals.

- (15.) Noxious Weeds:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he use his best endeavours to have included as noxious weeds the black or Scotch thistles?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter is under consideration.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Election Petition—Rose v. Ball, Argyle*:—*Mr. Lee*, 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 8th March, 1889, the Petition of *Thomas Rose*, against the return of *Edward Joseph Ball* as a Member for the Electoral District of Argyle. 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 1st March, 1889, to whom was referred, on 8th March, 1889, a Petition from *Thomas Rose*, alleging that, in the late Election for the Electoral District of Argyle, when *William Hillier Holborow* and *Edward Joseph Ball* were returned, many mistakes were made in counting the ballot-papers; that many of such papers were declared informal which should have been counted in favour of the Petitioner and *Solomon Meyer*; and that other irregularities took place; praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law; that the return of the said *Edward Joseph Ball* may be declared null and void, for the reasons stated in the Petition; and that the Petitioner be declared duly elected for the said Electoral District,—have determined, and do hereby declare,—

"(1.) That *Edward Joseph Ball*, Esquire, one of the sitting Members, has been duly elected.

"(2.) That the Petition of *Thomas Rose* is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"(3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"No. 3 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly, 23rd May, 1889.

"*CHARLES A. LEE*,

"Chairman."

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Lee*, that the Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be printed.

- (2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—*Mr. Lee* moved, 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.

3. BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—*Mr. Tonkin* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition from Residents of the town of Kelson and others, in reference to the Bathurst Cattle Sale-yards Bill, presented to this House on the 14th May, 1889, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill, and that power be given opponents of the Bill to appear by Counsel. Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Returns respecting Typhoid Fever in Sydney and Suburbs, from 1876 to 1888.
 - (2.) Annual Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines, for the year 1888.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Borough of East Orange, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works at Manly, in the County of Cumberland.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works at Manly in the County of Cumberland,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1889.*

6. PUBLIC GATES, RICHMOND RIVER DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the public gates, with conditions, in the Richmond River District.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Sydney Central Police Court Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a New Central Police Court in the City of Sydney,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Public Works Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees and for other purposes hereinafter set forth,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd May, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 31. *After "Quorum" insert "Provided that when the Committee meet for the consideration of their report to the Legislative Assembly, the Quorum shall not be less than seven."*

Page 2, clause 4, line 32. *Omit "always" insert "also"*

Page 2, clause 4, line 32. *Add "s" to "Quorum"*

Page 2. *After clause 5, insert the following new clause:—*

6. "All questions which shall arise in any Committee or Sectional Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Members present; and when the votes shall be equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote: Provided that in all cases of divisions, the names of the persons voting shall be stated on the Minutes and in the Report."

Page 2, clause 6, line 51. *Omit "vice" insert "temporary"*

Page 2, clause 6, line 52. *After "the" insert "said Sectional."*

Page 3, clause 10, line 16. *After "Committee" insert "and before any Sectional Committee"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next,

8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunner, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

9. 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 1889, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Lieutenant Hammand :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is Lieutenant Hammand still upon the supernumerary list, upon which Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell, in his minute of 20th February, 1889, says he placed him on 6th October, 1888?
 (2.) If not, when was he removed from this list, by whom, upon what authority, for what reason, and what is his present position?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed, by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, that Lieutenant Hammand is not on the supernumerary list, he having, on the 5th January, stated to Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell, in letter No. 33 of printed papers, that he returned to duty, and thereby resumed his original position.
- (2.) Business at Narrabri Railway Station :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Return relative to the railway business at Narrabri station be laid upon the Table of this House, as promised in reply to question on 24th April, 1889?
Mr. McMillan answered,—The Return referred to was laid upon the Table on the 22nd instant.
- (3.) Telegraph Extension from Wanaaring to Milparinka :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Dickens, asked the Postmaster General,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that some months ago an officer connected with the telegraphs (*Mr. Maguire*) was instructed to generally report on the proposed telegraph extension from Wanaaring to Milparinka?
 (2.) Will he state whether such report was made; and, if so, whether it was in favour of such extension or otherwise?
Mr. O'Connor answered,—
 (1.) Yes; in September, 1888.
 (2.) A report was made by *Mr. Inspector Maguire*, which was in favour of the extension, but was refused, in view of the large expenditure.
- (4.) Road known as Macnamara's, County of Camden :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Woodward, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What is the cause of the delay in proclaiming and opening the road known as Macnamara's, in the parish of Kembla, county of Camden, and the continuation of O'Brien's Road from Osborne's boundary to the Cordeaux River?
 (2.) Will he cause such roads to be duly opened at the earliest moment?
Mr. McMillan answered,—A continuation of O'Brien's Road will be proclaimed in a few days. The confirmation of Macnamara's Road is still under consideration. Action has been delayed, pending the consideration of Notices of Motion in the Legislative Assembly in regard to Macnamara's Road.
- (5.) Colliery Proprietors, Illawarra District :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Woodward, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has he obtained the opinion of the legal adviser of the Crown as to the necessary steps to be taken to prevent the respective colliery proprietors in the Illawarra District from allowing their slack to wash down into the creeks, thereby filling up the same?
 (2.) If so, will he cause a copy of such opinion to be laid upon the Table of this House?
Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter has been submitted to the Attorney-General, but owing to his illness he has not yet advised.

(6.)

(6.) Cavalry Corps:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay the Cavalry Corps of the Colony the same amount per annum as is now paid to Mounted Infantry Corps?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the Cavalry Corps at the late Encampment proved themselves very efficient?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) There is no provision for this purpose; and if it were considered advisable, the extra cost would be approximately £5,000.

(2.) Considering the time they have been in training, they proved themselves very fairly efficient.

(7.) Wharves, Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an application has been made for extending a wharf into the fair-way of Darling Harbour?

(2.) Is it a fact that an extension to another wharf of a like character was some time ago granted to *Mr. Mellwraith*, and that it is now unoccupied?

(3.) Is it a fact that these two wharfs are in a very narrow part of the harbour, opposite to the railway wharfs?

(4.) Will he at once stop all chances of this application being granted, as being prejudicial to public interest?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) No such application can be traced; but an application has been made to the Local Land Board by Messrs. Allen and Walker for jetties fronting their property, opposite the railway wharf in Darling Harbour. The proposed jetties do not extend into the fair-way.

(2.) A wharf extension has been granted to *Mr. Mellwraith*, which, however, does not extend into the fair-way of Darling Harbour. It is not known whether the wharf is unoccupied.

(3.) The wharf and jetties, as already mentioned, are situated opposite to the railway wharf, but this portion of Darling Harbour is not very narrow.

(4.) The application, on receipt at this office, will be dealt with with due regard to the public interest.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report of Royal Commission to inquire into Charges against *W. M. Fehon, Esq.*, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Annual Statement of Works carried out by the Department of Public Works for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of *Mr. D. McMordie* on the Diversion of Water from the Murray River.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Alleged Improper Opening of Letters addressed to *John Deasy, Esq., B.L., M.P.* for West Mayo.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MONARO:—*Mr. Dawson* presented a Petition from certain Electors of the

Electorate of Monaro, submitting reasons for the division of the Electoral District of Monaro, and praying that it be divided into two Electorates, one comprising the Police District of Cooma, and the other the Police District of Bombala, or otherwise, as to the House may seem expedient.

Petition received.

4. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. McMillan*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions of 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 expenditure in connection with a Bill to give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th May, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE RICHMOND:—*Mr. Ewing* presented a Petition from certain Electors

in the Police District of the Tweed, stating that the time has now arrived when the Tweed and Brunswick portions of the Electorate of The Richmond should be erected into a separate Electorate; and praying the House to take the facts submitted in the Petition into favourable consideration, and afford the relief desired.

Petition received.

6. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—*Mr. Kidd* presented a Petition from *J. M. Antill*, Chairman of the Picton Pastures and Stock Protection Board, condemning the working of the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883"; and praying that in any future legislation on this subject, the principle of local administration may be adopted as far as practicable.

Petition received.

7. **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 bringing under the notice of the Government the present state of our Railways, and the danger to the life of the travelling public, by reason of the defective or “faulty construction thereof.”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Greene,
Mr. O'Connor.

Tellers,

Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Harold Stephen,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. King,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hogan.
Mr. Want,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Nicoll.
Mr. Bruce Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. King,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Traill.
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Dawson,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lamb.
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Ritchie,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Kidd,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY, 1889, A.M.

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sydney Water Supply Board:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What is the nature of the control of the Sydney Water Supply Board over the reserves at Kangaloon for Sydney Water Supply?

(2.) Will he issue instructions to allow persons holding timber licenses to cut timber on these reserves?

(3.) Is it a fact that the only available timber in this district is upon these reserves?

(4.) Is it his intention to place a special officer in charge of these reserves?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The land referred to by the Honorable Member cannot be perfectly identified, but is believed to form part of reserve No. 57, of 350 square miles, county of Camden, proclaimed 6th July, 1880, under Act 43 Vic. No. 32, as the Metropolitan Catchment Area. The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has control over the water on the Crown lands within such area, and, to defend it from pollution and preserve its purity, has requested more than once that no leases or licenses of land within the area be issued either by the Lands or Mining Departments.

(2.) In view of the reiterated request of the Board that licenses for cutting timber should not be granted, it is not proposed to issue any such licenses at present.

(3.) The particular locality referred to is not defined; but it is believed the country bounding the reserve on the south and west is more or less timbered.

(4.) The matter has not been considered. The Forest Ranger, or Crown Land Bailiff, can prosecute persons illegally cutting timber on this reserve.

(2.) Sewerage Scheme for Western Suburbs:—*Mr. Wheeler* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the works in connection with the proposed sewerage scheme for the Western Suburbs be commenced?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The work cannot be commenced until it has been reported upon by the Public Works Committee. It will be one of the first matters to be placed before that body, and being a work of urgency will no doubt receive prompt treatment.

(3.) Railway, Narrabri to Walgett:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in submitting to the House the Railway Commissioners' Report on the line, Narrabri to Walgett, inspected some months since?

(2.) When will the same be submitted for the consideration of the Public Works Committee?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The report in question cannot be submitted until the Public Works Committee is appointed, when it will be presented to Parliament and referred to the Committee, as provided for by the 13th clause of the Public Works Act.

(4.) Railway from Orange to Wilcannia, *via* Nyngan and Cobar, and *via* Molong and Parkes:—

Mr. O'Sullivan, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The surveyed distance per railway from Orange to Wilcannia, *via* Nyngan and Cobar?

(2.) The same information with regard to the distance from Orange to Wilcannia, *via* Molong and Parkes?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Orange to Nyngan, 185 miles; Nyngan to Cobar, 80½ miles; Cobar to Wilcannia, 156½ miles; total, 422½ miles.

(2.) Orange to Molong, 21½ miles; Molong to Parkes, 53 miles; Parkes to Forbes, 20½ miles; Forbes to Wilcannia, 325½ miles; total, 420½ miles.

(5.)

- (5.) District Court, Bellinger River :—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the large and increasing population on the Bellinger, Nambucca, and Goff's Harbour Districts, and the fact that the District Court Judge usually passes through these districts when on Circuit between Grafton and Kempsey, will he cause inquiry to be made into the advisability of holding a District Court on the Bellinger?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes.

- (6.) Commission of Inquiry into Civil Service :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Civil Service still in existence?
 - (2.) What Departments or Sub-Departments have been inquired into by such Royal Commission?
 - (3.) Will the Government lay upon the Table of this House all Progress Reports from the said Commission relating to those Departments already examined, and have the same printed for the use of Honorable Members of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No; it expired on the 16th January last, and has not been renewed.
- (2.) The Treasury and all Sub-Departments, and the Department of Mines.
- (3.) I do not think it will be of much value to the House to lay the papers upon the Table until they are completed.

- (7.) Reserve, Dawes' Point :—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the condition of the reserve grounds at Dawes Point?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a number of horses are allowed to run on the reserve on Sundays, and is this not a cause of inconvenience to the public and danger to the children frequenting the grounds?
- (3.) Will he take steps to have the grounds put in proper order, and the reserve kept exclusively for the recreation of the citizens?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I am not aware, but will cause inquiry to be made, with a view to the inconvenience and danger complained of being averted.
- (3.) The reserve has never been dedicated; but I will ascertain how far the Government would be justified in spending money upon it, as the locality has been for years a place of resort for the public.

- (8.) Compositors, Government Printing Office :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the compositors in the Government Printing Office are paid a lesser rate for overtime work than compositors employed by private firms?
- (2.) Is it a fact that compositors in the Government Printing Office are compelled to work on holidays without extra pay, while one-third extra is allowed by private firms?
- (3.) If so, will he give orders that the rate of pay to Government compositors is made equal to that paid by private firms?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) The Government Printer informs me that the rate for overtime is slightly less in the Government Printing Office than in some private firms; but the difference is more than counterbalanced by other advantages not conceded by private firms.
- (2.) No; compositors when required to work on proclaimed holidays are allowed double pay.
- (3.) There is nothing in the facts of the case to justify any change in the existing arrangements of the Government Printing Office.

- (9.) Officers whose Sons are employed in Government Printing Office :—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the names of the officers in the Government Printing Office who have sons employed in that Department?
- (2.) The date of entry of these officers' sons into the Department, their salary, and subsequent increase of salary?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such persons have received promotions and increases over the heads of employes on the same Staff who have been much longer in the Department?
- (4.) If so, will he have an inquiry made into the cause of such promotions and increases?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I will lay a Return upon the Table presently, giving the names of the persons referred to.
- (3.) I am informed that it is not a fact that such persons have received promotions and increases over the heads of employes on the same Staff who have been much longer in the Department.
- (4.) Inquiry, therefore, is unnecessary.

- (10.) Corps of Commissionaires :—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Edmunds, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many men, members of the Corps of Commissionaires are engaged in the Public Service?
- (2.) Is it a fact that certain officers of that Corps are maintained by fees payable by the members for whom employment in this Colony is procured?
- (3.) Is it a fact that every member for whom employment is procured in the Government Service pays a fee for such procurement?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Corps of Commissionaires is an organization in England, whose object, so far as its working in New South Wales is concerned, is to procure, as far as possible, employment for its members in this Colony?

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

(11.) Court-house at Bulladelah :—Mr. Seaver asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Why is the Court-house at Bulladelah taking so long to build?

(2.) Have the foundations of the same been passed by the officers of the Colonial Architect's Department as work done according to specification?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the delay has been occasioned through difficulty met with by the contractor in obtaining bricks.

(2.) The concrete footings of foundation only have been passed, which are according to specification.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting the Corps of Commissionaires.

(2.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part I—Population, Immigration, and Vital Statistics.

(3.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part V—Monetary and Financial.

(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.

(5.) Return to an Order, made on the 16th April, 1889—"Resignation of Captain W. J. Hill, Penrith Volunteer Corps."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Officers in Government Printing Office who have Sons employed in that Department.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report from Geological Surveyor respecting supposed Fossil Man found near Orange.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Edmund Henry Taylor, of Sydney, Chartered Accountant, and George Kerry Kirkland, of Sydney, Electrical Engineer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity, for lighting and other purposes, in the city of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.

And Mr. Melville having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Paul, 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 the 16th May, 1889, together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Paul then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 25th June!

Question put and passed.

5. BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Paul presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers, Consumers, Auctioneers, Stock-owners, and others, Residents in Bathurst and the surrounding District, in favour of the Bathurst Cattle Sale-yards Bill; and praying that the House will favourably consider the provisions of the said Bill, with a view to the same becoming law.
Petition received.

6. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McMillan 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 give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

(1.) Electoral Act (Plural Vote Abolition) Amendment Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 9th July.

(2.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 23rd July.

(3.) Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 25th June.

8. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Want presented a Petition from David Scotland, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the "Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)" to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company.

And Mr. Want having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Australian Windsor, Richmond, and Hawkesbury Advertiser*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

9. PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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 alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee [to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1889.*

10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption* of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunker, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Mr. Chanter moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 MAY, 1889.

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.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 25.

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 1889, and for a Service 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, 30th May, 1889.

- (2.) Sydney Central Police Court Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a new Central Police Court, in the City of Sydney,*"—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, 30th May, 1889.

- (3.) Intercolonial Debts Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 27.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the recovery of Judgments against Debtors who have removed into adjacent Colonies, and the enforcement of Judgments obtained in such Colonies against Debtors who have removed therefrom into 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, 30th May, 1889.

2. QUESTION:—

- (1.) Nyngan-Cobar Line of Railway:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the lowest tender for the Nyngan-Cobar railway, and what was the name of the person or firm tendering?

Mr. McMillan answered,—£121,799 *Ss. 1d.*; *Messrs. Hardy and Morton.*

3. PAPER:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Additional Papers in connection with the Appointments of Mr. Hales and Mr. Crane, referred to in the Civil Service Board Report for the year 1888.
Ordered to be printed.
4. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity, for lighting and other purposes, in the city of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Melville 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 facilitate and regulate the supply of Electricity, for lighting and other purposes, in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof,*"—read a first time.
5. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Melville, for Mr. Want, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Melville 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 'Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)' to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company,*"—read a first time.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 62nd Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the introduction of the Silverton Tramway Extension Bill, a Petition for leave to introduce it having been received, and leave granted for its introduction, but since the reception of such Petition the interval has exceeded the thirty days prescribed by the said Standing Order.
Question put and passed.
7. SILVERTON TRAMWAY EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott 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 an extension of the Silverton Tramway from its present terminus at Broken Hill to Menindie,*"—read a first time.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of a Storage Reservoir in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the County of Cumberland,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th May, 1889. JOHN HAY,
President.
- (2.) Wollongong Public School Site Sale Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts touching the reversion to the Crown of certain land, being the old Public School Site at Wollongong; to validate and confirm the sale of a certain portion of the said land to the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wollongong; and to authorize the sale by auction of the remainder, under the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th May, 1889. JOHN HAY,
President.
9. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. O'Connor, 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 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.
10. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed.

Mr.

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 give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed.

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

(2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered (after Debate) to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunker, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,

FRIDAY, 31 MAY, 1889, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 31 MAY, 1889.

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 Robert Henry Levien, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Tamworth.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of Robert Henry Levien, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Tamworth, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Robert Henry Levien, Esquire.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) New Electoral Act:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a new Electoral Act this Session?

(2.) If so, will the Act provide for the division of the Colony into single electorates?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have more than once named to the House that the Government purpose, in the Session proper to this year, to introduce a Bill to re-cast the electoral system of this country. I do not think that I can be reasonably expected to commit the Government to any of the details of that measure so far in advance. I may, however, say that the principle of single electorates is so important as to command the serious consideration of the framers of any such Bill.

(2.) Mineral Conditional Purchases, Casino District:—Mr. Nicoll, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number and locality of mineral conditional purchases applied for under repealed Land Acts in Casino Land District?

(2.) The number and locality of such purchases declared forfeited?

(3.) The number and locality of such purchases still nominally held by applicants upon which the prescribed conditions have not been fulfilled?

Mr. Brunker answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return in the usual manner, I am aware of no objection to the supply of the information desired.

(3.) Wharves, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an application has been made to extend one or more of the private wharves, situated on the west side of Darling Harbour, opposite to the railway wharves?

(2.) Is it not a fact that, if allowed, the extension of public wharves will be prevented, and the development of the contemplated conveniences, by the extension of the railway along Darling Harbour, frustrated?

(3.) In view thereof, will he refuse these contemplated extensions, and keep the wharf accommodation for the public?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am not aware of the existence of any private wharf on the west side of Darling Harbour in the locality which is apparently referred to, the whole of the frontage being seemingly occupied by the railway yards and Government wharves. With reference to applications for wharves at Darling Harbour, no further information can be given than that supplied to the Honorable Member on the 28th instant, which was to the effect that the only application received was one by Messrs. Allen & Walker for two jetties at the east side of the harbour. In dealing with this or any further applications for wharves in Darling Harbour, due regard will be paid to the public interest and the convenience of the Railway Department.

(4.)

(4.) Court-house, Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the walls of the Court-house at Cudal are in a dilapidated condition?
- (2.) If so, are any steps being taken to have the building put in a proper state of repair?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that this Court-house needs repair. An officer from the Colonial Architect's Department has been instructed to inspect the building, with a view of ascertaining the repairs required.

(5.) Road Maintenance Men:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the road maintenance men allowed Government holidays the same as Railway and other Government workmen; if not, for what reason?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Roads Department have supplied me with the following information:—Maintenance men in Roads Department are engaged only from day to day, but are allowed, as holidays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and the Queen's Birthday. This has been the rule of the Department, and the terms the men subscribe to on engagement. I intend, however, to make further inquiries in the matter.

3. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting 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. O'Connor, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Tecce, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Walker, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1887-8 on the said Bill, be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.

4. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Playfair moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given 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. Playfair then 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 on Tuesday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report on the Divorce Extension Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 6th August.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunker, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 1 JUNE, 1889, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twelve minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trustees for Reserve, Botany Bay:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are there any trustees appointed by the Government for the reserve on the north shore of Botany Bay?
 - (2.) If so, what are their names, and the date of their appointment?
 - (3.) Have any of them ceased to be trustees, by death, resignation, or otherwise?
 - (4.) If so, what was the date of such resignation, or the time of their ceasing to be trustees?
 - (5.) Are any of them still trustees?
 - (6.) If so, how many, and what are their names?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Messrs. Frederick Augustus Thomas, Edward Mitchell Ebsworth, and George Frederick Want, have been appointed trustees for 200 acres of the reserve referred to. The date of appointment of these gentlemen was 27th June, 1882. No information has reached the Department as to the decease of any of the trustees, nor has the resignation of any of them been received. The gentlemen mentioned are apparently still the trustees of the reserve.

- (2.) Fence along Road to Jenolan Caves:—Mr. Street asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, on a recent occasion, a coach-load of passengers for the Jenolan Caves capsized, on a steep incline about 5 miles from the Caves and went into the adjacent gully, to the great danger of the passengers?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a fence along this road; and, if so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) An accident did occur 5 miles from the Caves. One of the leaders fell, owing to the heavy rains, but no passengers were injured.
- (2.) The Minister for Works has already given orders for the erection of this fence, and the work will be undertaken at once.

- (3.) Customs Department:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many officers in the Customs Department, performing regular or constant duty, are paid from the Vote known as "Allowance to Extra Tide Waiters, and for occasional clerical assistance, &c."?
 - (2.) What are the names of such officers, how long have they been so employed, what positions do they severally occupy, and what is the amount of remuneration they receive in each instance?
 - (3.) Have all such officers given fidelity guarantees, and for what amounts respectively?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Forty-eight.
- (2.) I will presently lay a Return upon the Table.
- (3.) Fidelity guarantees are not required from officers temporarily employed.

2. ALLEGED NUISANCE NEAR SPARKES' BRIDGE, BOROUGH OF ALEXANDRIA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Joseph Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, and documents in connection with and bearing upon the alleged nuisance near Sparkes' Bridge, in the Borough of Alexandria, including the report of the Medical Officer of the Government thereon.

Question put and passed.

3. WINDSOR GASLIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Want moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Windsor Gaslight Company (Limited) 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. McRae, Mr. Tece, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
4. APPLICATION OF A. J. HACK FOR CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON GUYRA GOLD-FIELD (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, and other documents relating to the application of A. J. Hack, dated 21st July, 1887, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of measured portion No. 113, on the Guyra Gold-field.
- Question put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Want 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 "to discuss his action with regard to Mr. Fehon's appointment as a Commissioner for "Railways."
- And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
- Mr. Want moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
6. LOCAL MANUFACTURERS IN THE IRON TRADES:—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice That, in the opinion of this House, the giving of any preference to local manufacturers in the iron trade over British or foreign manufacturers, except only in the case of equality of prices, is inconsistent with the principles of free trade.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
7. GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR TREATMENT OF REFRACTORY ORES:—Mr. Torpy moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without "delay," erect in some central position, close to a railway and near a coal-mine, works for the scientific treatment in bulk of auriferous and argentiferous refractory ores, and that metallurgists and smelters of approved skill should be brought to this Colony, either from Freiburg or Swansea, to superintend the construction of such works, and to manage them when erected.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Joseph Abbott moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "delay," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "take steps for the "scientific treatment in the Colony in bulk of argentiferous and auriferous refractory ores."
- 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 so inserted,—put and passed.
- Question then,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, take steps for the scientific treatment in the Colony in bulk of argentiferous and auriferous refractory ores,—put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Ex-Bailiff and Court-keeper, Wollongong :—Mr. Woodward asked the Minister of Justice,—
Is it his intention to cause any steps to be taken to reinstate the ex-Bailiff of the District Court at Wollongong, and to abolish the office of Sheriff's Bailiff thereat?

Mr. Gould answered,—No.

(2.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The date on which 17 acres 3 roods 2 perches of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve were granted to the Scottish Australian Mining Company?

(2.) The conditions on which such land was granted?

(3.) The price paid by the said Company for such land?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) 10½ acres were granted to Messrs. Morehead and Young on the 1st October, 1873, and 7 acres 1 rood 2 perches to the Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited), on 19th January, 1880.

(2.) The conditions are embodied in the deed of grant, a copy of the form used in the preparation of which I now hand to the Honorable Member.

(3.) £158 5s. for the 10½ acres, £179 14s. for the 7 acres 1 rood 2 perches.

(3.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The date on which 40 acres were granted to the Waratah Coal Company out of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve?

(2.) The conditions on which such land was granted?

(3.) The price paid by the said Company for such land?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) 10th August, 1874.

(2.) The conditions are embodied in the deed of grant, the same form having been employed in its preparation as that referred to in connection with Question No. 2.

(3.) £288.

(4.) Drivers and Firemen, Picton and Goulburn Districts :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that within the last month some engine-drivers and firemen in Picton or Goulburn District have been at work continuously for eighteen hours?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes; seven cases have occurred out of a total of sixty sets of men, at Picton and Goulburn, for the month of May.

(5.) Buildings on Low-lying Lands.—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the large amount of suffering and inconvenience experienced by the people during the late rain-storm in the city and suburbs, have the Government power to prohibit the erection of human habitations on low-lying lands which are liable to inundation; if not, will they introduce a short Bill to remedy such evils?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter shall have immediate attention.

(6.) Telegraph Extension from Wanaaring to Milparinka :—Mr. Dickens asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What is the distance of the proposed telegraph extension from Wanaaring to Milparinka?

(2.) What is the estimated cost per mile?

(3.) What revenue is estimated as likely to be derived from said line if completed?

(4.) What is the estimated population of the Albert Gold-fields; and what is the distance of the nearest telegraph station from Milparinka?

Mr.

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) 130 miles.
- (2.) About £50 per mile.
- (3.) It is impossible to say.
- (4.) (a) About 2,000; (b) Wanaaring.

(7.) Hares, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that hares are of late becoming a great nuisance to farmers in the district of Molong, and is it his intention to take any steps for more effectually dealing with this pest?
- (2.) If so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes. The only step that can be taken in the present state of the law is to urge the Pastures Board to petition for hares to be declared noxious animals, and to offer a bonus for their destruction. The Molong Board has been several times urged to do this, but have declined, because the farmers do not contribute to the funds of the Board. The Boards generally have been urged to adopt a uniform bonus for the whole Colony.

(8.) Tram Extension to Bondi:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the tram to Bondi; if so, when?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Minister for Works informs me that it is intended to extend the tram-line to Bondi, and the work will be undertaken as soon as the permanent-way materials, which were cabled for on the 2nd May, arrive.

2. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. T. G. Dangar presented a Petition from J. Moseley and J. Riddle, Directors of the Narrabri Pastures and Stock Protection Board, condemning the working of the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883"; and praying that, in any future legislation on this subject, the principle of local self-government, and the compelling of each district to destroy the pests within its boundaries, be as far as possible enforced.
Petition received.

3. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Chapman, 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 11th April, 1889, together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 9th July.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker 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.) 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 Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Bungeerellingong.
 - (2.) Report of the University of Sydney for 1888.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Connor, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 28.

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, 4th June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

6. APPLICATION OF SAMUEL AND MARY LEMON FOR COMPENSATION (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence plans, minutes, reports, &c., having reference to the application of Samuel and Mary Lemon for compensation for land taken from them for railway purposes, viz., in the extension of the railway from Orange to Molong.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Essex-street Alignment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 23rd July.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Brunker, "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

The House divided.

Ayes, 68.	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. O'Connor,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Woodward,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Black,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Mcville,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. King,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Burdckin,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Ritchie.
Mr. Wyman Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Shepherd,	

Noes, 3.
Mr. Garvan.
Tellers,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Dawson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Brunker, 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. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Wollongong Public School Site Sale Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 29.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts touching the reversion to the Crown of certain land, being the old Public School Site, at Wollongong; to validate and confirm the sale of a certain portion of the said land to the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wollongong; and to authorize the sale by auction of the remainder, under the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880,'*"—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, 5th June, 1889.

- (2.) Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 30.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of a Storage Reservoir in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, at Potts' Hill, in the County of Cumberland,*"—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, 5th June, 1889.

- (3.) Public Works Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 31.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth,*"—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, 5th June, 1889.

10. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Borough of Burwood, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (2.) By-law of the Borough of Camperdown.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Paddington.
- (4.) Report of the Casual Labour Board Inquiry Commission, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
- (5.) Opinions of C. E. Pilcher, Esquire, Q.C., and F. E. Rogers, Esquire, Q.C., on Charges preferred against the Honorable John Davies, C.M.G., in Special Report of Royal Commission on the late Casual Labour Board.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

11. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor 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 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.			Noes, 29.	
Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Torpy, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Crick, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Chanter, Dr. Ross, Mr. Alexander Brown, Mr. Wright, Mr. Howe, Mr. Paul, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Morton, Mr. Dowel, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Colls, Mr. Wall, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Alison,	Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Gough, Mr. Toohy, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Creer, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Teece, Mr. Cass.	Mr. Reid, Mr. Want, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Fuller, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Martin, Mr. Street, Mr. Burns, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. McRae, Mr. Gould, Mr. King, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lees, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Holborow, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Hutchison <i>(Canterbury)</i> , Mr. Ball.	Tellers, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved 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 that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Mr. O'Connor moved, That the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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 payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.

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

- (2.) Mr. O'Connor then 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 next.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserves on Road from Casino to Mount Lindsay:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any action yet been taken with respect to defining reserves on the road from Casino to Mount Lindsay, and otherwise making provisions for those engaged in the timber industry?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes; the sanction of the Executive Council is about to be sought to withdrawing the reserves from pastoral lease.

- (2.) Cavalry Corps:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In answer to a question of Mr. McCourt, as to whether the Cavalry Corps at the late Encampment proved themselves very efficient, did Major-General Richardson answer as follows:—“Considering the time they have been in training, they proved themselves very fairly efficient”?

(2.) Did Major-General Richardson, at the breaking up of the camp at the late Easter Encampment, in the General Orders say:—“The special feature of the camp has undoubtedly been the presence of the Cavalry and Mounted Infantry in sufficient numbers to be of tactical importance. Both Corps have done excellent work throughout the training, and materially contributed to the general instruction of the troops”?

(3.) Which is the correct statement, and has Major-General Richardson changed his opinion since the Encampment?

(4.) Now that the Government know the cost of paying the Cavalry will be £5,000 per annum, are they prepared to expend that sum?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The reply referred to was given by Colonel Roberts, temporarily in command of the Garrison, for the Major-General Commanding, during his absence.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Both are correct. It is easy to see that one answer is quite consistent with the other.

(4.) As the Vote for the Military Service has been recently very largely increased, it is a serious matter for consideration when an increase of £5,000 is involved; and I cannot undertake to give an answer without consultation with the Officers of the Military Forces and with the Members of Government.

- (3.) Civil Service Board:—Mr. Traill asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Had Mr. F. W. C. Crane, who was recently appointed Seventh Clerk, Central Police Court, notwithstanding the refusal of the Civil Service Board to concur in such appointment, been reported by his superior officer to be inefficient?

(2.) Did the Civil Service Board recommend Mr. Andrewes Reeve as having superior qualifications for, or claims to, such appointment?

(3.) If so, for what reason was the recommendation of the Civil Service Board overruled?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) When Mr. Crane was employed in the Water Police Office he was reported by the Stipendiary Magistrates there as being inefficient. Subsequently, however, in August, 1888, when employed in the Central Police Court, he was recommended by Mr. Delohery, D.S.M., for promotion, and reported as having performed his duties to his entire satisfaction. Again, in the same month, the Stipendiary Magistrates of that Court recommended him to be promoted to the position of Seventh Clerk, over the head of Mr. Reeve, and Mr. Abbott, S.M., also in that month, reported that he understood from the officers immediately over Mr. Crane that he (Mr. Crane) was the best qualified officer for the position.

(2.)

(2.) Yes; the Civil Service Board stated, in the last paragraph of their minute of 11th December, 1888, addressed to the Under Secretary of Justice (page 12 of their printed Report for that year) that Mr. Reeve was "the most eligible for promotion, by reason of his seniority, competency, and attainments."

(3.) The Minister of Justice thought, as the term "seniority," which is not used in the Civil Service Act, involved something beyond greater "length of service," the term used in the Act, that it was safer and best for the interest of the Public Service to abide by the clear terms of the Act. Therefore, as within the meaning of that section Mr. Crane had longer service than Mr. Reeve, and was recommended as being better qualified by merit, the Minister, in his right under the section referred to, elected Mr. Crane for recommendation to the Governor and Executive Council for the promotion. And it may be added that Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke, S.M., on behalf of the Bench, in replying to a communication from this Department on the 3rd instant, states that had Mr. Reeve been promoted instead of Mr. Crane they should have found it necessary to have entered a very strong protest against such action, for reasons given in that letter.

(4.) Buckhebble Reserve, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to throw open for selection the Buckhebble reserve, on Boymadura run, near Molong; if so, when?

(2.) Is it a fact that the land is at present in a state of idleness, and no rent being paid to the Crown for the same?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The reserve referred to cannot be identified from its local name. If the Honorable Member will supply some further information his inquiries will be answered.

(5.) Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, at the Macquarie-street Asylum Birthday Feast, Mr. Sydney Maxted, the newly-appointed Director of Asylums, reflected upon the dismissal of the late Matron-Superintendent, Mrs. Cunyngame, to the disparagement of that lady?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary call on Mr. Maxted for an explanation?

(3.) Is it a fact that the present Matron-Superintendent was appointed on the grounds of special training and experience?

(4.) If so, will he state where such special training and experience were obtained, and on whose recommendation the present Matron-Superintendent was appointed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Director of the Government Asylums states that, in response to remarks of disparagement from inmates respecting Mrs. Cunyngame, he did briefly explain the causes of dismissal.

(3 and 4.) The present Matron-Superintendent was appointed on the ground of special qualifications (not training), and was recommended by the following gentlemen:—Dr. MacLaurin, late Medical Adviser to the Government; the Inspector-General of Police; the late Minister of Public Instruction; The Honorable W. McMillan; J. R. Street, Esq., M.P.; the Director of the Government Asylums; and the Government Medical Officer, of Parramatta; the last two of whom had particular opportunities of observing her capacity during her temporary employment.

2. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1888-9 on the "Broken Hill Water Supply Bill" be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the said Bill.

Question put and passed.

3. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Want presented a Petition from Edwin Ernest Allen Oatley, of Sydney, and John Thompson, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta railway stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse.

And Mr. Want having produced the *Government Gazette*; and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Liverpool Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land at Shellharbour, for public recreation.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of St. Andrew, county of Cumberland, for Wharf Accommodation and Approaches at Darling Island.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Additional Papers in connection with the Appointment of Mr. Crane, referred to in the Report of the Civil Service Board for 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

5. SILVERTON TRAMWAY EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Silvertown Tramway Extension 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. McMillan, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dowel, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Church and School Lands Mining Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of rent and royalties, and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend, in certain respects, the 'Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880,' and the 'Church and School Lands Mining Act,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th June, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 6th June, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. Omit "several Acts amended hereby" insert "'Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880,' hereinafter called the Principal Act, and the 'Church and School Lands Mining Act of 1888,' shall"

Page 2, clause 3, line 15. After "determine" omit remainder of clause.

Page 2. After clause 5 insert the following new clause:—

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall be taken to remove the administration of the Church and School lands in respect of mining out of the Department of Public Instruction. Administration of lands under this Act.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Lieutenant Hammand:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on "Lieutenant Hammand," and that Committee being desirous to examine Henry Clarke, 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, 6th June, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Henry Clarke, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on "Lieutenant Hammand," 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 Henry Clarke, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on "Lieutenant Hammand," 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, 6th June, 1889.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

8. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of John Richard Linsley, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows:—

"We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that John Richard Linsley, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, died on the 4th day of June, 1889.

"We give you this notice, to the intent that you may acquaint the Assembly therewith, in order to the issue of a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, in the room of the said John Richard Linsley, Esquire.

"Given under our hands, at Sydney, this 6th day of June, 1889,—

"FRANK FARNELL.
"ROBT. A. RITCHIE.

"To the Honorable the Speaker
"of the Legislative Assembly."

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Seat of John Richard Linsley, Esquire, lately serving in this House as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said John Richard Linsley, Esquire, as certified, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, in the notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Volunteer Force:—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to reorganize the Volunteer System, so that the 1st and 2nd Regiments consist of Sydney and Suburban Corps only?
- (2.) Will steps be taken to place the Newtown Reserve Corps on the same footing as the Hunter's Hill and Ashfield Corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) To reorganize the Volunteer System as implied would increase the annual Estimate by £10,000.
- (2.) No vacancy exists for another Company on the present Regimental Establishment.

(2.) North Shore Water Supply:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were tenders received some months ago by the Works Department for the pumping machinery at Ryde, in connection with the North Shore Water Supply; if so, when will a tender be accepted?
- (2.) Were tenders received a month ago for wrought-iron and steel pipes for same works; and when will a tender be accepted?
- (3.) Is the construction of steel reservoirs for Chatswood being proceeded with?
- (4.) What is the probable date of completion of the various works in connection with the water supply of St. Leonards and Willoughby?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Tenders were received, but owing to their not being quite satisfactory, tenderers will be asked to tender again on an amended specification.
- (2.) This matter is now under my consideration, and will probably be decided this week.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) About August, 1890.

(3.) Road Votes:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the heavy rains have caused the country roads to be impassable and many bridges to be washed away, rendering it impossible in some districts for people to get supplies?
- (2.) The Road Votes not having yet passed upon the Estimates, will he ask for or grant a special Vote in anticipation to repair these damages speedily?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; and I have already directed that reports shall be furnished to me as quickly as possible as to the particulars of the damage sustained, with a view to prompt action. In some cases I have already acted.
- (2.) The Roads Votes were passed on the last month's Supply Bill, and reports are now being obtained, with the view of ascertaining the cost of flood damages, in order that repairs may be expedited. The question of providing additional supply for the purpose of meeting "flood damages" is now engaging my attention.

(4.) Drainage of Marrickville:—Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, the papers promised by the late Minister, in answer to Question No. 12, Votes 121, Monday, 23rd July, 1888, in reference to a report upon the drainage of Marrickville Flats, such papers not having been laid upon the Table because of the prorogation of Parliament on the following day?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A compliance with the request contained in the question will involve a very large amount of clerical work and expense, which I desire to obviate; and I should, therefore, be glad if the Honorable Member would confer with me personally, in order that I may supply him with any information he may require.

(5.)

(5) Special Excursion Trains :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the usual guarantee required per mile for special excursion trains ?
- (2.) Has there been any alteration made in the rate of charges since the Commissioners took office ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that an alteration in the rates for special trains was made on the 6th March, 1889. The present rate is 5s. per mile for the train, and holiday excursion rate for each person travelling, in addition to the total charge, to be not less than 8s. per mile; minimum charge, £7 10s. If empty running is necessary to commence a service, 5s. per mile is charged for such running.

(6.) School at Bridgewater, near Molong :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the school at Bridgewater, near Molong, has lately been closed; if so, for what reason, and when is it likely to be re-opened ?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have new school premises erected, and when is the work likely to be proceeded with ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on account of the very small attendance and the dilapidated condition of the premises used for school purposes, which premises do not belong to this Department. It is not proposed to re-open this school.
- (2.) The circumstances of the locality do not warrant the erection of new premises, the attendance having fallen below nine.

(7.) Tram Service, Newcastle to Wallsend :—*Mr. Melville* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to carry out the promise made by Sir Henry Parkes to erect waiting-rooms at the various stopping-places on the tram line from Newcastle to Wallsend ?
- (2.) Will he make arrangements for the sale of tram tickets at the Lambton stand as heretofore ?
- (3.) Do they intend to cause a more frequent running of the trams through to Wallsend ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) It is the intention of the Railway Commissioners to provide waiting-room accommodation, and the work will be carried out on an early date.
- (2.) It is not considered necessary to keep a man to sell tickets at Lambton. Tickets can be obtained in the neighbourhood.
- (3.) The question of the service is under consideration.

(8.) Ex-Bailiff and Court-keeper, Wollongong :—*Mr. Woodward* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) For what cause was the ex District Court Bailiff at Wollongong deprived of his office ?
- (2.) Were any charges ever preferred against him in the discharge of the duties of his office ?
- (3.) If so, had such officer any opportunity of answering the same ?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) With a view to retrenchment, the offices of District Court Bailiff and Sheriff's Officer were combined.
- (2.) Not that I am aware of.
- (3.) Answered by No. 2.

(9.) Evans' Combination Truck :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What action (if any) has been taken in reference to the purchase of patents rights of Evans' truck ?
- (2.) Have the Government decided to pay any sum of money for such right; and, if so, what sum ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) George Trotter Evans, Ambrose Thornley, and Thomas Hodge Jones, the owners of the patent rights, having instituted a suit to obtain the specific performance of a contract with the late Commissioner for the purchase of these patent rights, Counsel have advised a settlement. The Government have consented to pay the purchase money and accept an assignment.
- (2.) The amount to be paid is £16,000, the purchase money agreed to be paid, and costs in the suit to date. I may add that this matter was sent in to the law officers for consideration, and the Government have not taken upon themselves this responsibility without specific advice from the law officers of the Crown that it was impossible to do otherwise.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting alleged improper opening of Letters addressed to John Deasy, Esq., B.L., M.P., for West Mayo.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Nautical School-ship "Vernon," for year ended 30th June, 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

3. APPLICATION OF *MR. C. W. PORTER* FOR A PRE-EMPTIVE LEASE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the application of *Mr. C. W. Porter* for a pre-emptive lease, which was gazetted as No. 782 on the 17th May, 1878, together with a plan of the same as then gazetted, and also all papers, plans, and other documents relating to the same; and to the gazetting of pre-emptive lease No. 2 of 1878, 25th March, 1884, situated in the county of Perry, near Pooncarie, and all papers, reports, plans, and correspondence relating to the same.
Question put and passed.

4. CITY OF PADDINGTON NAMING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Want* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Borough of Paddington to the City of Paddington.
Question put and passed.

5. **WATER SUPPLY OF GUNNEDAH** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Turner moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, and reports between the Government Medical Officer at Gunnedah, the Board of Health, and the Municipal Council of Gunnedah, in reference to the water supply of Gunnedah, together with copies of all analyses made of the said water.
Question put and passed.
6. **WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Want moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta railway stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Want 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 railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse,*”—read a first time.
7. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the “*Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,*” as provided for by the “*Public Works Act of 1888,*” namely:—Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, Henry Copeland, Esquire, William Springthorpe Dowel, Esquire, Jacob Garrard, Esquire, John Hurley, Esquire, Allen Lakeman, Esquire, John Sutherland, Esquire, and James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire.
Debate ensued.
And Mr. Toohey requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question,—That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the “*Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,*” as provided for by the “*Public Works Act of 1888,*” namely,—put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Jacob Garrard, Esquire, Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, Henry Copeland, Esquire, James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire, William Springthorpe Dowel, Esquire, John Sutherland, Esquire, Edward William O’Sullivan, Esquire, and John Hurley, Esquire.
8. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twelve o’clock (Midnight), until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1889.

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

ELECTORATE OF TAMWORTH:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 31st May last, declaring the Seat of Robert Henry Levien, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Levien; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Robert Henry Levien, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Tamworth.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) **Fettlers, Cooma Railway Extension:**—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of married men with families, who have been for some years employed as fettlers, have received notice of dismissal from the Cooma extension, and single men, and men new to the Service, kept on?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the truth of this report?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it is not correct that married men, employed as fettlers on the Cooma extension, have been dismissed, and single men, new to the Service, kept on. When the extension to Cooma was opened, a re-arrangement of the staff was made, and certain men were removed to other parts of the line, the men with the shortest period of service being selected for removal.

(2.) **Lock-up at Bombala:**—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How long is it since the building now used as a lock-up at Bombala has been erected?

(2.) Is it a fact that the cells are not habitable in the winter, on account of the dilapidated condition of the building; and is it true that in the summer the said cells are swarming with vermin?

(3.) Is the present lock-up 1 mile away from the Court-house?

(4.) Will he cause to be placed on the Estimates a sufficient sum to build a suitable building at Bombala, as promised by a previous Administration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We are unable to answer the first question. With respect to (2) and (3), it must be admitted that they represent the truth. The lock-up is in the condition which is reported. With respect to number (4), there is no doubt that a new lock-up ought to be erected for Bombala, and the matter shall receive early consideration.

(3.) **Parliamentary Colonisation Committee in England:**—Mr. Ormer, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What communications were received by the Government during 1888–89 from Lord Knutsford relating to information asked for by the Parliamentary Colonisation Committee in England?

(2.) On what dates were these communications received, and on what dates were replies sent?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter involved in this correspondence has received every consideration at the hands of the Government, and a decision has been arrived at that this Government cannot incur any responsibility, direct or indirect, in the proposed scheme of the Colonisation Committee of the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

(4.) **Land for Public Auction, Namoi District:**—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended (and, if so, when) to submit to public auction (a) lot 4, section 34, Cassilis-street, Coonabarabran; (b) unsold lots in No. 1 section, West Narrabri; (c) lots in the village of Baan Baa, Namoi River?

Mr. Brunker answered,—(a and b) The sale of these lands will be immediately considered, and the Honorable Member informed of the result. (c) Nothing is known of a survey of lots at this place

(5.)

(5.) Railway Service North of Maitland :—Mr. Street asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the old morning train to places north of Maitland been discontinued; if so, for what reason?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there is but one train per day to Singleton—the one arriving there at 1 a.m.?
- (3.) Will he communicate with the Commissioners, with a view to having the 9.5 a.m. train to that place run as heretofore?

Mr. McMillan, answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that for the 9.5 a.m. train from Newcastle, one leaving at 9.40 a.m. has been substituted. The former was a mixed train and reached Singleton at 1.38 p.m.; the latter runs "express" as far as Maitland, and reaches Singleton at 11.30 a.m.—an acceleration of 2 hours 43 minutes.
- (2.) There are three trains a day to Singleton, arriving as follows :—11.30 a.m.; 7.15 p.m. and 12.56 a.m.
- (3.) Answer to No. 1 question shows that the restoration of the 9.5 a.m. train is unnecessary, and would be a public inconvenience, as it was a slow train.

(6.) Sydney Hospital :—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the completion of the buildings in Macquarie-street for the Sydney Hospital?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the accommodation afforded to the patients is of a wretched description in the present Hospital, and does not great danger from fire exist through the buildings being old and constructed of wood?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Having carefully reviewed all the circumstances connected with this half-finished building, the Government have decided that it will be most to the public interest to complete the building according to the original plan.

(7.) Leasehold Areas :—Mr. King asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many occupation license fees and rents for leasehold areas are unpaid for the year 1889 in each Division of the Colony of New South Wales?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Leasehold Areas :—Eastern Division, 108; Central Division, 28; Western Division, 9. Occupation Licenses :—Eastern Division, 184; Central Division, 81; Western Division, 19.

(8.) Marine Board :—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the reason of the delay in filling the vacancy upon the Marine Board?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The delay simply arises out of my anxiety to make the best possible appointment. It is quite possible the vacancy may not be filled at present.

(9.) Ex-Bailiff and Court-keeper, Wollongong :—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Woodward, asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to his reply to Question No. 8 on Friday last—"That the District Court Bailiff at Wollongong was deprived of his office for the purposes of retrenchment,"—is it not a fact that the substituted services cost the country more than six times the amount of the salary of such District Court Bailiff?

Mr. Gould answered,—In consequence of the work of the District Court Bailiff being performed by the Sheriff's Officer in charge of the Coast District, who formerly resided in Sydney but is now stationed at Wollongong, the substituted services cost the country £40 per annum less than formerly.

(10.) Road Contracts near Mullalley, Gunnedah District :—Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Turner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that three large road contracts near Mullalley, in the Gunnedah District, have been practically let to one contractor?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, after the lapse of three months, only one of these contracts is being proceeded with?
- (3.) Were there not several other contractors, who tendered for the works, only 2 or 3 per cent. above the successful tenderer, who might have tendered lower had fresh tenders been called?
- (4.) Will he strictly enforce the usual conditions as to the completion of each of these contracts within the given times?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The local officer has been instructed to furnish full particulars on this matter. When his report is before the Honorable the Minister for Public Works he will communicate to the Honorable Member the result of his inquiry.

3. MR. WILLIAM ELPHINSTONE GRAHAM :—Mr. Roberts presented a Petition from William Elphinstone Graham, late Teacher of the Public School at Cedar Party Creek, Wingham, representing that the Petitioner, having completed the sixtieth year of his age, resigned from the Public Service in terms of section 43 of the Civil Service Act; and praying the House to grant him some allowance from the Superannuation Fund, or a refund of the moneys deducted from his salary towards that Fund, or such further or other relief as to the House shall seem just.
Petition received.

4. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Want, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Warwick Farm Railway 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. Frank Farnell, Mr. Melville, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Hassall, Mr. O'Sullivan, and Mr. Want.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cullen 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 directing attention to the Report recently tabled on the Court of Inquiry and General Court-martial on the case of Quartermaster-Sergeant Webster.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Cullen moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

6. MEMBER SWORN:—Robert Henry Levien, 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 Tamworth.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT:—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry No. 6,—resumed.
Question put and negatived.

8. BILLS OF SALE LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wall (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Site for Show-ground, Walgett:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to the application of the Walgett Pastoral and Agricultural Association for site for show-ground?

(2.) Has the District Surveyor's report been received, and will portion 75, south bank of Namoi River, adjoining public recreation ground, be granted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The papers were recently sent to the Mines Department for report as to any objections to the appropriation of the land. Upon receipt of that report, the matter will be dealt with as early as possible.

(2.) Tramway, Jerilderie to Berrigan:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he yet prepared to state the intentions of the Government regarding the construction of a tramway from Jerilderie to Berrigan, so long petitioned for by the agriculturists and others of that district?

(2.) If so, will he state the intentions of the Government regarding the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter will be reported upon by a proper officer of the Government in a day or two.

(3.) Contracts with Mittagong Iron Works and Lithgow Iron Works:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any arrangements been made for cancelling the contract with the Mittagong Iron Works and the Lithgow Iron Works for re-rolling iron rails?

(2.) If so, what compensation is to be given to these companies?

(3.) What is the intention of the Railway Commissioners, *re* the disposal of old iron rails in the future?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £7,500. About £6,200 of this amount will be absolutely saved by avoiding the expense of keeping an Inspector at the works, and in avoiding a loss of 15 tons of rails on every 100 tons put in for re-rolling. A contract has also been made with the firm to take 10,000 tons of old iron rails at £2 5s. per ton, delivered within three years.

(3.) To sell them to the best advantage.

(4.) Diversion of Water from Murray River:—Mr. Wheeler, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) With reference to Mr. McMordie's report on the diversion of water from the Murray River, has the Government of this Colony at any time surrendered or waived the rights of New South Wales with respect to the waters of the Murray?

(2.) Has the Government ever authorized the Government of Victoria to grant rights to persons in that Colony over the waters of the Murray or any portion thereof?

(3.) Will the Government take Mr. McMordie's report into consideration, and also consider whether a communication ought not to be made to the Government of Victoria upon the subject?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(5.)

- (5.) Road to Bomborah Point, Botany :—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
When is it the intention of the Government to construct a road to the land dedicated for a public cemetery and military reserve at Bomborah Point, Botany?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders will be invited for this road within a month.

- (6.) Foxlow Road—Road to Michelago Railway Station :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in proclaiming the road between Hoskington and Captain's Flat, across Foxlow station?

(2.) The same information with regard to the road leading to Michelago railway station from the Burra and the Tindarys?

(3.) When is the Proclamation with regard to the Foxlow Road to be issued?

(4.) The same information with regard to the road to the Michelago railway station?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Preliminary notification of this road was made on 3rd May, 1889, so that the time prescribed by law for lodgment of objections has but now expired, and the papers have not yet been returned from the Executive Council.

(2.) The proposed opening of this road has been under Executive consideration.

(3.) So soon as communication from the Executive Council shall be received further action will be taken.

(4.) Gazettal of this road will appear in *Government Gazette* of Friday next.

- (7.) Establishment of Iron and Steel Industries :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the following letters, dated October 31st, 1888, and May 31st, 1889, have been received by the Colonial Secretary from Mr. Albert Leahy, C.E., M.E. :—

"The Hon. Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, N.S.W.,—

"Sir,

"Sydney, 31st October, 1888.

"It being my intention to take steps for the formation of a company, with the aid of English capital, for the utilization of the vast iron deposits of the Colony, by locally manufacturing iron and steel for the Australian market, I have the honor to respectfully ask you, as head of the Government, whether, in case such an important industry is successfully established, any (and, if so, what) preference would be given to its products at times when supplies of iron and steel were needed by the various Public Departments. There will be no difficulty in fully meeting any demands which may be made for either iron or steel plates, sheets, wire, bars, rails, chairs, spikes, fish-plates, castings, &c., made from some of the best iron-ore yet found in the Colony; and as several wealthy leading men in Great Britain are favourably impressed with the enterprise, and will co-operate therein, the quality of the manufactured articles will be of assured excellence. As regards price, I am able to say that there will be little, if any, difference between the local products and the imported, when the latter are landed on the wharf. Any increase will be chiefly due to internal railway freightage. If I am able to obtain an assurance from the Government that, in calling for tenders, those from a local iron and steel manufacturing firm would be shown a preference, by the Government engineers specifying for locally-made iron and steel, providing the quality of these articles was satisfactory and the price not greatly in advance of competitors from abroad, it would tend to induce wealthy English iron firms to invest capital in the Colony with confidence, especially as New South Wales is the only Australian Colony in which iron and steel manufacture can be established with a reasonable chance of success.

"I have the honor to be, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"(Signed) ALBERT LEAHY, C.E., M.E."

"The Hon. Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, N.S.W.,—

"Sir,

"Sydney, 31st May, 1889.

"On the 8th inst. I addressed a letter to the Under Secretary (Mr. Critchett Walker), asking him to draw your attention to a letter addressed by me to you on October 31st, 1888, of which I enclosed him a copy. I beg to enclose you a copy of my letter of the 8th inst., and I have the honor to inform you that since Oct. 31st, 1888, I have visited England and succeeded in getting a number of gentlemen of good position in London to form themselves into a company for the purpose of manufacturing iron and steel in this Colony from local materials.

"The fullest inquiry has been made, and the best advice obtainable in England has been procured, and I am prepared to say that, basing my statement on the opinion of those men who have been consulted, the proposed company can manufacture iron and steel from local materials of equal quality to any now imported, and at a price very little, if any, in excess of that which has to be paid now for supplies from abroad.

"Before incurring the heavy liability attaching to the laying down of a suitable plant, the details of which are already prepared, I desire to ascertain whether the Government is prepared to guarantee—(a) That, for a term of seven (7) years from the commencement of local manufacture, all iron and steel required for use in connection with Government railways, bridges, and other public works shall be ordered from the abovementioned company, subject of course to the conditions relative to quality and cost being favourable; or (b) that, for a term of seven (7) years, the Government will include in the Customs tariff a specific import duty of 40s. per ton on imported iron, and 60s. per ton on imported steel.

"I do not wish to force the question into the field of party politics, though it would be easy to do so without much fear on my part as to the result of the debate which would ensue on this national question; and therefore I once more respectfully ask you, as Premier of this grand Colony, to say whether you are prepared to recommend the Parliament to adopt one or other of the above two courses.

"As a considerable time has now elapsed since I first addressed you on this matter, and as it is necessary that I should be in a position to advise, without further delay, the gentlemen in

"London

"London who have embarked in this undertaking as to what assurance of a fair share of trade the Government is prepared to give, by the adoption of either of the courses proposed, I must request an early reply. In conclusion, I respectfully ask you to carefully read the enclosed leading article from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 23rd instant, which will show you how a leading journal, supporting your own fiscal policy, is able to cordially endorse and support the guarantee asked for by me (marked A).

"If this guarantee cannot be given, the only alternative will be to make the question a political one, by appealing to the people and their representatives for the granting of guarantee (b). I must again respectfully ask you to favour me with an early reply, and one of a character sufficiently definite to determine me as to my future action.

"I have the honor to be, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"(Signed) ALBERT LEAHY, C.E., M.E."

(2.) If so, has the Government given any deliberation to the matter, so far as the consideration asked for in the first letter, and which is contained in a more definite form, under the title of "Guarantee (a)," in the second letter?

(3.) If so, will he state the result of such deliberation; and if they have not been considered by the Government, will he, at an early date, submit the question to the Cabinet, and inform Parliament of the conclusion arrived at?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.

(8.) Floods in Wollombi Electorate:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received any official report as to the extent of damage occasioned by the recent flood in the Wollombi Electorate, more particularly at Mangrove Creek, St. Alban's, Macdonald River, and Webb's Creek?

(2.) Is it not a fact that a number of families lost all their belongings, and have been rendered homeless in consequence of their dwellings having been swept away?

(3.) Will the Government take such action, without delay, as will restore communication and relieve the distress of these families?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; and I hold the reports in my hand, which I shall be pleased to allow the Honorable Member to peruse if he so desire.

(2.) The reports do not disclose this; but I have learnt from the Honorable Member that such is the case.

(3.) I have already given instructions for full reports to be obtained from different parts of the Colony with regard to the recent flood damage to roads, &c., with a view of effecting such repairs as are deemed necessary.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Toronto Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 9th July.

(2.) Commercial Building and Investment Company Sales Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 20th August.

(3.) Mortgages Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 23rd July.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE, 1889, A.M.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. F. B. Hales:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Traill, asked the Minister of Justice,—What was the nature of the offence which occasioned the dismissal, in 1879, from the Public Service, of Mr. F. B. Hales, who was recently appointed to the position of Police Magistrate at Port Macquarie, notwithstanding the refusal of the Civil Service Board to concur in such appointment?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Executive Minute, dated 26th August, 1879, states that—“After careful consideration of the explanation offered by Mr. F. B. Hales” (Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Walgett), “of the charges preferred against him by the Treasury Officers as to the state of his public accounts, the Executive Council advise, having in view the frequent warnings Mr. Hales has received, that he be dismissed the Public Service.” The charges referred to were to the effect that he had for some considerable time persistently neglected his official duties. Mr. Hales has represented that during the greater part of the summer previous to his removal he was almost blind from ophthalmia, and had not sufficient assistance for the performance of his work; also, that unhappy circumstances of a private nature induced such a condition of mind as to render him incapable for a time of performing the clerical duties of his office.

(2.) George-street Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the annual revenue derived from the sale of refuse at the George-street Asylum, Parramatta?
- (2.) Are tenders called for the purchase, and what is the name of the present contractor?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the old men of the Institution carry the refuse to the contractor's piggery at Clay Creek?
- (4.) Has any money (if so, how much) been derived from the sale of fat during the last three years, and who were the purchasers, and what was the quantity sold?
- (5.) What has been done with the money so derived;—has it been paid into the Treasury?
- (6.) What was the last amount paid into the Treasury in connection with the above, and on what date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Director of the Government Asylums:—

- (1.) £20 a year.
- (2.) Yes; and Mr. Dunn is the contractor.
- (3.) An inmate, at his own request, is allowed to carry refuse a distance of about 300 yards, for which the contractor pays him 4s. a week.
- (4, 5, and 6.) In consequence of a dispute between the Asylum authorities and Messrs. Taylor Bros., who purchase the fat, as to the quantity bought, the account has stood over a long time. The purchasers declined to pay what was claimed, while the Asylum authorities refused to receive any portion until the whole amount claimed was settled for. A settlement was mutually arranged on 31st May and the amount due, £86 15s., has been paid by the purchasers and forwarded to the Treasury.

(3.) Old Court-house Buildings, Narrabri:—*Mr. Teeco*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What decision has he arrived at with reference to the disposal of the old Court-house buildings at Narrabri?
- (2.) Is it intended to pull them down, repair them for use as Land, Stock, Forest, and Sheriff's Offices, or in what manner is it proposed to utilize them?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at in regard to this matter, pending the receipt of a sketch of a room proposed to be added to the new Court-house for the use of the Crown Lands Agent. (4.)

(4.) Branch Lines of Railways:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners expressed an opinion as to the advisability of constructing proposed branch lines of railways at a cheaper rate than that recommended by Mr. Whitton?
- (2.) If the Commissioners have not expressed an opinion, will he place the matter before them for an opinion?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This question has been erroneously asked of the Colonial Treasurer; therefore, I have not had an opportunity of looking up any written answer to it. I am not aware that the Commissioners have expressed any opinion such as that referred to in the question; and if the Honorable Member will give me the particulars I will see that any necessary inquiry is made.

(5.) Reservations on Leasehold and Resumed Areas, Queanbeyan District:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Upon which surveyor's recommendation were reservations made (upon the leasehold and resumed areas of runs in the Land District of Queanbeyan, since 1884 up to the present date) on the Congwarra, Tidbenbilla, Cuppacumbalong, Naas, Tharwa, and other runs in the county of Cowley, belonging to the Honorable L. F. De Salis and Messrs. Cunningham Brothers, the above question not to include forfeited conditional purchases reserved by the Minister or Forest Ranger?
- (2.) Will he have instructions issued without delay to the District Surveyor at Queanbeyan to furnish a report, stating what reserves along main roads (in his district) are enclosed by fences and gates, the numbers of such reserves, the parish they are situated in, and the names of the parties whose fences enclose same; also, upon the report being furnished, will he at once send stringent orders to the parties whose fence encloses or obstructs for removal of same; and, if not removed after due notice, what action will he take in the matter towards removing the obstruction?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) The information asked by the Honorable Member is now being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of this House in the course of a few days.
- (2.) An early report will be called for, and every possible effort will be made to render all public reserves in the locality available for the purposes for which they were granted.

(6.) Courts at Narrabri:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it intended to take any steps towards holding Courts at Narrabri three times a year?
- (2.) Has Judge Backhouse been requested to report on same, or will he be; if he has, is his report favourable?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Not at present.
- (2.) Yes; and Judge Backhouse reports that the amount of work does not justify the immediate establishment of additional Courts at Narrabri.

(7.) Postage Stamps as Fees:—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Clerks of Petty Sessions are forbidden by Regulation from receiving postage stamps as fees, &c.?
- (2.) If such is the fact, will he cause the Regulations to be so amended as to enable people living at a great distance to make remittances by stamps?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Treasury Regulations do not touch upon the question of receiving postage stamps as fees, nor is it forbidden. It is allowed that stamps may be accepted for any small sums due to the Crown, when payment is tendered at the country offices.

(8.) Buckhebble Reserve, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to question asked by Dr. Ross on 6th June,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to throw open for selection the Buckhebble reserve, No. 599, in parish of Boymadura, and county of Ashburnham; if, so, when?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the land is at present in a state of idleness, and that no rent is being paid to the Crown for the same?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) The land in question is now reserve No. 3,784 for water supply, 982 acres. At present the papers are with the Land Board at Orange, for report as to the necessity for making the area a travelling stock reserve.
- (2.) The land forms part of an occupation license, and is consequently subject to the payment of an annual license fee.

(9.) Parliamentary Colonization Committee in England:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—On what dates were the letters referred to in Question 3, of 11th June, received from Lord Knutsford, asking information on behalf of the Parliamentary Committee in England, and on what dates were each answered?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—30th July, 1887, and 8th May, 1889, respectively, and were answered on the 11th June, 1889.

(10.) Bridge over the Goulburn River, Muswellbrook to Mudgee Road:—Mr. FitzGerald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any provision been made for the erection of a bridge over the Goulburn River, on the Muswellbrook to Mudgee Road?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a site for such bridge has been recommended at a place called Richmond Grove, within the property of Mr. Thomas Hungerford?
- (3.) If a bridge is erected at such place, will it be available for the public, or only for Mr. Hungerford and his friends?
- (4.) Is there any public road on either side of the river leading to the spot selected for the site of the proposed bridge?

- (5.) Is it a fact that great inconvenience will arise to the travelling public if a bridge is erected at Richmond Grove, which is situated at a distance from the road to Mudgee beforementioned?
 (6.) Can no suitable site be found at Sandy Hollow, on the said road, for the erection of a bridge?
 (7.) Will he cause strict inquiry to be made into this matter before the expenditure of the necessary funds is authorized?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered, —

- (1.) £12,000, voted on 1888 Loans.
 (2.) Yes; and Mr. Hungerford has agreed to give the land required for the road, and application has been made for survey and proclamation.
 (3.) The bridge will be available for the public.
 (4.) Yes; on the east side.
 (5.) No.
 (6.) Yes; but cost would be nearly double.
 (7.) This matter has been fully reported on, but a further report will be obtained before proceeding with the work.

(11.) Marine Board :—*Mr. Edmunds*, for *Mr. Traill*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he received any applications for the vacant seat on the Marine Board?
 (2.) Are there among such any which are from persons eligible for the position?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Probably this appointment will be decided to-morrow.

2. BLACKFRIARS AND SHEPHERDS NURSERY ESTATES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) *Mr. Edmunds* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate, and on portion of the Shepherds Nursery Estate.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Mr. Edmunds* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate, and on portion of the Shepherds Nursery Estate,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd July.

3. BILLS OF SALE LAW AMENDMENT 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 amend the Law relating to the Registration of Bills of Sale and other Documents.*"

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 Registration of Bills of Sale and other Documents,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th June, 1889.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

- (1.) Inland Waters Conservation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 5th August.
 (2.) Ministerial Election Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday, 9th July.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

6. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE 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 legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 13th June, 1889.

JOHN HAY,

President.

NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th June, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 10. Omit "first of November" insert "ninth of January"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 48. After "alienate" insert "to the applicant"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 50. Omit "s" from "persons"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 12. After "Council" insert "and such forfeiture shall become absolute if
 "the amount be not paid within twelve months from the due date."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Government Property, Queen's Wharf:—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of rent did the Government receive from their property at Queen's Wharf, at the junction of Pitt and George Streets, before the houses were demolished?
 (2.) What amount do they receive now?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the proprietor of the "Oriental Hotel" is to have a fresh lease?
 (4.) Is it also a fact that the place is to be fenced in (that is, the vacant ground), and let for advertising purposes?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) £1,764 per annum.
 (2.) £9 per week.
 (3.) The proprietor of the hotel referred to is now in treaty for a lease, but the matter is not yet settled.
 (4.) The vacant land is about to be fenced to prevent rubbish from being carted to and deposited upon it. I have no proposal before me for its use for advertising purposes.

- (2.) Bridge at Narrandera:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have tenders been accepted for the construction of the proposed bridge at Narrandera; if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No tender has been accepted, as the price is considered excessive. My Honorable Colleague feels bound to inform the Honorable Member that, on a perusal of the papers, he entertains grave doubts as to whether the large expenditure required for the erection of a bridge at this place is justified by the requirements of the traffic; but before he comes to a final decision he will give further consideration to the matter.

- (3.) Public School, New Lambton:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he received any information concerning the damage done to the Public School at New Lambton in consequence of a subsidence of the ground?
 (2.) Is it true that many of the children have been kept from school in consequence of the danger of the building falling?
 (3.) Has he received reliable information as to the cause of the damage to the building?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No information of the kind has reached the Department.
 (2.) I cannot say, but I am making inquiries.
 (3.) Answered by No. 1. It is expected that the information will be in the possession of the Department to-morrow morning, and will be at once communicated to the Honorable Member.

- (4.) Cancellation of Contract for Re-rolling Rails:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers in connection with the cancellation of the contract for re-rolling rails, and the payment of compensation to the company?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Yes; I have given instructions to have them prepared.

2. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bowman, 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 the 4th June, 1889, together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bowman then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for 1888, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
- (2.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part VI—Production.
- (3.) Correspondence with the Consul for France respecting the Paris International Exhibition, 1889.
- (4.) Return showing Leasehold Properties brought under the provisions of the Real Property Act.
- (5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

4. WOMENS COLLEGE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 31.

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 establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney.

Government House,

Sydney, 13th June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Lyne presented a Petition from James McLaurin, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Germanton, suggesting that certain alterations be made in this Bill; and praying the House to make provision for a renewal of the pastoral leases in the Eastern Division equal to those given to holders in the Central Division.

Petition received.

6. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week; that General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Friday in each "week"; that, on every alternate Friday, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions; and that the Business already on the Notice Paper be altered in accordance with this arrangement.

Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "week," of the words, "and the House shall meet at two o'clock p.m. on that day."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

Question then put,—That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week; that General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Friday in each week, and the House shall meet at two o'clock p.m. on that day; that, on every alternative Friday, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions; and that the Business already on the Notice Paper be altered in accordance with this arrangement.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Barnes,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Scobie,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Grecne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Leas,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cass.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dowel.
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hurley.

Tellers,

Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Alfred Allen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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7. **NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, 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. Brunker, 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 legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation thereof.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th June, 1889.*

8. **PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE 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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Greene.
Mr. Barnes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Hassall.

Nocs, 19.

Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. King,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Chapman.

Tellers,

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Joseph Abbott.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 15 JUNE, 1889, A.M.

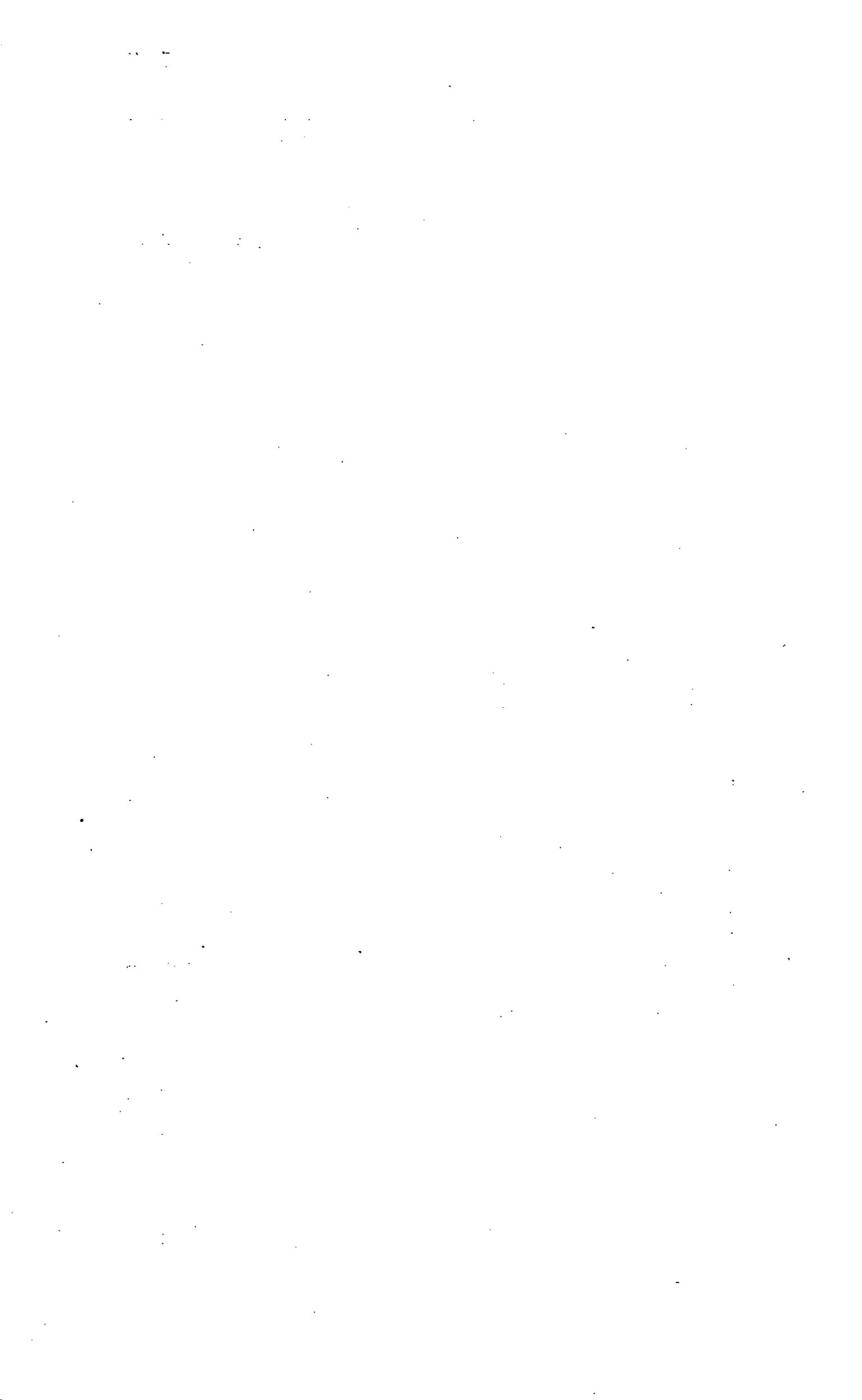
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply to High Levels of Petersham:—Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Board of Water Supply yet determined upon any scheme for supplying water to the high levels of Petersham?
 (2.) If so, will he state when the scheme will be brought into operation?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Water and Sewerage Board has furnished me with the following reply:—"The Board has approved of the amended scheme, whereby a modified supply can be given within a very short time. The work of reticulation will be commenced in a fortnight and proceeded with until finished, if pipes arrive in sufficient quantities, as appears probable at present. By a modified supply is meant a supply sufficient for all requirements, pending the erection of a local tank, which will complete the scheme." As Petersham is already well supplied, it is assumed the above question relates to the heights of Ashfield.

- (2.) Removal of Courts of Quarter Sessions from Muswellbrook:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that inconvenience is caused by the removal of Courts of Quarter Sessions from the town of Muswellbrook?
 (2.) Did such Courts meet the requirements of all committal cases from the towns and districts of Muswellbrook, Scone, Denman, Merriwa, and Cassilis?
 (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to re-establish such Courts without delay?

Mr. Gould answered.—

- (1.) No such representations have been made to me.
 (2.) Yes; but during the three years prior to their abolition I have ascertained that there were only five cases for trial at such Courts.
 (3.) The amount of business likely to be transacted would not appear to justify the re-establishment of Courts of Quarter Sessions at the places named.

- (3.) Mr. Hammand, Manager of Telephones:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) For what reason was Mr. Hammand appointed Manager of Telephones, on what date, and on whose recommendation?
 (2.) What number of telephones of all classes were placed under his charge on appointment?
 (3.) What number of employes were placed under his control on appointment, and how many were under his control when he was recommended to be removed?
 (4.) What number of telephones of all classes are under his charge at the present time?
 (5.) Will he reply now to Question No. 7, asked on behalf of Mr. Thompson on 23rd May?
 (6.) If he will not reply, what objection or reason is there for such refusal?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—At present there is a Select Committee of the Legislative Council inquiring into the case of Mr. Hammand, and the subject referred to in the above questions is being brought prominently forward at that Committee. Under these circumstances, I do not think I should be asked to answer these questions at present.

(4.)

- (4.) Site for Show-ground, Dapto :—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Woodward*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to the application of the Dapto Agricultural and Horticultural Society for site for show ground?
 - (2.) Has the District Surveyor's or any report been received in reference to the matter?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) Reports have been received in effect that if the land is to be used exclusively for show-ground purposes the present site is suitable; but if for park and recreation purposes also, a better site is necessary. As this involves the expenditure of a sum of £600 or more, I have minuted the papers for consideration when the Estimates for 1890 are brought forward.
 - (2.) Yes; from *Mr. District-Surveyor Deering*.
- (5.) Trustees of Site for Cemetery, Bulli :—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Woodward*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has there been any delay in the appointment of the trustees of the site for the cemetery at Bulli; if so, from what cause?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to place the trustees in possession and control of the land at an early date?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) There has been no delay, as on the 5th instant the proposal to dedicate the land was laid before Parliament, and trustees cannot be appointed until the land is dedicated. As the "proposals" must be before Parliament one month, nothing can be done in the way of appointing trustees until after 5th July next. The Honorable Member nominated gentlemen as trustees, but it is required that names to represent the various religious denominations be nominated by the heads of the particular bodies.
 - (2.) Early action will be taken to appoint trustees, nominated in the way abovementioned.
- (6.) Sheep exported from Tocumwall to Victoria :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Barbour*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Will he supply the following information to the House, as soon as it can be obtained from the Customs records,—
- (1.) Were a number of sheep exported (and, if so, what number) from Tocumwall to Victoria, on or about the 19th day of November, 1888, by or for *Henry Ricketson* owner, in charge of drover *Coldwell*?
 - (2.) What were the ages, marks, and brands of the sheep?
 - (3.) Were any other particulars recorded by the Customs officer; if so, what were they?
 - (4.) Did the same or similar sheep recross into New South Wales on or about the 31st of May last?
 - (5.) Was the number the same, or more or less; and were the brands and marks the same, and who was in charge?
 - (6.) What was the value, as recorded on 19th November, 1888, and the value on 31st May, 1889?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—This matter is now in the hands of the Collector of Customs, to obtain the required information, if practicable.
- (7.) Greyhound detained by Railway Authorities :—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the greyhound "Glenara Whiskey" was detained fourteen days in a dog-box on the line between Granville and Mudgee, between the 23rd May and 6th June, and is now declared by the owner to be valueless?
 - (2.) If the case is one of culpable negligence, will the Commissioners compensate the owner?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—I am informed that it is not a fact that the greyhound was detained fourteen days in a horse-box. It was inadvertently overcarried and delayed; but the dog was fed and delivered in good condition.
- (8.) Proposed Railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. FitzGerald*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to call for an early report from the Railway Commissioners upon the proposed line of railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis, with a view to the speedy construction of such line?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—The plan and estimate are not yet complete. When these are before me, a decision will be arrived at in the matter referred to by the Honorable Member.
- (9.) Enclosing Public School Grounds, Tatham :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Department of Public Instruction have declined to enclose the Public School grounds at Tatham unless the residents pay half the cost?
 - (2.) Are the residents of Sydney and suburbs, or any other place, called upon to pay half the cost of enclosing Public School grounds?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) Owing to the small amount of this year's Vote now available to the Department, after satisfaction of prior demands, it has been intimated to the residents of Tatham that the fencing of the school ground cannot be undertaken at present, unless the residents are prepared to contribute one-half the cost.
 - (2.) All localities, including Sydney and suburbs, are, for the same reason, treated in a similar way, *i.e.*, are refused or postponed, in similar cases which arise at a time when a Vote for the purpose is almost absorbed.
- (10.) Orange Railway Station :—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Dalton*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the plans and specifications for improvements to the Orange railway station have been completed some months ago; and, if so, how is it that tenders have not yet been invited for the carrying out of this work?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners last month authorized the work to be carried out, and the Engineer is preparing the working drawings for tenders to be called.
- (11.)

- (11.) Mr. Holding, J.P., Wentworth:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has he caused inquiry to be made in reference to the charges against Mr. Holding, a Justice of the Peace at Wentworth?
 (2.) If not, will he immediately cause inquiry to be made, and inform this House the result thereof?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes; the papers in this case have been referred to His Honor Mr. Acting District Court Judge Fitzhardinge (who heard the case) for favour of report.

2. CITY OF PADDINGTON NAMING BILL:—Mr. Want presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the name of the Borough of Paddington to the City of Paddington*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th June.
3. CLAIM OF GEORGE SAMUEL PEEL AGAINST THE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BRANCH:—Mr. Bruce Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the custody of the Department of Public Works the papers respecting the claim of Mr. George S. Peel against the Railway Construction Branch, which were laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 14th May, 1889.
 Question put and passed.
4. ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER "AJAX":—Mr. Bruce Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the custody of the Department of Public Works the papers respecting the accident to the steamer "Ajax," laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 14th May, 1889, in compliance with an order made on the 3rd April, 1889.
 Question put and passed.
5. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on Dredging Operations for the year 1888.
 (2.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in village of Ryde, parish of Concord, county of Cumberland, for Water Supply.
 (3.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parishes of Alexandria, Botany, and Petersham, county of Cumberland, for extension of Shea's Creek Canal.
 (4.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in township of Narrandera, county of Cooper, in connection with Approaches to Overhead Railway-bridge.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Cancellation of Contract for Re-rolling Rails.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Friday, 28th June.
7. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, *passed*.
 Mr. O'Connor 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, 18th June, 1889.
8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,
 WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1889, A.M.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

of.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Sheridan, Railway Traffic Auditor:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Sheridan, Traffic Auditor in the Railway Service, was instructed to report upon different Branches of that Service, with a view to ascertain how many employés in the same could be dispensed with?
 (2.) If so, did he report, naming the separate Departments, and mentioning the names of those whom he recommended for dismissal?
 (3.) Is this the Mr. Sheridan who was formerly Chief Clerk in the Locomotive Department?
 (4.) Did Mr. Sheridan, whilst occupying the position of Chief Clerk in the Locomotive Department, make recommendations for the increase of salary of a number of clerks in that Department?
 (5.) Will he give the names of the clerks so recommended, their time of service prior to such recommendations, and the amount of increase granted to each of them separately; also, the names of clerks who were not recommended for increase, their time of service prior to such inquiry and report, and the official report upon their manner of, and proficiency in, the performance of their duties?
 (6.) Was Mr. Sheridan removed from the position of Chief Clerk in the Locomotive Department to the Head Office by the late Commissioner; if so, what reasons were assigned for such removal?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that it is not a fact that Mr. Sheridan was instructed to report on the different Branches of the Railway Service.

(3.) Mr. Sheridan was formerly Chief Clerk in the Locomotive Department.

(4 and 5.) This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(6.) During the absence of Mr. D. Vernon, Secretary for Railways, on leave of absence, Mr. Sheridan was transferred to the Head Office, resuming his position at the Locomotive Office on Mr. Vernon's return. He was subsequently promoted to the position of Traffic Auditor.

- (2.) Department of Registrar-General:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that complaints have been made that, in the Department of the Registrar-General, there are officers who have been charged with taking advantage of defects in titles submitted for the purpose of being brought under the Real Property Act for their own advantage or for the advantage of their friends?

(2.) If so, will he cause a searching inquiry to be made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following report has been received from the Registrar-General:—
 "A complaint of a nature similar to that described in this question was made to me in April, 1887. After careful inquiry, I could find no cause for the accusation. On this occasion I informed the gentleman bringing the charge that if he were not satisfied with my decision he should request the Colonial Secretary to hold an independent inquiry. Since then I have not heard further of the matter."

- (3.) Mr. John K. Moore, late Clerk in the Detective Office:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of papers and testimonials from John K. Moore, late a clerk in the Detective Office, were sent to the Colonial Secretary's Department on 19th October, 1887?

(2.) Has application been made for the return of these testimonials; and, if so, have they been returned; if not, for what reason?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Moore has been put to considerable inconvenience through the non-return of those testimonials?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no record of Mr. Moore's testimonials. Every search has been made, and no trace of them can be found in the Department. I may perhaps explain that I have no recollection of the name. I have of late years made it a rule not to receive testimonials. I receive copies; but I decline to incur the risk of receiving testimonials, which may possibly be mislaid.

- (4.) Nautical School-ship "Vernon":—Mr. Torpy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has the Nautical School-ship "Vernon" been reported to be overcrowded and utterly unsuitable for the purposes of a training-ship?
 - (2.) Have any steps been taken to provide another vessel with more accommodation to supply her place?
 - (3.) Has the Commander of the ship, now on leave of absence in England, been instructed to make any inquiries with reference to obtaining another vessel?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It has been ascertained that the "Vernon" must be replaced by another vessel, and steps have already been taken to secure a larger and better vessel. There has been no necessity to give the Commander any instructions to make inquiries. All that is necessary to be done has already been partially done without any intervention on the part of that officer.

- (5.) Erection of Bridge over the Upper Murray:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House any report lately obtained in reference to the erection of a bridge over the Upper Murray?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There will be no objection to lay this report upon the Table of the House as soon as it has been finally dealt with by the Government.

- (6.) Workmen's Train:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Ritchie, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the 6.30 workmen's train from Sydney is frequently crowded, and that passengers have to stand upon the platform of carriages?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that on Monday last second-class passengers getting in at suburban stations had to go into first-class carriages, and that full first-class fares were demanded from Sydney?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not aware that the train referred to is frequently crowded; but the Railway Commissioners are making inquiry into the matter, and will provide additional accommodation if required.

- (7.) Railway, Glen Innes to Inverell:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Glen Innes to Inverell railway yet been submitted to the Railway Commissioners for report?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Not yet, on account of the collection of certain necessary information required by the Commissioners being still uncompleted.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Maclean, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
 - (2.) By-law of the Borough of Woollahra, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns, under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

3. WOMENS COLLEGE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
4. FIRE BRIGADES 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 amend the "Fire Brigades Act, 1884," to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigade Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.
Question put and passed.
5. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST 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 provide for the improvement, management, and regulation of the Port of Wollongong and certain portions of the Tom Thumb Lagoon, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE, 1889, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

7. LAND, CROPS, AND STOCK RETURNS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for obtaining Returns of Land, Crops, and Stock, and other Agricultural Statistics,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th June, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a first time.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Branch Lines of Railway:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Mr. Whitton prepared estimates of the probable cost of construction of all or any of the proposed branch railway lines?

(2.) If so, will he obtain the opinion of the Railway Commissioners as to the expediency of constructing such lines on a much cheaper basis?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Mr. Whitton has prepared estimates of the cost of a number of the branch lines.

(2.) The Railway Commissioners will be consulted before any fresh lines are submitted to Parliament; and, as the Commissioners are quite sensible of the importance of a system of light railways, the branches spoken of will be, no doubt, considered in relation thereto.

- (2.) Warrant issued for Child named William Robinson:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What is the name of the magistrate who issued the warrant for a child seven years of age, named William Robinson, charged with using threatening language at the Water Police Court on Monday last?

(2.) Was the magistrate made aware of the child's age when the warrant was applied for?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Mr. Charles Newton Payten, at present acting as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Water Police Office, during the absence on official duty of Mr. Smithers.

(2.) I am informed that Mr. Payten was not aware of the child's age, but was led by complainant to believe that the boy was 12 years old, and constantly wandering about the streets, and unfavourably known to the police; and moreover that she had been subjected to a great deal of trouble and annoyance at his hands; and she further represented that the Police authorities had recommended a warrant. Under these circumstances, Mr. Payten thought it desirable to have the lad brought before the Court as soon as possible.

- (3.) Charges made by *Sunday Times* Newspaper:—Mr. Howe asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any Departmental inquiry taken place to ascertain the correctness or otherwise of the charges recently made by the *Sunday Times* newspaper?

(2.) Has any report been furnished to the Commissioners; and, if so, will the Minister lay upon the Table of this House a copy of such report?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The whole of this matter is now under consideration of the Commissioners, and when report reaches me it will be placed upon the Table of the House.

- (4.) Revocation of Reserve, Parish of Moura:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps been taken for the revocation of reserve No. 1,817, parish of Moura, county of Ashburnham, in reply to petition from residents in that locality; if so, when is the reserve likely to be revoked?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The reserve forms part of a leasehold area; and, as the revocation of the reserve would not withdraw the land from the leasehold, the land would not be available for conditional purchase should the reserve be revoked.

(5.)

- (5.) Revocation of Reserve, Parish of Edinburgh:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps yet been taken for the revocation of reserve No. 403, parish of Edinburgh, county of Ashburnham, in accordance with petition from residents in that locality; if so, will he state what decision (if any) has been arrived at in the matter, or when the prayer of petitioners is likely to be granted?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The papers were, on 30th April last, forwarded to the District Surveyor at Orange for report as to whether it is desirable to cancel the reserve in the public interest. The report has not yet been received. No definite answer can, therefore, be immediately given to the prayer of the petitioners.

- (6.) Mr. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it true that Mr. Bennett, Commissioner and Engineer for Roads, is about to retire from the Public Service?
 (2.) Is he aware why the public are to lose the services of such a valuable officer—is it through ill-health?
 (3.) In the event of Mr. Bennett's retirement, has he any objection to state who it is intended to appoint in his stead?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) It will be seen, from a letter which I am about to read from one of his medical advisers, that his illness is of such a character as to render it necessary that he shall retire from active service. Speaking on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I make this announcement with the deepest regret, as the Government are aware that in parting with Mr. Bennett they are about to lose the services of one of its most able and trusted officers.

Dear Sir,

49, Phillip-street, 19 June, 1889.

I have been requested by the Commissioner for Roads, Mr. W. C. Bennett, to furnish you with a report as to his state of health.

I may state that about eighteen months ago I examined him, in conjunction with his usual medical attendant, and then gave a certificate as to the weak condition of his heart.

This weakness, from fatty degeneration, has much increased since the former examination; so much so, that I consider a light cold on the chest, or any over exertion or nervous disturbance from worry or emotional causes, would place his life in the greatest peril.

As the natural tendency of this degeneration of the heart is slowly to increase, having no disposition to repair, I fear that even if Mr. Bennett takes the rest recommended by his medical attendant, he will be no more capable of work at the end of his holiday than now, and at present I consider him quite unfit for duty.

I am, &c.,

GEORGE T. HANKINS.

- (3.) The position has been offered to Mr. R. R. P. Hickson, the late Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers.
 (7.) Water Conservation Department:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Will he inform the House if it is proposed to form a Water Conservation Department?
 (2.) If so, has it been decided who should be placed in charge of it?
 (3.) Is it proposed to place it in the Department of the Secretary for Public Works?
 Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
 (1.) Water conservation is dealt with in the Department of Mines.
 (2.) It is in charge of the Secretary for Mines.
 (3.) No such proposal has been decided upon.

- (8.) Marine Board Regulations:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he instruct the Marine Board to issue Regulations which will, in all cases where inquiries are to be held by them affecting the conduct of the captains of vessels, enable seamen to obtain their discharges before the inquiry is held?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter has been referred for the consideration and report of the Marine Board.

- (9.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has the purchase money been paid yet for the Darling Island purchase?
 (2.) Are the Government accepting the title submitted by the vendors of this property, or will the Government have to resume it?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) The Government have resumed it according to one of the conditions of the contract. Before any money is paid the vendors will have to prove their title to the satisfaction of the Crown Solicitor, through whose hands it is now passing.

- (10.) Reserve for Water Conservation, Parish of Nyngar:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps yet been taken, in answer to petition from residents in the parish of Nyngar, in the county of Ashburnham, *re* an application for reserve for water conservation; if so, will he state what decision (if any) has been arrived at?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—If the parish of Nyngar is referred to, the District Surveyor at Orange was, on 30th May last, asked to report upon the subject. A decision will be given as soon as possible after the receipt of the report.

- (11.) Artesian Well at Barrogin, near Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he yet considered the petition from residents of Barrogin, near Cudal, county of Ashburnham, presented on 30th May last, *re* an artesian well for settlers in that neighbourhood; if so, what steps are likely to be taken in the matter, and when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—A report is being obtained from the Geological Surveyor.

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

(1.) Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

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 "Fire Brigades Act 1884," to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) Wollongong Harbour Trust Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

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 provide for the improvement, management, and regulation of the Port of Wollongong and certain portions of the Tom Thumb Lagoon, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting Opinions of C. E. Pileher, Esquire, Q.C., and F. E. Rogers, Esquire, Q.C., on Charges preferred against the Honorable John Davies, C.M.G., in Special Report of Royal Commission on Casual Labour Board.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 17th May, 1889—"Trial Surveys, Richmond to Wallerawang, and Richmond to Eskbank."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

4. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the city of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

5. EXPENDITURE OUT OF LOAN VOTES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Alexander Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return in detail (to be compiled from the Abstract of Loan Votes), showing the amount of money variously expended out of Loan Votes, from the year 1853 to 31st March, 1889, under the following headings:—(1) On Sydney and its suburbs; (2) On Newcastle; (3) On the country districts generally (excluding Sydney and its suburbs and Newcastle); (4) On Railways and Telegraphs; (5) On Land and Immigration; (6) On Defence.

(2.) A Return of the total amount collected at Newcastle as tonnage dues specially levied for the improvement of the Port of Newcastle, under the Acts 19 Victoria No. 25 and 20 Victoria No. 12.

Question put and passed.

6. WOMENS COLLEGE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney.

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 establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney.

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

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney*,"—which was read a first time.

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

7. FIRE BRIGADES 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 "Fire Brigades Act 1884," to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.

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On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Fire Brigades Act 1884,’ to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards, and to make other provision in connection with such Boards,*”—which was read a first time.

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

8. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST 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 provide for the improvement, management, and regulation of the Port of Wollongong and certain portions of the Tom Thumb Lagoon, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

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On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

9. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., regarding Statements made by His Eminence Cardinal Moran respecting Infants’ Home at Ashfield, and the Night Refuge for Women.

Ordered to be printed.

10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 1889, A.M.

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

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

- (1.) Manly Drainage Works Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works at Manly, in the County of Cumberland,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th June, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20th June, 1889.

For the Clerk of the Parliaments,
ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Clerk Assistant.

Page 2, clause 3, lines 37 to 39. *Omit* “a Loan Trust Fund by the Municipal authorities of the localities served by the said work, as provided by the ‘Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,’ *insert* “the Colonial Treasurer, to be by him carried to a Loan Trust Fund, by the Municipality served by such work, upon the transfer thereof, after completion, by the Constructing Authority to the Council of such Municipality. Such cost shall be a debt chargeable upon the general revenues, from whatever sources derived, of such Municipality until defrayed: Provided that such debt shall be liquidated by the Municipality aforesaid, and be recoverable by the Constructing Authority in the same manner

"manner as is provided in Part Five of the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' for the liquidation and recovery of expenses incurred for sewerage works thereby sanctioned."

Page 2, clause 3, line 40. Omit "Municipalities" insert "Municipality"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a Railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th June, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20th June, 1889.

For the Clerk of the Parliaments,
ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Clerk Assistant.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 11. After "railway" insert "which shall be of the same gauge as the Government Railways"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 37. After "shall" insert "so far as is necessary for the purpose of this Act"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 48. Omit "five" insert "three"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 50. After "lands" insert "including Crown lands"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 52. After "the" insert "Crown and"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 52. After "assigns" insert "respectively"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 15. After "use" insert "for the conveyance of coal and goods"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 16. Omit "of a sum not exceeding the rate per ton" insert "for the conveyance of coal, of a sum not exceeding one penny per ton per mile, with a minimum charge of three-pence per ton in respect of every ton of coal for every transit, and for the conveyance of goods, at the rate per ton not exceeding that"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 23. Omit "two" insert "one"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 26. After "public" insert "for conveyance of coal and goods"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 26. After "promoters" insert "for the conveyance of coal, of a sum not exceeding one half-penny per ton per mile, with a minimum charge of two-pence per ton in respect of every ton of coal for every transit, and for goods"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 42. Omit "And be it enacted that"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 43. After "lands" insert "adjoining thereto or"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 45. After "carriages" insert "trucks and waggons"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 52. After "passengers" insert "coal and"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 56. After "Railway," second occurring, insert "Provided that this shall not apply to any railway line connecting any other colliery in that neighbourhood with the Great Northern Railway."
- Page 4, clause 7, line 43. After "for" insert "any person by petition to"
- Page 4, clause 7, line 45. After "advisable" omit remainder of clause.
- Page 5, clause 10, line 41. After "therein" insert "to be recoverable before any two Justices in a summary way"
- Page 8, clause 17. At end of clause add "to be recoverable in a summary way before any two Justices."
- Page 10, clause 33, line 32. Omit "and" insert "or"
- Page 10, clause 33, line 32. Omit "a" insert "or"
- Page 10, clause 33, line 32. Before "bank" omit "the" insert "a"
- Page 11, clause 38, line 24. After "the" insert "said"
- Page 11, clause 41, line 37. Omit "said" insert "word"
- Page 11, clause 41, line 41. After "Sessions" insert "or a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"
- Page 11, clause 42, lines 47 and 48. Omit "shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and the same"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 12th July.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McMillan 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 Two o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 1889.

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

NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 34.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to legalize the occupation by certain persons of part of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, to admit of the withdrawal from mining lease of the surface of parts of the said Reserve, and to authorize the alienation 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st June, 1889.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Shipping Office Fees:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an amount of money for overpaid Shipping Office fees has been due by the Government to a large number of ship-owners and companies for two years past, and has not yet been refunded?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have the amount so overpaid refunded?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The refunds referred to, amounting to £325 9s. 9d., will be paid to the respective claimants, on application to the Crown Solicitor, early next week.

- (2.) Fine remitted on Sheep-drover named *Byrne*:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that representations have been made to his Department, inducing him to remit a fine of £5 imposed on a sheep-drover named *Byrne*, in the employ of *Mr. Alexander Ryrie*, M.P.?

(2.) What are the grounds alleged for the remission of the fine?

(3.) Is it a fact that no less than eight or ten cases of a similar character have been tried before the Police Court, Cooma, within the last few months?

(4.) Is it a fact that *Byrne* paid no attention whatever to the summons issued on two occasions?

(5.) If *Byrne's* fine is remitted, will he remit the fines imposed upon the defendants in the other cases?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes; application has been made to me for the remission of the fine of £5 imposed on *Byrne*, a drover in charge of travelling sheep, by the Cooma Bench, for failing to give the prescribed notice in passing through the Cooma Common.

(2.) That the notice was given, but only received by the trustees the day the sheep went through; and the drover had travelled 10 miles that day in place of only going 6, showing he had no intention of delaying on the Common.

(3.) I am informed by *Mr. Love*, Police Magistrate, Cooma, that between 26th March and 14th June, 1889, eight charges of a similar character have been disposed of at the Cooma Police Court.

(4.) *Mr. Love* reports that the first summons was returnable the 12th of April, when defendant *Byrne* did not appear; but there was no proof that it came to his knowledge, and a second summons was thereupon issued, returnable the 26th April last. Defendant was served personally at Michelago, 40 miles from Cooma, on the 19th of April; but he disobeyed the summons. At the request of the prosecutor the hearing was adjourned until the 3rd of May, and the execution of the warrant stayed. On same date defendant did not personally appear, but pleaded guilty by his attorney.

(5.) If *Byrne's* fine is remitted, any of the cases referred to will be dealt with on its merits if brought under my notice.

(3.)

(3.) Road from Murga, *via* Reedy Creek and Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps (if any) are being taken towards putting into a proper state of repair the road from Murga, *via* Reedy Creek and Parkes?

(2.) Is it a fact that the road is at present in a dangerous and impassable state, and will he see that steps are taken to have it repaired without delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The last report from the local officer states that the road in some places is in a bad state, and recommends that a grant of £250 be given to place it in order, which I have approved. I avail myself of this opportunity to inform Honorable Members that, in consequence of the numerous reports from all parts of the country regarding injury to roads and bridges from the late unprecedented rainfall, and owing to the necessity for affording immediate and extensive relief in the repair of the same, it is my intention to ask the House for an additional sum of £20,000 for the purpose.

(4.) Public School, Eurimbla:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he yet decided to re-open a Public School at Eurimbla, near Molong, in accordance with the wish of numerous families residing in that locality, as lately conveyed to him by petition; and will he state when the school is likely to be opened?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It has been decided to establish a Public School at Eurimbla, and the District Inspector has invited tenders for the erection of the necessary buildings. Every effort will be made to get the school ready at the earliest possible date.

(5.) Mr. F. W. C. Crane, Civil Service Board:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Martin, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. F. W. C. Crane was promoted by the Governor and Executive Council to the position of Seventh Clerk in the Central Police Office, at an increased rate of salary, to date from the 1st September, 1888, as provided for on the Estimates for that year?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Treasury has declined to pay Mr. Crane such increase of salary?

(3.) If so, under what authority has the Treasury overruled the decision of the Governor and Executive Council?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am informed by the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade that the Treasury has not declined to pay Mr. Crane's salary, nor attempted to overrule the decision of the Governor and Executive Council, but has simply delayed the payment, pending inquiries which the Treasury thought were properly made.

(3.) I have received no information as to what authority the Treasury acted under in withholding the payment.

(6.) Book-stalls, Railway Stations:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The names of the persons who have the right to sell books, papers, &c., on the railway platforms?

(2.) When were such rights last granted, and for how long a period?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Alfred Bennett, of the *Evening News*, is one of the persons holding such rights?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that Mr. Henry Lloyd has the right to book-stalls, &c., on the railway platforms. His lease commenced on the 1st January last, and terminates on the 31st December, 1891. He pays £1,260 per annum for the right, tenders being invited for the lease. Mr. Alfred Bennett does not hold the right.

(7.) Bridge over the Murray at Corowa:—*Mr. Hayes*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any communications been addressed to the Victorian Government, and proposals made, *re* the bridge over the Murray at Corowa; and, if so, when; also, has any reply been received?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A communication upon this subject has been addressed to the Government of Victoria; and if the Honorable Member will repeat his question this day week, I shall be in a position to give him a more complete answer.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Reduction in Electric Telegraph Rates between Euriovie and Purnamoota and South Australia.

(2.) Further Correspondence respecting Proposed Formation of Street North of the General Post Office.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 5th June, 1889—"Application of Samuel and Mary Lemon for Compensation."

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 9th May, 1889—"Berrima Pastures and Stock Protection Board."

Ordered to be printed.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, "Return of Vessels berthed at Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, during 1882-1888," which had been handed in to the Public Works Committee in connection with their Report on Wharfage Accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay. Ordered to be printed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 12th July. 6.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McCourt 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 direct attention to the apathy displayed by Governments in carrying out necessary Public Works in the Country Districts, and to the unfair preference given to “Public Works in and around Sydney.”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Willis moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Hutchison
(*Canterbury*),
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Garrard.

Tellers,

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Alfred Allen.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Crick,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Perry,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Gornly.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Burns,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Original Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

7. WATER CONSERVATION AND DISTRIBUTION:—Mr. Gornly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a general scheme of water conservation and distribution should be commenced with as little delay as possible.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. ABSENTEE TAX:—Mr. Creer proceeding to move the Motion standing in his name in reference to this subject,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Clubb, Mr. Creer, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawken, Mr. King, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Perry, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Tecce,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1889.

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

ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 6th of June instant, declaring the Seat of John Richard Linsley, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. John Richard Linsley; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of David Dale, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

2. **MEMBER SWORN** :—David Dale, 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 Central Cumberland.

3. **QUESTIONS** :—

(1.) **Colour-Sergeant Webster** :—Mr. Cullen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he yet given his approval to an allowance for the wife and young children of Sergeant Webster; and, if so, what is the amount of the allowance?

(2.) Were certain sums due to Webster and Mrs. Webster prior to the Court-martial sentence; if so, when will these sums be paid?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to the second part of this question, I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that there is no sum due to Webster or Mrs. Webster on account of his services in the New South Wales Artillery. In respect to the first part of the question, a decision shall be come to in the course of to-morrow. As I explained on a former occasion, it is not so simple a matter as it may appear, as whatever may be done now may establish a very inconvenient precedent.

(2.) **Bores put down for Water in Colony** :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What were the names of the tenderers for the work of putting down twenty-five bores in search of water, as per *Gazette* notice No. 8,389, of date 20th November, 1888?

(2.) What were the prices respectively given in such tenders?

(3.) Were any of the tenders accepted, conditionally or otherwise?

(4.) If so, by whom, and at what price per foot, inclusive or exclusive of tubing?

(5.) Will he furnish a Return, giving locality and numbers of bores (if any) put down in search of water all over the Colony, carried out under supervision of Department of Mines, and the rate paid per foot, inclusive and exclusive of tubing?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(3.) **Acting Gaoler Dacey, Braidwood Gaol** :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Ryrrie, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Acting Gaoler Dacey is the only officer on duty at the Braidwood Gaol?

(2.) Has it been reported to him that that officer was in danger of being murdered by a prisoner during last week?

(3.) Will he take immediate steps to have another officer sent to Braidwood to assist Mr. Dacey in his duties?

Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons—

- (1.) That Acting-Goaler Dacey is the only officer on duty at the Braidwood Gaol.
- (2.) That a prisoner named Harry Rutter (an aboriginal) has been committed for trial at the ensuing Quarter Sessions at Braidwood, on the 28th instant, upon a charge of assaulting Dacey with intent to do grievous bodily harm.
- (3.) That the number of prisoners in this police gaol at present is only two; the average number for the last three months was three, and the maximum four. It is not considered needful to attach a warder to police gaols where so few prisoners are confined. Any prisoner supposed to be dangerous will be removed to Goulburn Gaol.

- (4.) Removal of Bredbo Post Office to Railway Station:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Ryrie*, asked the Postmaster General,—Is it his intention to remove the post-office at Bredbo to the railway station there, in the same manner as the Michelago post-office was removed?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I am informed that there is no station-master at Bredbo at present. So soon as one is appointed, there will be no objection to place the post office at the station, if the residents wish it, and if the Railway Department has no objection.

- (5.) *McSharry v. Commissioner for Railways*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In the arbitration, *O'Rourke and McSharry v. the Commissioner for Railways*, have the fees of the arbitrators and umpire been paid by the Government?
- (2.) If any portion is still due, why has it not been paid?
- (3.) Will he state the names of the arbitrators and of the umpire who have received their fees, and the amounts paid to each; also, the names of those who have not been paid, and the amounts due to each?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) The clearest way to answer these questions is to lay a copy of the Crown Solicitor's letter on the subject upon the Table of the House, and this I shall presently do.

(3.) *Mr. Poole*, arbitrator for the Crown, has been paid his full claim of £1,800. *Mr. Jennings*, umpire, has been paid £1,000, being more than half his claim of £1,800. *Mr. Watkins*, the plaintiff's arbitrator, has not been paid anything by the Department.

- (6.) Road through Barratta Pastoral Holding:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to answer to Question 6 of 2nd April last, in reference to road through Barratta pastoral holding, when will this road, applied for two years ago, be opened for traffic?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The plan of this road has but recently been received. It is now under examination, prior to proclamation of the intention of the Crown as to the opening of the road. No avoidable delay will take place in dealing with this matter.

- (7.) Applications to purchase Roads:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the costs of the Department in selling unnecessary roads, asked for some weeks ago, be submitted to the House?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table of the House this day.

- (8.) Removal of Wrecks from Entrance to Richmond River:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he take immediate steps to have the wrecks of the steamer "Francis Hixson" and schooner "Sarsfield" removed from the entrance of the Richmond River?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that they lie dangerously near to the present channel, and at any time may block up the entrance?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed that the wrecks in their present position are not in the fairway of the present channel, and the cost of removing them at the present time would be very considerable. The matter will not be lost sight of, as the Engineer who is located at the Heads has been instructed to watch the first opportunity to have them blown up. At present the wrecks are completely embedded in sand.

4. DEATH OF LATE MEMBER FOR REDFERN, JOHN SUTHERLAND, ESQUIRE:—*Sir Henry Parkes* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—

(1.) That this House desires to place on record the expression of its high appreciation of the loss which it has sustained by the death of John Sutherland, Esquire, one of its oldest and most respected Members, and at the same time to offer its unfeigned condolence to his widow and family on their bereavement.

(2.) That *Mr. Speaker* be requested to communicate a copy of this Resolution to *Mrs. Sutherland*. *Mr. J. P. Abbott* also addressed the House.

Question put and carried unanimously.

5. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. McMillan*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 35.

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 1889, together with provision for urgent Services of the years 1888 and 1889, and also for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Connor, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

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 resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Return showing Cost of Work performed in connection with Applications by Alexander Wilson to purchase certain Roads, parishes of Warralonga and Brymar, county Bland.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Extract from a Letter received from the Crown Solicitor, dated 14th May, 1889, respecting Payment of Fees in connection with Arbitration Case, McSharry v. the Commissioner for Railways.

8. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from W. E. Abbott, Chairman of the Murrumbidgee Pastures and Stock Protection Board, condemning the working of the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883"; and praying that in any future legislation on this subject, the principle of local self-government, and the compelling of each district to destroy the pests within its boundaries, be as far as possible enforced.
Petition received.

9. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell, 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 11th June, 1889, 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, 26th July.
Question put and passed.

10. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from George Lovell, Mayor of the Municipality of Ryde, and Alfred Weeks, Mayor of the Municipality of Hunter's Hill, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill.
And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

11. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Frederick Samuel Ellis Holt, of Sutherland House, Sylvania, and Alfred William Holt, of Clifton, St. Leonards, in opposition to the principle of the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill; and praying the House not to affirm the expediency of bringing in this Bill, unless the same be limited to the resumption of only so much land as the Government have reasonable ground for believing will be actually and physically requisite for the approaches contemplated by the said Bill; or that the House will grant the Petitioners such further or other relief in the premises as shall seem meet.
Petition received.

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intitled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the years 1888 and 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 £848,855, being £490,670 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June or following month of the year 1889, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1888, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1889; £64,485 for Services of 1888, being £50,000 to recoup the Treasurer's Advance Vote for sums paid therefrom on account of Railways—

Working

Working Expenses; £14,485 to recoup the Treasurer's Advance Vote for payment of compensation and costs awarded to Mr. Markham in the action *Markham v. Abbott*, from the Vote for Prevention of Scab in Sheep; £47,700 for Services of 1889—being £3,500 for working expenses, Sydney Water Supply; £10,000 for Custom House, Sydney (in lieu of vote £10,000 for erection of Shipping Office, Sydney, 1883); £20,000 for repairing Roads and Bridges and other Public Works damaged by recent heavy rains; £14,200 to meet the cost of Seed Wheat, and expenses connected with distribution thereof, to distressed Farmers in New South Wales; and, in anticipation of Loan Votes, £46,000 for New Dock, Cockatoo Island; and £200,000 for Resumption of Land for Public Purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

(5.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the years 1888 and 1889, the sum of £848,855 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

15. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3)** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1888 and 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 Years 1888 and 1889, 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, the report was adopted.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE, 1889.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Petty Sessions, at the Police Office, Parramatta, on Monday, 1st July next, in the case Young, Returning Officer, v. Robert McKeown, "to produce a certain Writ for the Election of a Member to represent Central Cumberland, on 22nd June instant."

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 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.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road between Deniliquin and Maud:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the road between Deniliquin and Maud, the subject of a petition from residents and stock-owners, be opened for the use of the public?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The plan of this road has but recently been received. It is now under examination, prior to proclamation of the intention of the Crown as to the opening of the road. No avoidable delay will take place in dealing with this matter.

(2.) Deniliquin Fire Brigade Board:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to recoup the Deniliquin Fire Brigade Board the amount of costs they were called upon to pay in respect to the late action at law taken by them against certain Insurance Companies, such action having been taken as a test case upon the advice of B. R. Wise, Esq., Attorney-General in the then Parkes Government?

(2.) If so, when will the money be provided?

(3.) Is it a fact that, in consequence of the decision of the Court in the action above referred to, fire brigades in country districts are placed in a most unsatisfactory position?

(4.) Will he embody in the Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill a provision to remedy the defects which exist in the present law?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Provision has been made in the Amending Bill (section 3) to cover all costs, &c., incurred by the Deniliquin Fire Brigades Board.

(2.) So soon as the Bill has been passed.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Such provision has been made in the Bill.

(3.) Trustees for Reserve, North Shore of Botany Bay:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are there any trustees appointed by the Government for the reserve on the north shore of Botany Bay, commencing at the western boundary of Mr. Walsh's Bunnerong Estate, and extending for a distance of about 96 chains along the north shore of the Bay to the north-western corner of the estate known as the "Sir Joseph Bank's Hotel" and grounds?

(2.) If so, what are their names, and the date of their appointment?

(3.) Have any of them ceased to be trustees, by death, resignation, or otherwise?

(4.) If so, what were the dates, respectively, of their resignation, or of their ceasing to be trustees?

(5.) Are any of them still trustees?

(6.) If so, how many, and what are their names?

Mr.

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Henry Prince, George Hill junior, John Geddes—30th January, 1872; Edward Flood, John Lupton—7th August, 1877; Honorable Richard Hill—28th March, 1879; John McElhone, G. H. Robinson—2nd January, 1880.
- (3.) Messrs. Prince, Flood, and Geddes, resigned.
- (4.) Mr. Prince resigned on 26th July, 1877; Mr. Geddes, 15th May, 1879; and Mr. Flood, 5th October, 1879.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) Four: Messrs. George Hill junior, John McElhone, G. H. Robinson, and the Honorable Richard Hill.

(4.) Railway to Longnose Point, Balmain:—Mr. Clubb asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways reported to the Government in reference to the construction of a railway to Longnose Point, Balmain?
- (2.) If so, has the Government considered such report; and what decision has been arrived at with regard to the said railway proposal?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The Commissioners have reported.
- (2.) The report has not yet been considered, inasmuch as the lately acquired purchase at Darling Harbour promises to afford all the accommodation required for the present.

(5.) Payments under Stock Protection Act, Bathurst District:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in the Bathurst District the amount paid under the Stock Protection Act is as high as heretofore, while the amount paid for scalps has been much diminished?
- (2.) If so, will immediate steps be taken to remedy the anomaly?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) It is not a fact that the rates levied under the Stock Protection Act in the Bathurst Sheep District for 1888 (the last year for which returns have been received by the Government), are as high as heretofore, and the rates of bonuses are not less than for 1887, and very little less than those for 1884, 1885, and 1886. The Board made no return to the Department of rate of bonus for 1881, 1882, and 1883.
- (2.) This is a matter for the Board, in regard to which the Government cannot interfere.

(6.) Concessions made to certain Consignees by Railway Department:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the custom of the Railway Department to make concessions to certain consignees at some of the principal towns in New South Wales?
- (2.) What is the amount of trade required to be done to secure the concession?
- (3.) The names of the persons (if any) who have availed themselves of the concession?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1 and 2.) It is assumed that the Honorable Member refers to the concession to large traders. The Railway Commissioners have issued a Regulation, allowing a rebate on season tickets (up to three in number) to firms doing a large business with the Railway, the reduction being regulated by the amount of business done, as per By-law No. 2, published in the *Gazette* of 19th March last.
- (3.) The persons who have taken up traders' tickets are:—1. P. Holt (Harrison, Jones, & Devlin); 2. P. Bridge (Bridge & Co.); 3. T. E. Winder (Hill, Clarke, & Co.); 4. P. Dransfield (Harrison, Jones, & Devlin); 5. W. Clarke (Hill, Clarke, & Co.); 6. A. H. Moore (Harrison, Jones, & Devlin); 7. J. L. Rowe (Dalgety & Co.); 8. Mr. Maiden (Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co.).

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. McMillan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

4. OAKLEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Kidd presented a Petition from James Collins, of Brougham-street, Glebe, stating that the Petitioner's interest will be seriously affected by the passing of this Bill; and praying that it may be referred to a Select Committee, and that he may be cited to attend in person or by Counsel to give evidence, and to appear as the opponent of the Bill. Petition received.

5. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST BILL:—Mr. Woodward presented a Petition from the Land-owners, Farmers, Storekeepers, Tradesmen, Miners, Workmen, Labourers, and others, inhabitants of the Town of Wollongong, and Electorate of Illawarra, in favour of the Wollongong Harbour Trust Bill; and praying the House to give an earnest and careful consideration to its various provisions, and at the earliest moment assent to a measure for establishing a local Harbour Trust for enlarging, deepening, and improving the harbour at Wollongong. Petition received.

6. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Rights and Liabilities of Married Women*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th June, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Kidd, read a first time.

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

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McMillan*, for Sir Henry Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-day, do adjourn until 7 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, to enable Honorable Members to attend the funeral of the late John Sutherland, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
8. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) *Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill.
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 extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill*,"—read a first time.
9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. McMillan* moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, passed.
Mr. McMillan 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 years 1888 and 1889, 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 years 1888 and 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th June, 1889.
10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McMillan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE, 1889.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the years 1888 and 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th June, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road through Yarralumla Estate, near Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the instructions to Mr. Surveyor Wood with regard to the opening of a road through the Yarralumla Estate, near Queanbeyan?

(2.) Is it a fact that Surveyor Wood is afraid to carry out these instructions for fear of an action by Mr. F. Campbell, the proprietor of Yarralumla?

(3.) Will he take steps to protect the Surveyor, and have this road opened without delay?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1 and 2.) The instruction to open this road was in the usual form, namely, to give notice to proprietors of enclosed lands to remove obstructions by fencing, to re-mark the road where requisite, and to remove fences crossing the road. It was returned by Mr. Wood, pending consideration of the proprietors application for cost of fencing the road within enclosed land, and has not since been re-issued to him.

(3.) I have decided the question of compensation; and the formal opening of the road is delayed, pending reply to a communication forwarded to the proprietor on the 12th instant.

(2.) Construction of Locks, Darling River:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have the Government yet taken into their consideration the question of constructing locks on the Darling River?

(2.) If so, what steps have they taken in the matter?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A plan and survey has been prepared for the first proposed lock, and detail drawings have been completed. The site for this lock is 45 miles above Wentworth; and, if constructed, it will hold back water for navigation 35 miles.

(3.) Book-stalls, Railway Stations:—Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons to whom the book-stalls are leased at the railway stations?

(2.) What are the amounts received by the Government (per annum or otherwise) from the lessees?

(3.) When do the said leases expire?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Mr. Henry Lloyd.

(2.) £1,260 per annum.

(3.) 31st December, 1891.

(4.)

- (4.) Old Court-house, Warialda :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has it been decided whether the old Court-house at Warialda will be sold ; and, if so, when ?
Mr. Gould answered,—The late Minister of Justice approved of the sale of this building on the 28th February last ; but, in view of representations which have since been made by the Department of Works, that the building in question was required by the Road Superintendent, the sale has been withdrawn.
- (5.) Eradication of Prickly Pear, Warialda District :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Are any steps being taken towards eradicating the prickly pear in the Warialda District, on lands under the immediate control of the Government ?
 (2.) Have any grants towards recreation reserves been provided for during the current year ?
Mr. Brunker answered,—
 (1.) Action is being taken, on the reports of the Inspector, drawing attention to the existence of prickly pear.
 (2.) Yes.
- (6.) School-ground, Warialda :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has any tender yet been accepted for fencing in the school-ground at Warialda ?
Mr. Carruthers answered,—No tender has yet been accepted. When such is done, the Honorable Member will be informed.
- (7.) Erection of Police Barracks, Warialda :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has it yet been decided whether police barracks will be erected at Warialda ?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Works Department is only the Constructing Department in these matters. The question of determining as to the necessity for such an establishment rests with the Colonial Secretary.
- (8.) Roads within Municipal Boundaries :—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount does the Department of Works save yearly by causing municipalities to construct and maintain those portions of scheduled roads which lie within municipal boundaries ?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As there are no scheduled roads within the limits of municipalities, with the exception of the proclaimed main roads of the Colony, it cannot be said that the Department of Works causes municipalities to construct and maintain such roads. All roads within municipal limits (excepting proclaimed main roads) are in the charge and under the control of such municipalities, by virtue of the Municipalities Act, even though the Government may have previously carried out works thereon. As a consequence, there is no saving to the Government. The proclaimed main roads through municipalities are provided for by vote, as per Schedule with the 1889 Estimates, and amounts are issued to such Councils as will accept expenditure.
- (9.) Widow of *Mr. Castles*, late of Railway Department :—*Mr. Woodward* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any (and, if so, what) provision for the widow and children of *Mr. Castles*, who lost his life through an accident at Darling Harbour, while engaged as an employé in the Railway Department ?
Mr. McMillan answered,—Provision will be made on the Estimates for a gratuity of £250, to be paid to the widow and children of the late railway shunter, *Isaac Castles*, and the amount will be available as soon as voted.
- (10.) Bridge over River Murray, at Tocumwal :—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has the Engineer reported on the proposed construction of a bridge over the River Murray, at Tocumwal ?
 (2.) Has the Victorian Government been requested to co-operate in the construction of the bridge ?
 (3.) If so, what is the nature of their reply ?
 (4.) If it is intended to construct the bridge, when will tenders be called for ?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2 and 3.) Communication has been entered upon with the Victorian Government concerning the subject, but no reply has been yet received.
 (4.) It is not possible to say at present when the bridge will be tendered for.
- (11.) Widow of *Wm. Foreman*, late of Railway Department :—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What amount has been decided upon as a gratuity to the widow and children of the late *Wm. Foreman*, railway guard, who was recently killed at the Picton Viaduct ?
 (2.) Are the widow and children in immediate necessity ?
 (3.) If so, will he order the money to be paid over at once ?
Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it has been decided to provide £275 as a gratuity to the widow and children of the late *Guard Foreman*, and money will be paid over as soon as voted ; meanwhile, an advance of £50 has been made in anticipation of Vote.
- (12.) Contract for Post Office Clock and Bells :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a contract was never actually signed for the Post Office clock and bells ?
 (2.) Upon what understanding was the contract recommended to be given to *Mr. Tornaghi*, in point of carrying it out within a specified time ?
 (3.) Has any satisfactory progress been made by the contractor ?
 (4.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to call for fresh tenders ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Although no contract was actually signed originally by Mr. Tornaghi, his tender was actually accepted and his deposit of £500 received.

(2, 3, and 4.) The terms of the original contract are being revived, with a nine months limit to complete the work. Other contractors, who are now anxious to have fresh tenders called for, had every opportunity of tendering originally for the work. The Colonial Architect recommended the acceptance of Mr. Tornaghi's tender, and he is now of opinion that that person is likely to most satisfactorily carry out the work.

(13.) *Herberton v. Reynolds*—Lands Appeal Court :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In the case *Herberton v. Reynolds*, decided in the Lands Appeal Court on Monday last,—is Reynolds a leaseholder?

(2.) Did Reynolds hold a conditional lease under section 48 of the Land Act of 1884?

(3.) Did he decide that Reynolds was not liable as a contributory towards the original cost of a boundary fence separating his lease from another lease?

(4.) Does he intend to apply a like decision to the numerous similar cases already considered by the Department?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No similar case has come before the Appeal Court; but, in the appeal case *Hall v. English*, in respect of a lease under section 52, a like decision was given by Mr. Secretary Garrett.

3. VACANT SEAT :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of John Sutherland, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows :—

“ We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that John Sutherland, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Redfern, died on the 23rd day of June, 1889.

“ We give you this notice, to the intent that you may acquaint the Assembly therewith, in order to the issue of a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, in the room of the said John Sutherland, Esquire.

“ Given under our hand, at Sydney, this 27th day of June, 1889,—

“ JAMES P. HOWE.

“ W. STEPHEN.”

“ To the Honorable the Speaker
“ of the Legislative Assembly.”

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Seat of John Sutherland, Esquire, lately serving in this House as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Redfern, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said John Sutherland, Esquire, as certified under the hands of two of the Members of this House in the notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker. Question put and passed.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Hampton, Major's Plains, Pinnacle, Rockdale, and Winchenden Vale. Ordered to be printed.

5. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor 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 authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the city of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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 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 resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the city of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Connor then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed, and for other purposes in connection therewith*,”—which was read a first time.

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

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
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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 on Tuesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. N. S. C. Berry, J.P., Cooma:—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Was Mr. N. S. C. Berry, J.P., charged with making use of obscene language at Cooma, during this month?
 (2.) Was the case, when called on for hearing, postponed till 14th of the present month, and subsequently heard on the 11th, without notice being given to the other magistrates who had been seized with the case?
 (3.) Was this a regular method of proceeding; if not, will he state what was the reason for this course being pursued.
 (4.) What was the result of the case?
 (5.) Was the prosecuting constable called; and, if not, did he know the case was being proceeded with?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Police Magistrate to the following effect:—That Mr. N. S. C. Berry, J.P., was charged with such offence. The case was called for hearing on the 7th instant, before the Police Magistrate and Mr. Shannon, J.P., and the attorney for the defendant applied for an adjournment, in order to obtain evidence, which was granted until the 14th instant. No evidence was taken, consequently the magistrates were not fully seized with the case. The attorney for the defendant having made application to have the case heard on the 11th instant, the usual summons day at Cooma, as he would be absent at Bombala on the 14th instant, and stating that he would plead guilty for the defendant, and pay the fine imposed and all costs; and there being no objection to this course, the charge was accordingly heard before the Police Magistrate on the 11th instant, when the defendant, by his attorney, pleaded guilty, and was fined 20s. and costs 12s. 10d., in default seven days' imprisonment. The defendant having pleaded guilty by his attorney, the prosecuting constable was not called, but was in attendance at the Court. The procedure in this case was regular in every respect, and similar to that adopted by the Bench at the Cooma Police Court.

- (2.) Agricultural Show-ground, Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Have the trustees of the Agricultural Show-ground at Queanbeyan power to let or lease the ground for any other purpose than that for which it was dedicated?
 (2.) Did the trustees ever lease the said ground; and, if so, to whom, and what were the conditions on which the lease was granted?
 (3.) Did the trustees receive any moneys for such lease; and, if so, how much?
 (4.) Has any account of these moneys been rendered to the Government?
 (5.) If such account has not been rendered, will he have an inquiry made into the matter, and endeavour to ascertain what has become of these moneys?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) No. (The deed of grant provides that the land shall be used as a Show-ground, and for no other purpose whatsoever, under a penalty of forfeiture and reversion to the Crown.)
 (2.) The Department is not aware of the ground having been leased by the trustees; but they permitted Messrs. Johnson and Co., railway contractors, to make bricks on the land.
 (3.) The sum of £57 is alleged to have been paid by Messrs. Johnson and Co., as subscription to the Agricultural Society, in consideration of the permission given.
 (4.) No.
 (5.) The Department is aware of the breach of trust committed by the trustees of Queanbeyan Show-ground in permitting the land to be used for brick-making, and action has been taken with a view to formally re-entering upon and taking possession of the land. Mr. Staff-Surveyor W. H. O'M. Wood is being instructed to effect this on behalf of the Crown,

(3.)

- (3.) Mr. F. W. C. Crane, Civil Service Board:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Martin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Under what authority has the Treasury acted in withholding from Mr. F. W. C. Crane, Seventh Clerk in the Central Police Office, the payment of increased salary, which was provided for by law, and authorized by the Governor and Executive Council?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Payment of the increase, at the rate of £4 per annum, attached to Mr. Crane's promotion at the Central Police Court, has been *delayed* at the Treasury, pending the result of a communication addressed by the Civil Service Board to the Principal Under Secretary, dated 9th February last, inviting the attention of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, as Administrator of the Civil Service Act, to circumstances connected with the promotion, which, in the opinion of the Board, deserved inquiry. The result of the communication before referred to (which might possibly lead to a reconsideration of the whole case) has not been advised to the Treasury. The "authority" for the *delayed* payment arises out of the constitution and practice of the Department, which, through its Examining Branch, exercises the closest scrutiny in respect of all public payments.

- (4.) School-grounds, Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the school-grounds at Moama offer no shade in the hot summer months to protect the children against the fierce rays of the sun?
(2.) Will he cause a number of trees to be planted about the grounds?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) There is a commodious weather-shed, which affords shade to the children in hot weather. There are also trees.
(2.) Trees will be furnished, provided the residents will plant them and keep them in order.

- (5.) Erection of Crane, Moama Wharf:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it intended to supply a crane to the Moama Wharf?
(2.) If so, when will it be forwarded and erected?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) As soon as the necessary funds are available.

- (6.) Money due to Mr. G. W. Townsend by Works Department:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there any sum of money due to Mr. G. W. Townsend by the Works Department?
(2.) If so, how long has the amount been due, and what is the reason it has not been paid?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There is a sum of £539 on the Estimates for 1889 as a gratuity to Mr. G. W. Townsend on his retirement from the Service; and the payment of the money is awaiting the passing of the Vote by Parliament.

- (7.) Roads within Municipal Boundaries:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount does the Department of Works save yearly by causing municipalities to construct and maintain the continuations of those scheduled roads which lie within municipal boundaries?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It will take some time to prepare this information; but a Return will be compiled and laid upon the Table of the House as quickly as possible.

2. REFUNDS ON GOLD AND MINERAL LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a list of all refunds, and the amounts, on gold and mineral leases now remaining unpaid in the Mines Department, with the names of applicants or persons entitled to be paid the refund.
Question put and passed.
3. DISMISSAL AND SUBSEQUENT RE-EMPLOYMENT OF MR. F. B. HALES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Traill, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and documents relating to the dismissal from the Public Service of Mr. F. B. Hales and his subsequent re-employment.
Question put and passed.
4. LOSS OF OFFICE BY MR. GEORGE W. TOWNSEND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, reports, correspondence, &c., in connection with the loss of office by Geo. W. Townsend, Surveyor in the Railway Department.
Question put and passed.
5. MURWILLUMBAH FERRY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with Murwillumbah Ferry.
Question put and passed.
6. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill 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. Dale, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Gornly, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Paul, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. LOCKING THE RIVER DARLING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a report should be obtained at an early date by the Works Department on the cost and practicability of locking the River Darling.
Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY FROM COOMA TO BOMBALA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is desirable that the opinion of the Railway Commissioners should be obtained with reference to the extension of the railway from Cooma to Bombala, with a view to a junction with the Victorian Gippsland line, so as to duplicate the route to Melbourne.
Question put and passed.
9. ELECTION PETITION—BOURKE v. PERRY—THE RICHMOND:—Mr. O'Connor (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Secretary of the General Post Office, all papers handed in by him to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the case "Bourke v. Perry—The Richmond."
Question put and passed.
10. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from the Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883."
And Mr. Abbott having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
11. WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
- Interruption.*
12. MEMBER SWORN:—John See, 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 Grafton.
13. WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, That this Bill be now read a second time,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 12,—resumed.
Point of Order:—Mr. Cullen requested the ruling of the Speaker as to whether the Bill was properly before the House, its provisions—notably clause 37, which provided that the payment of interest on loans to be raised might be guaranteed by the Government—creating an expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill would not necessarily create any such expenditure.
Debate continued.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—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 with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. FUEL BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.
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 the sale and delivery of fuel.
On motion of Mr. Allen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Allen then 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, 9th August.
15. CITY OF REDFERN NAMING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Howe 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. Howe, 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. Howe, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lithgow Coal-mine:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that any coal-mine at Lithgow is working without an air-shaft?
- (2.) If so, what is the name of such mine, and how long has it been working; the depth of the shaft, and number of men employed?
- (3.) In the event of accident, or the said shaft being blocked, is there any mode of exit for the miners to escape by?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes, two; but the time has not yet expired within which, under the Coal-mines Regulation Act, they are required two openings to the day.
- (2.) The Oakley Park and Vale Collieries, which have been working bords or stalls about ten months. In the former five men and the latter 150 men are employed, in three shifts.
- (3.) At the Vale Colliery an air-shaft has been sunk to a depth of 350 feet; but owing to the shaft being sunk over a heading, a fall took place when coal was reached, and the *débris* had to be cleared away, and the bottom of the shaft secured. Machinery has been placed on the ground, and as soon as the bottom of the shaft has been cleared away and secured, the air-shaft will be available as a mode of exit in case of accident. The Oakley Park Company has not yet commenced to sink an air-shaft; but the one shaft is divided so as to form a downcast and upcast shaft

- (2.) Rabbit Inspectors:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are there any Rabbit Inspectors at present employed; if so, how many?
- (2.) What is the name of each, and the amount of salary received by him?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes; seventy-one.
- (2.) John Strachan, H. E. Vindin, John Phillips, A. R. Torrens, T. H. Elwin; £300 per annum. In addition to the abovenamed officers, there are sixty-six (66) other officers who do not receive any remuneration in connection with their positions as Rabbit Inspectors.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1888 and 1889, 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, 28th June, 1889.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 23rd May, 1889—"Public Gates, Richmond River District."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table.—

(1.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, for Cemetery at Clifton. (*In lieu of Notification laid on Table of the House on 1st March, 1889.*)

(2.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, in connection with Sewerage of City of Sydney and Suburbs.

Ordered to be printed.

4. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Crick*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883."

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Abbott 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 the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,'*"—read a first time.

5. CITY OF REDFERN NAMING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Howe, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Howe then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to alter the name of the Borough of Redfern to the City of Redfern.*"

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 alter the name of the Borough of Redfern to the City of Redfern,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 2nd July, 1889.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until Friday, 23rd August.*

(2.) Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 26th July.*

7. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Frederick Samuel Ellis Holt, of Sutherland House, Sylvania, and Alfred William Holt, of Clifton, St. Leonards, in opposition to the principle of the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill; and praying the House not to pass it into law as it now stands; and that Petitioners may be heard by Counsel against such of the clauses and provisions as affect their rights, interests, or property, and in support of the insertion in it, in case it should pass into law, of such other clauses and provisions as may be requisite for the protection of the Petitioners; or that the House will grant them such further or other relief in the premises as shall seem meet.

Petition received.

8. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES:—Mr. Sydney Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Order made on the 5th June, 1889, for printing the Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1888, be rescinded, and that the Clerk of the House have leave to return the Document to the Mines Department.

Question put and passed.

9. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Interruption.

10. MEMBER SWORN:—Charles Augustus Goodchap, 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 Redfern.

11. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION BILL:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. McMillan, That this Bill be now read a second time,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 10,—resumed.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

12. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY, 1889.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Petty Sessions at the Police Office, Parramatta, on Wednesday, 10th July next, in the case Young, Returning Officer, *v.* Pratt and Tuckwell, "to produce Writ of Election and all papers connected with Election for Member of Assembly for Central Cumberland on 15th and 22nd June 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 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.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Inspection of Imported Fruit:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any (and, if so, what) steps been taken by him, in fulfilment of his promise made to a deputation some time back, in respect to appointing an officer to inspect shipments of foreign fruit, with a view to guard against the introduction of fruit pests or diseases into this Colony from foreign parts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member is in some error in stating any promise was made: what I actually did was to assure the deputation the question should receive every consideration. I found some difficulty in creating a new office of this kind, for two or three reasons; but the question will be further considered, to see if we can make any such appointment.

(2.) Trustees for Common at Tocumwal:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are there any trustees appointed for the common at Tocumwal?

(2.) If not, will he cause trustees to be appointed at once, in order that the common may be properly controlled?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes; as soon as commoner's boundaries can be notified. The Inspector of Stock and the District Surveyor have been instructed to submit a description of the commoner's boundaries for approval.

(3.) Model Farm, District of Tocumwal:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government come to any decision regarding the establishment of a Model Farm in the District of Tocumwal?

(2.) If so, has he any objection to stating the nature of such decision?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at in this matter.

(4.) Tramway from Jerilderie to Berrigan:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his reply to a question on the 12th June, regarding the construction of a tramway from Jerilderie to Berrigan,—has the officer then referred to sent in his report; if so, has he any objection to state the intentions of the Government regarding the construction of this long sought for tramway?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter has been referred to the Commissioners for Railways, whose report has not yet been received.

(5.)

- (5.) Sale of Bluestone under Poisons Act :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the sale of bluestone has lately been restricted and added to the list of poisons under the Poisons Act?
 - (2.) If so, will he see that steps are taken to have it omitted, seeing that the article is one that is extensively used by farmers as a pickle for their seed-wheat before sowing, in order to keep down rust, blight, &c.?
 - (3.) Have any deaths occurred in the Colony during the last two or three years from the use of bluestone; if not, what is the necessity for such a restriction?
 - (4.) Has this substance ever been used in the Colony as a poison to destroy human life?
 - (5.) Is it necessary that every storekeeper who sells the article should first obtain a license; and what is the quantity he is permitted to sell without a license?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—

- (1.) Sulphate of copper (cupri sulphas, or bluestone) was added to the list of poisons on 1st March, 1888.
- (2.) It is a dangerous poison; and I cannot, as Medical Adviser, recommend that it should be omitted from the list.
- (3 and 4.) Not so far as I am aware; but deaths have occurred both in this Colony and in England from bluestone.
- (5.) Everyone who sells the article must obtain a license; the quantity is not limited.

- (6.) Amendment of Trade Marks Act:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it intended to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Marks Act, 28 Vic. No. 9, with the view of providing better protection for trade marks and patents?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes; as soon as the state of public business will permit.

- (7.) Bridge over the Murray at Corowa:—Mr. Lync asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any communications been addressed to the Victorian Government, and proposals made, *re* the bridge over the Murray at Corowa; and, if so, when; also, has any reply been received?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We have no reply to our communication, though we are expecting one daily.

- (8.) Commission of Inquiry, late Casual Labour Board :—Mr. Kidd asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many of the following works, viz., Beacroft, Hornsby, Berowra, Carlingford, Ryde, Gordon, National Park, Sutherland, Waterfalls, Otford, Port Hacking, Camp Creek, Bulgo, Cawley's Creek, Heathcote, Hurstville, Cook Park, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Narrabeen, Dobroyd, French's Forest, Hellsarmel Creek, White's and Johnson's Creeks, and Garie Beach, which were carried out by the Casual Labour Board, did the Royal Commission visit and inspect, and what length of time (if any) did they devote to each inspection?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that only two hours were devoted to the inspection of the Holt-Sutherland works by the Commission, and a shorter period to the Hornsby works by Mr. Franklin?
 - (3.) What is the total cost of the Royal Commission of inquiry, including fees paid or to be paid to Commissioners, salary to the Secretary, shorthand and type writers, witnesses' expenses, stationery, printing, and other incidental expenses?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table a Return, giving the information required by this question.

- (9.) Amendment of Mutiny Act:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to amend the measure which serves here as a Mutiny Act, and introduce a Mutiny Act that may run from year to year only, in accordance with the practice in Great Britain?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The state of the law is this: By a Colonial enactment, the Imperial Army Act, which is renewed from year to year, is adopted by this Colony, so that the Imperial enactment is in force, so far as our Military Forces are concerned.

- (10.) Commission of Inquiry, late Casual Labour Board:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Commission of Inquiry into the expenditure of money in road-making on the Holt-Sutherland Estate and the Hornsby District,—

- (1.) What was the total amount expended in the formation of roads by the Casual Labour Board on the Holt-Sutherland Estate?
- (2.) What was the total amount expended, for a like purpose, by the abovenamed Board, in the Hornsby District?
- (3.) What was the whole cost of the inquiry by the Commission appointed to inquire into the expenditure in connection with road-making by the Casual Labour Board on the abovenamed localities, specifying the amount of fees which each Commissioner received separately; also, the number of witnesses called to give evidence, and the amount of costs or fees which they each received for attendance during the inquiry, and all other costs in connection therewith?
- (4.) The cost of the inquiry on account of road-making by the Casual Labour Board in each of the abovenamed localities separately?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table a Return, giving this information.

- (11.) Extension of Franchise to Police Force:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the expediency of extending the franchise to members of the Police Force when he is dealing with the question of the amendment of the Electoral Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not prepared to say what our decision may be in regard to admitting members of the Police Force to the elective franchise. The matter will be seriously considered before any measure of the kind is prepared; but I cannot give an answer now.

(12.) Mounted Infantry or Cavalry :—Mr. Ewing asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he yet inform the House whether the Government is prepared to accept the services of the men offering themselves as Mounted Infantry or Cavalry ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In this case, it simply is a question of money ; and I am not prepared to say at the present moment that the Government will do this, because it would involve an additional expense of at least £12,000.

(13.) Roads—Tamworth to Warialda, Tamworth to Glen Innes, and Narrabri to Moree :—*Mr. Dowel*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be pleased to furnish a Return, showing the amount of money expended, from the 1st January, 1879, to 31st December, 1888, on the following roads, viz., Tamworth to Warialda, Tamworth to Glen Innes, Narrabri to Moree ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A Return, giving the desired information, shall be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as quickly as possible.

(14.) Construction of Locomotives :—*Mr. Alexander Brown*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many locomotive engines were given to be manufactured by the Atlas Company ?
- (2.) How many engines have been manufactured out of the said contract ?
- (3.) How many engines have been ordered since the present Railway Commissioners took charge ?
- (4.) What is the type of engine so ordered, and who has the contract ?
- (5.) When do the Atlas Company expect to deliver any of the engines ordered from them ; and how many do they expect to deliver ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-five.
- (2.) None.
- (3.) Ten.
- (4.) Passenger engines of 304 type ; Dubs & Co.
- (5.) Atlas Company will not deliver any. They have resigned their contract.

(15.) Manufacture of Pipes for Water Supply and Sewerage :—*Mr. Alexander Brown*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any order been given for the manufacturing of pipes, for water supply and sewerage purposes, in the Colony ?
- (2.) What is the diameter of the pipes and the weight of same ?
- (3.) What is the amount of contract ?
- (4.) What is the cost per ton manufactured in the Colony ?
- (5.) What is the difference in the price between the imported article and that manufactured in the Colony ?
- (6.) Who are the successful tenderers ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; for North Shore water supply.
- (2.) 24-in. diameter ; about 1,640 tons.
- (3.) About £43,437.
- (4.) £23 10s. for the wrought-iron pipes.
- (5.) Estimated cost of importing and delivering similar wrought-iron pipes at Ryde, £23 per ton. There are, however, several advantages to be gained, which act in favour of the local tender in this case. The pipes being thin would suffer more or less damage in shipment ; and the pipes of various sizes can be made and delivered as required, enabling the laying to be proceeded with earlier and more expeditiously. The Engineer-in-Chief estimates that these advantages represent a money value more than equal to the difference in actual cost above-mentioned.
- (6.) Messrs. G. & C. Hoskins.

(16.) Establishment of Model Farms :—Mr. Barnes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government taken any steps towards the establishment of experimental and model farms and agricultural training colleges or schools, or is it their intention to do so at an early date ?
- (2.) If so, will he state the probable localities where such are likely to be established ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is engaging the attention of the Government, and something will be done—that is, Parliament will be invited to do something before the close of this Session, either by Bill or by submitting a sum of money on an Additional Estimate ; but I cannot state the districts in which these farms will be first tried.

(17.) Retiring Allowance to Colonel Baynes :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—What arrangements have been made for a retiring allowance to Colonel Baynes, late on the staff of the Volunteers as Paymaster ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There are three officers—two besides Colonel Baynes—whose cases are under consideration, and, in a manner, one depends upon the other ; but we hope to deal with all in the course of a week or ten days.

(18.) Revenue Receipts for Half-Year :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the difference in revenue receipts for the half-year ending 30th June, 1889, and the half-year ending 30th June, 1888, after deducting the increase of railway revenue and the amount received under the Water and Sewerage Act ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The revenue receipts for the half year ended 30th June, 1889, would (if reduced by the normal increase in railway revenue, and by the amount received under the Water and Sewerage Act) show a decrease, as compared with the revenue receipts for the half year ended 30th June, 1888 (exclusive of the amount received under the Water and Sewerage Act), to the extent of £46,639 11s. 3d.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Amount expended on Road-making by the Casual Labour Board.
- (2.) Return showing Works visited by, and amount of Cost of the Casual Labour Board Inquiry Commission.
- (3.) Preliminary Statement (*in part*) of Australasian Statistics, 1888-9.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Balranald, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (5.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomederry.
- (6.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Albury.
- (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (8.) By-laws of the Borough of Botany, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (9.) Return to an Order made on the 4th June, 1889—"Alleged Nuisance near Sparkes' Bridge, Borough of Alexandria."
- (10.) Return to an Order made on the 7th June, 1889—"Water Supply of Gunnedah."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker 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 Alterations 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 Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines, for the year 1888.
- (2.) Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

4. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell, 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 28th June, 1889, 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, 9th August.

Question put and passed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the room of John Sutherland, Esquire, deceased.

Question put and passed.

6. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's Tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed.*"

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 give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's Tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd July, 1889.

7. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending 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. O'Sullivan, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Creer, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Burns, and Mr. J. P. Abbott.

Question put and passed.

8. LAND RESUMED FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES AT BEXLEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House by the Clerk, a copy of the evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on 16th December, 1887, on "Land resumed for Railway Purposes at Bexley," together with the Appendix.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon the Clerk laid the same upon the Table.
9. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mr. Burns a letter stating that, in consequence of his being personally interested in this Bill, he desired to resign his appointment as a member of the Select Committee to which it had been referred.
Whereupon Mr. Melville (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Burns be discharged from attendance, and that Mr. Hurley be appointed a Member of the said Select Committee.
Question put and passed.
10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
12. CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY:—Mr. Walker 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 circumstances connected with the dismissal of Thomas Buckley from the Roads Department.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Willis, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. McRac, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Cass, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Cruickshank, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. CASE OF MISS BRENNING:—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 Miss Brenning for compensation for wrongful dismissal as a school teacher.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Willis, Mr. Lees, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Perry, Mr. Creer, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
14. ROBERT MUNFORD'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, MADE AT MOLONG:—Dr. Ross 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 all the circumstances attending the conditional purchases made by one Robert Munford, in the district of 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.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Teece, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Wall, Mr. Ball, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Cooke, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1887-8, be referred to the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. 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 Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

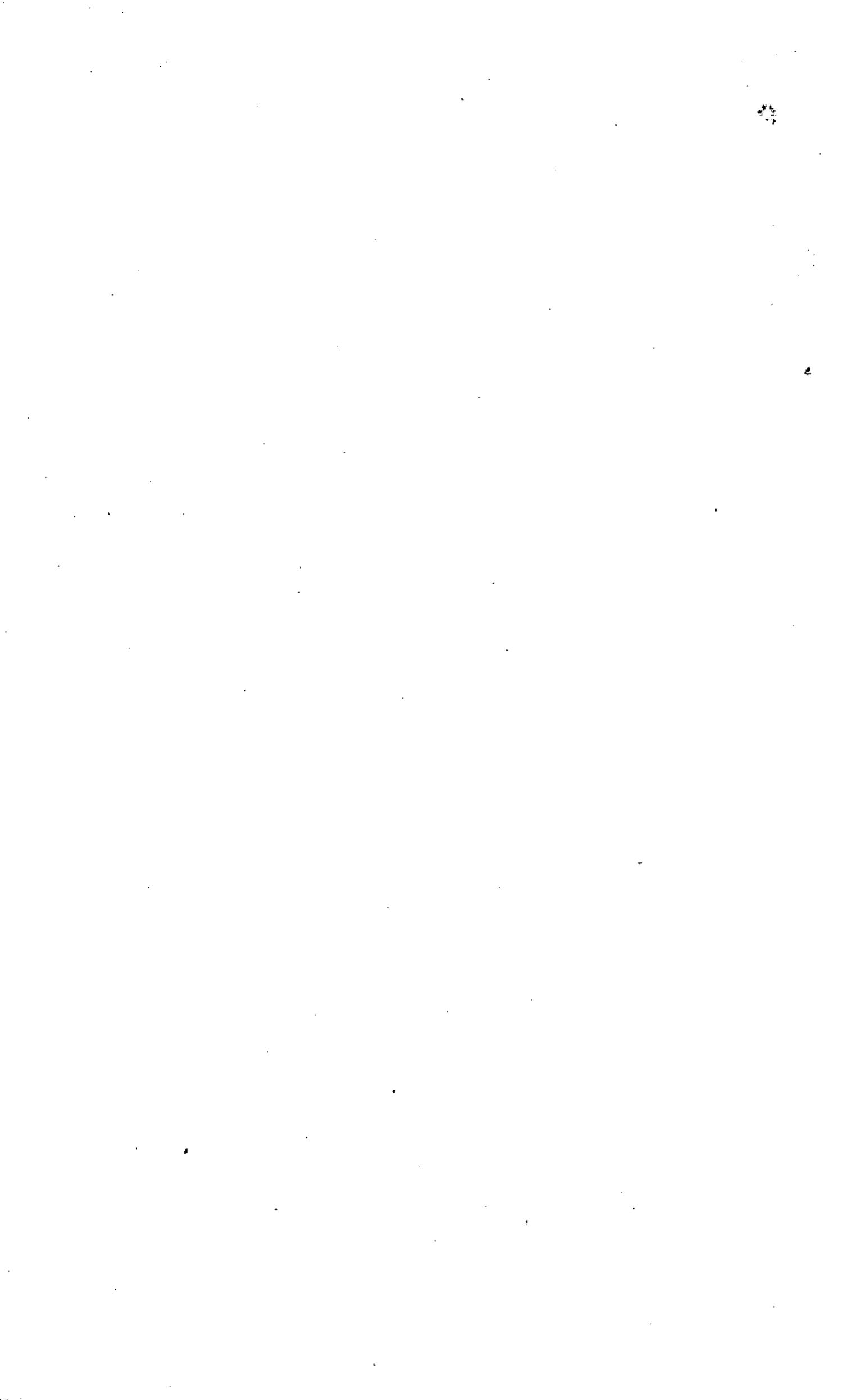
OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1889.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL:—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from Mahlon Clarke Cowlishaw, of Sydney, Merchant, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Mahlon Clarke Cowlishaw to construct Gas-works and Electric-works within the town and suburbs of Stockton. And Mr. Fletcher 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.
2. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting the Evans Patent Combination Truck.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PUBLIC MONEY PAID TO RELATIVES OF MR. B. R. WISE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount of public money paid to the late Judge Wise; the same with regard to Sir William Manning, relative of Mr. B. R. Wise; the same with regard to Mr. J. M. Marsh, Stipendiary Magistrate, relative of Mr. B. R. Wise; the same with regard to Mr. G. F. Wise, Immigration Agent, uncle of Mr. B. R. Wise; and the same with regard to Mr. B. R. Wise himself, as Attorney-General and Crown Prosecutor.
Question put and passed.
4. PROBATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give effect in New South Wales to Probates and Letters of Administration granted in the United Kingdom or any of the other Australasian Colonies.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Lakeman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give effect in New South Wales to Probates and Letters of Administration granted in the United Kingdom or any of the other Australasian Colonies*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd August.
5. LAND RESUMED FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES AT BEXLEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That the copy of the evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 16th December, 1887, on "Land resumed for Railway Purposes at Bexley," together with Appendix, which were laid upon the Table by the Clerk on the 3rd July, 1889, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bathurst Cattle Sale-yards Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 26th July.
7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Two o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rules of Supreme Court for admission of Barristers:—Mr. Traill asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Are the Rules of the Supreme Court, for the admission of Barristers, dated 14th December, 1877, still in force?
 - (2.) If not, has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the rules at present in force?
 - (3.) Will he state whether any (and, if so, what) words of the Acts relating to the admission of Barristers, give authority for the provision in clause 16 of the Rules of December, 1877, or any subsequent Rule, requiring candidates to abstain from any bread-winning occupation during the last year of their preparation?
 - (4.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether such prohibition is *ultra vires*, and communicate such opinion to this House?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes; as altered and modified by subsequent Rules.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) In the opinion of the Barristers Admission Board, the Acts do authorize them to insist that a law student shall apply himself during the last year to the study of law exclusively.
 - (4.) It would not appear to be a proper course to refer the matter for the opinion of the Attorney-General, as he is now an *ex-officio* member of the Barristers Admission Board, although he was not a member of that Board when the Rules in question were passed. His Honor the Chief Justice informs me that for some time past the Board has been considering a complete new set of Rules, which will be promulgated during the ensuing Term.
- (2.) Commander Horne, Governor of Trial Bay Prison:—Mr. Frank Smith, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Who is Commander Horne, whose name appears in Tuesday's *Gazette* as the successor to Mr. Small as Governor of Trial Bay Prison?
 - (2.) Has Commander Horne been previously employed in the Justice Department; if so, in what capacity?
 - (3.) Was the vacancy offered to any officer of the Prisons Department; if not, for what reason?
 - (4.) Was the concurrence of the Civil Service Board obtained in making this appointment?
 - (5.) Are there not a number of deserving officers employed as Governors of Gaols to whom this position would have been promotion?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Commander Horne is a retired Naval Officer, who served in the Royal Navy from 1860 to 1882, two and a half years of which time he was in command of H.M.S. "Sandfly," employed on the Australian Station. I am further informed that he lately occupied a post under the Government of New Zealand, and submitted testimony of the highest character from many distinguished Naval Officers of rank.

(2.) No.

(3.) No; the Comptroller-General has reported to me that there were only *two* officers in the Prisons Department who were in a position to aspire to the post; but neither of those officers applied for the vacancy, and it is believed had no desire to fill it.

(4 and 5.)

(4 and 5.) No. This appointment was made under section 28 of the "Civil Service Act, 1884," it being deemed expedient to secure the services of some person who was not in the Service, but who was specially qualified by special attainments. I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that there are only six Governors of ordinary gaols efficient and deserving officers, chiefly of recent promotion, and who for the most part have been advanced beyond what could have been their possible expectations in joining the Service as warders. By reason of the isolated position of Trial Bay, it is more than doubtful if any one of these Governors would have regarded the transfer thereto as an advancement. The office of Superintendent at the Trial Bay Penal Settlement was, in its original inception and designation, separated from the ordinary Gaol Service, and would in England or the other Colonies be filled by an officer of corresponding attainments and status to Commander Horne, whose selection for the position is not to be regarded as any disparagement to the principal officers of the Department, even if they desired it. Similar selections have had to be made for the charge of penal establishments both in Victoria and Queensland.

- (3.) Bill to Abolish Usury:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to abolish usury, and limit the amount of interest that may be charged on loans?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The subject of the Honorable Member's question has not yet come under the consideration of the Government.

- (4.) Proposed Blacktown-Blayney Railway Line:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause a trial survey of the proposed Blacktown-Blayney railway line?

(2.) If so, will it be proceeded with at once?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague is obtaining a further report on this matter, to enable him to determine whether this survey shall be made or not.

- (5.) Cemetery at Newbridge:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £50 to complete the necessary improvements to the cemetery at Newbridge?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague, the Secretary for Lands, has supplied the following information:—"A sum is provided on the Estimates of this Department (*vide* page 116) to defray the expenses in connection with cemeteries generally. An application has been received from the trustees of the Newbridge Cemetery for £40, which will be considered, in common with others of a like nature, when the Parliament has voted the sum on the Estimates."

- (6.) Proposed Mudgee to Dubbo Railway Line:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is a trial survey being made of the suggested railway line from Mudgee to Dubbo?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of this line?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No decision can be arrived at until the survey has been completed.

- (7.) Banking Institutions:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are very many institutions in Sydney, termed Banking Companies, which do not comply with the provisions of the Acts governing banking institutions?

(2.) If so, by what means do these so-called banks avoid compliance with the above enactments?

(3.) Is it a fact that large sums are being deposited in these institutions, and that the security to the persons so lodging money is insufficient?

(4.) Will he take immediate steps to so amend the law as to compel these so-called banks to comply with the enactments above referred to, and give security for the deposits placed therein by the public?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe it is a fact that there are institutions of this character; but I do not see how I, as a Member of the Government, or the Government itself, can well interfere, unless it were by legislation, which would be a very serious matter. With regard to the 4th question, I think what is asked is a very reasonable thing for the security of the public, and I will promise the Honorable Member it shall be dealt with.

- (8.) Land acquired by the Honorable John Smith, District of Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is that portion of land, No. 2-89, Register Book 909, folio 139, in the parish of Molong, of 179 acres—of which the deed is now ready for delivery, as per *Gazette* of the 5th of June last, page 3,974, now to be issued to the Honorable John Smith—identical with portion 21 in Return moved for by Dr. Ross, and ordered by the Assembly to be printed on the 11th July, 1887, and subsequently selected by Mrs. Byrnes, 86-67, and appealed against on the 7th September, 1887, but lost or refused on the grounds that Mr. Smith had the deeds?

(2.) Is it his intention, under these circumstances, to see that the issue of these deeds to Mr. Smith be disallowed?

(3.) Has any deed yet been issued to Mr. Smith of portion 56 of 192 acres, parish of Molong, and county of Ashburnham; if so, when?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the ground upon which Mrs. Byrnes' appeal was dismissed was that the Supreme Court, on 15th December, 1885, decided that the Government must fulfil their contract to sell this land to the Honorable John Smith, M.L.C.

(2.) No; in accordance with such decision of the Supreme Court.

(3.) Yes; on 20th December last.

2. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (Formal Motion) :—**
 (1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend and modify the rights of barristers, attorneys, solicitors, and proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Walker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and modify the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th August.
3. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (Formal Motion) :—**
 (1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Walker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish Distress for Rent, and to abolish Preferential Payments in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd August.
4. **POSTPONEMENT :—**The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sheep District Boards (Powers Restoration) Bill postponed until Friday, 23rd August.
5. **FRUIT MARKET :—**Mr. Nobbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The market accommodation for fruit growers is totally inadequate to requirements.
 (2.) That, in order to bring producers and consumers more directly into contact, proper provision should be made, and extensive new markets should be provided in a central position, having rail and water communication.
 (3.) That, in order to carry out the foregoing, a site should at once be provided for the purpose.
 (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. **ADMISSION INTO COLONIES OF ASIATIC OR OTHER COLOURED LABOUR :—**Mr. Traill moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should open communication with the Governments of the other British Colonies of Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania, with a view to agreeing upon joint representations to the Imperial Authorities that in any dealings with North-western Australia the admission of Asiatic or other coloured labour would be prejudicial to the best interests of the present colonists of these Colonies.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
7. **CLAIM OF ISAAC BARCLAY :—**Mr. Morton 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 Isaac Barclay, Cambewarra, for compensation for losses sustained in defending his title to land held under Crown grant.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hawken, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Chapman, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the same subject, brought up on 17th July, 1888, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
8. **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS :—**Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the educational system of New South Wales does not afford the means by which the talented children of the poorer classes may participate in the benefits conferred by the University.
 (2.) This House is, therefore, of opinion that a system of National Scholarships should be established, by means of which children attending the primary schools may win the right to be educated at the higher schools and the University at the expense of the State.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
9. **MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA :—**Mr. Howe 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 removal of Mrs. Cunyngame from the position of Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cass, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Ritchie, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
10. **LANDS FOR NEW LINES OR EXTENSIONS OF RAILWAYS :—**Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in all future construction of new railways or extensions of railway lines, when passing through large private estates in country districts, the lands required for such railway construction should be given free by the owners or trustees of such private estates.
 (2.) That the only exemptions, where owners or trustees should be entitled to compensation where railway construction is absolutely necessary, are city, suburban, and town allotments.
 (3.) That, in the selection of routes for new lines or extensions of railways, the objects of the above Resolutions should be kept in view, and ought in no case be departed from.
 (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. COURT-HOUSE AT REDFERN :—Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the premises used as a Court-house at Redfern are altogether unsuited for the requirements of the administration of justice in that locality.

(2.) That the lock-up, about 14 feet by 12 feet, attached, is altogether too small, there being occasionally as many as twelve or fourteen persons confined there at one time, sometimes for forty-eight hours together.

(3.) That there is no adequate separate accommodation for females.

(4.) That it is the duty of the Government to remedy this state of things, and provide proper accommodation for the administration of justice in Redfern without any unnecessary delay.

(5.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cullen, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Dowcl, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hurley, Mr. O'Sullivan, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. William Stephen, and Mr. Stevenson,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at seventeen minutes before Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Centennial Park :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount expended on the Centennial Park to 30th June, 1889?

(2.) When will the villa sites at the Park be offered for sale?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) £120,752 4s. 9d.

(2.) No decision up to the present time has been arrived at.

(2.) Bulli Colliery Disaster—Royal Commission of Inquiry :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Woodward, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Royal Commission was appointed to make a diligent and full inquiry into the cause of the explosion that occurred, on the 23rd March, 1887, at the Bulli Colliery, in the Illawarra District?

(2.) Did such Commission conclude their inquiry, and make some thirteen recommendations affecting the general management, especially the ventilation of collieries, and offer suggestions for the amendment of the law relating to the working of coal-mines, especially with the view of preventing the accumulation of dangerous gases?

(3.) Have any such recommendations or suggestions been carried into effect?

(4.) If not, what are the reasons?

(5.) Has any improvement taken place, since such inquiry and report, in the management and ventilation of mines?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act of 1876"?

(7.) If so, when?

(8.) Was a letter written by the Under Secretary, Department of Mines, to Mr. Woodward, on the 25th August, 1887, informing the latter that a Bill to amend the "Coal-Mines Regulation Act of 1876" was being prepared?

(9.) Has such Bill been prepared?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Commission did make certain recommendations.

(3.) No; except so far as they relate to special rules.

(4.) So far as they involve an alteration of the law, they have not, because no amending law has yet been passed.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) As soon as the state of public business will permit.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) It is now being prepared.

(3.) The Permanent Force :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Lakeman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many Generals, Colonels, Lieut.-Colonels, Majors, Captains, and Lieutenants, are there in the Service of this Colony, in the paid Military Staff and Permanent Forces, and what is the number of non-commissioned officers and privates in the same Forces?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—1 General, 1 Colonel, 2 Brevet-Colonels, 3 Lieutenant-Colonels, 2 Brevet Lieutenant-Colonels, 6 Majors, 2 Brevet-Majors, 10 Captains, 7 Lieutenants; and 631 non-commissioned officers, gunners, sappers, and privates.

(4.)

- (4.) Commission of Inquiry into Civil Service:—*Mr. W. E. Abbott*, for *Mr. FitzGerald*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to revive the Public Service Inquiry Commission; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The difficulty in the way is inducing gentlemen whose services would be esteemed as of value to perform this duty without remuneration. I hope, however, that the Commission will be complete in a day or two.

- (5.) Medical Attendants to Aborigines at Cummeragunga Mission Station:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the Return to Order, made 25th April, 1889—"Medical Attendants to Aborigines at Cummeragunga Mission Station,"—is it not a fact that the said Return to Order does not include the whole of the papers asked for?

(2.) Did he receive a letter from *J. M. Chanter*, M.P., dated 5th June, 1889, setting forth that certain papers had been withheld, and asking for their production?

(3.) Will he at once request the Aborigines Protectorate Board to supply him with the papers hereinafter mentioned, and lay them upon the Table of this House:—(a) The whole of the reports from *Dr. Bakins* to the Minister of Public Instruction; (b) the whole of the reports from *Dr. Eakins* to the Board of Health; (c) the report of the senior-constable stationed at *Moama*; (d) the petition forwarded to the Aborigines Protectorate Board, or the Aborigines Protectorate Association, by the Aborigines at *Cummeragunga Mission*; (e) the whole of the letter from which extract was taken and forwarded by *G. E. Ardill*, Esq., on the 12th day of March, 1889; (f) reports from the Board and Association, showing upon whose recommendation *Dr. Sergeant* was appointed; (g) the reasons from the Board and Association that caused them to sanction the appointment of *Dr. Sergeant* as medical attendant?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will cause the papers to be obtained and copies to be made, for the purpose of being laid upon the Table.

- (6.) Industrial Institution for the Blind, Boomerang-street:—*Mr. Traill*, for *Mr. Edmunds*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When was the Industrial Institution for the Blind in Boomerang-street first opened?

(2.) What was the Government subsidy for last year and previous years?

(3.) How many Superintendents of that Institution have there been since it was opened?

(4.) Have any complaints been made respecting the treatment of the inmates?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) In 1880.

(2.) 1888, £369 1s. 2d.; 1887, £854 4s. 4d.; 1886, £420 12s. 11d.; 1885, £1,080 10s. 5d.; 1884, £912 16s. 6d.; 1883, £313 7s.; 1882, £1,080 19s.; and 1881, £1,000.

(3.) Three.

(4.) No serious specific complaints, but some of lesser moment and general character have occasionally been made. These have been fully inquired into and dealt with by the Committee as they arose. On one occasion, about three years ago, the men stopped work on account of an alleged grievance (about the price of some materials), which, on investigation, proved to be unfounded, and two of the men were not allowed to return to work.

- (7.) Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House, early next week, the Return promised *re* the number of railway carriages condemned, and what has been done with same, since Commissioner *Eddy* took office?

(2.) Is it intended to replace such carriages by imported ones?

(3.) Have any carriages been ordered from any English firms, or has the Agent-General received instructions to order any?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the following carriages have been condemned and broken up since the Railway Commissioners took office, viz.:—Composite carriages, Nos. 2, 9, 47, 87; composite brake, No. 91; brake-van, No. 11,—as they were not considered to be worth repairing.

(2 and 3.) No.

- (8.) Classification of Roads:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to the officers of the Roads Department to obtain reports, with a view to a more systematic classification of roads being made?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This is a matter to which I intend to give special attention as soon as possible. I am satisfied they can be revised with advantage.

- (9.) Roads within Municipalities:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any money been expended by the Roads Department on roads within municipalities during the last twelve months?

(2.) If so, will he give the names of the municipalities and the amounts expended in each?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A Return of this character will take some time to prepare, but will be drawn up and laid upon the Table of the House as quickly as possible, giving the information asked.

- (10.) Manufactories in Electorate of Upper Hunter:—*Mr. W. E. Abbott* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Can he state in what town the twelve manufactories in the Electorate of the Upper Hunter are situated, as mentioned by the Government Statistician in 1888?

(2.) What is manufactured in each of these factories?

(3.) What is the total number of hands employed in each factory for the year 1888?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government Statistician :—

(1.) The works and manufactories enumerated in the Register are situated at or near the following townships :—Scone, 2 ; Merriwa, 1 ; Cassilis, 1 ; Yallawang, 1 ; Wybong, 1 ; Muswellbrook, 4 ; and Murrurundi, 2 ; total, 12 works.

(2.) The works are of the following description :—Flour-mills, 3 ; saw-mills, 1 ; brick-fields, 4 ; saddlery, 1 ; printing, 1 ; waggons, &c., 1 ; railway repairing shop, 1 ; total, 12.

(3.) The information is obtained by the collectors on the understanding that the business of individual owners will not be disclosed. In accordance with this promise, it will be impossible to give any details regarding the number of hands and the product of particular establishments.

(11.) Compositors, Government Printing Office :—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many compositors were appointed to the Permanent Salaried Staff in the Government Printing Office in 1883 ?

(2.) How long were such compositors continuously employed in the Department prior to promotion to the Permanent Staff ?

(3.) Did such compositors obtain the annual leave of absence allowed to all permanent employés in the office before serving two years on the Permanent Staff ?

(4.) Have the compositors appointed to the said Staff in 1888 been refused the same privilege ; if so, for what reason ?

(5.) How long had the compositors appointed to the Permanent Staff in 1888 been continuously employed in the Department prior to their promotion ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Twenty-seven.

(2.) Periods varying from eight years and nine months to ten months and eighteen days.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes ; because the Rules and Regulations are not the same as in 1883.

(5.) Periods varying from ten years four months and sixteen days to one year one month and one day. (Promotion from the Temporary to the Permanent Staff depends less upon length of service than upon character and ability.)

(12.) Amendment of Civil Service Act :—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to amend the Civil Service Act during the present Session ?

(2.) If so, will a clause be introduced, compelling the retirement of all persons over sixty years of age employed in the Civil Service ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government are desirous of dealing with the Civil Service Act ; but I am inclined to think that the decision they will arrive at will be to repeal the Act, saving the provisions for superannuation.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 20th June, 1889—“ Expenditure out of Loan Votes.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Report of Royal Commission, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, on alleged tampering with Letters of John Deasy, Esq., M.P.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Rules of the Supreme Court for the Admission of Barristers.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 8th May, 1889—“ Blue Jacket Mining Lease, Canowindra.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table.—Return to an Order made on the 4th June, 1889—“ Application of A. J. Hack for Conditional Purchase on Guyra Gold-field.”
Ordered to be printed.

3. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL :—Mr. Ryrie presented a Petition from the Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited), representing that if the proposed railway is constructed in the direction indicated in the Schedule to this Bill, the Petitioners' interests will be seriously and injuriously affected ; and praying for leave to appear by Counsel before the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill, to adduce evidence and to examine and cross-examine witnesses. Petition received.

Mr. Ryrie (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
Question put and passed.

4. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL :—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from John Gilbert Thompson, Edward Henry Johnson, and James Giles, carrying on business in George-street, Sydney, as “ Thompson and Giles,” representing that they hold leases of certain property adjacent to Post Office-street, and that this Bill does not appear to them to contain, either in itself or by reference to other Acts, any provision for compensation to tenants in case of the resumption of the whole of the land comprised in their leases, or for compensation in respect of business arrangements ; and praying that the interests of the Petitioners may be duly conserved. Petition received.

5. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Howe presented a Petition from Sarah Cunyngame, of Parramatta, praying that she may be heard by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of her removal from the position of Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute.
Petition received.
Mr. Howe (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
Question put and passed.
6. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Melville, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Mahlon Clarke Cowlshaw to construct Gas-works and Electric-works within the town and suburbs of Stockton.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Melville 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 Mahlon Clarke Cowlshaw to construct Gas-works and Electric-works within the Town and Suburbs of Stockton,*”—read a first time.
7. MUNICIPAL REGISTRATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Howe moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the 164th section of the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Howe then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the one hundred and sixty-fourth 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, 9th August.
8. WENTWORTH IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, and to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing water for irrigation and other purposes.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipality of Wentworth, and to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilizing water for irrigation and other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1889.*
9. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one, and agreed to the remainder of the Council’s amendments.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes before Twelve o’clock, until To-morrow at Four o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY, 1889.

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

ELECTORATE OF REDFERN:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 27th June last, declaring the Seat of John Sutherland, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Sutherland; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Francis Schey, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Redfern.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Commission of Inquiry into Civil Service:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Public Service Inquiry Commission yet sent in a report of their labours up to the date upon which such Commission lapsed; if not, for what reason?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the report upon the Department of Mines proper is completed and not sent in; if it has not been sent in, what is the reason?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to revive this Commission; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I gave an answer to a similar question to this yesterday. I have nothing to add to that answer.

(2.) Guns in Store for Defence Purposes:—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of guns for defence purposes now in store; the sizes and calibre of such guns?
- (2.) When such guns arrived in the Colony?
- (3.) The cost of such guns (approximately)?
- (4.) When is it proposed to mount such guns in position?
- (5.) The reasons for the delay in mounting such guns?
- (6.) Has money been voted for the cost of these guns and for the cost of erection?
- (7.) The number, sizes, and particulars of guns ordered from England?
- (8.) When so ordered, and when expected to arrive in the Colony?
- (9.) Is it proposed to lodge such guns in store for a period of years before taking steps to have them mounted?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table this afternoon or to-morrow, giving the required information.

(3.) Loans Account:—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount at the credit of Loans Account on the 30th June last?
- (2.) The estimate of outstanding claims upon that account?
- (3.) The probable demand that will be made upon the Loan Funds for the half-year ending 31st December next, including in this answer the figures given in answer to No. 2?
- (4.) Had the Government funds at its credit in London to meet the interest due on 1st July last?
- (5.) The amount remaining in London (if any) at credit after paying interest due on the 1st July?
- (6.) The amount of letters of credit in London outstanding, unused on the 1st July last?

Mr. McMillan answered,—We are waiting telegraphic advice from the Agent General, in respect of questions Nos. 4, 5, and 6. I ask the Honorable Member to postpone the questions for a day or two.

(4.)

- (4.) Marine Board Regulations :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Regulations recently issued by the Marine Board of New South Wales, to take effect from 1st September next, in relation to the constructing of watertight bulkheads in all harbour steamers in the Colony, have been pronounced as illegal by the present Attorney-General?

(2.) In view of this, what action do the Government intend to take in the matter?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact.

(2.) No action, therefore, is necessary.

- (5.) Racecourse, Ballina, Richmond River :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he state what action he will take respecting the exchange of land in reference to the racecourse at Ballina, Richmond River?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The District Surveyor has been instructed to furnish a special report

- (6.) *Mr. B. R. Wise* :—*Mr. Lakeman*, for *Mr. Dickens*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Did *Mr. B. R. Wise* receive, in addition to his fee, any (and what) sum per diem for expenses when prosecuting at the late Broken Hill Circuit Court?
 (2.) If so, did he receive any sum for the additional days of his absence, occasioned by his giving addresses on freetrade at Broken Hill, Silverton, Wilcannia, Wagga Wagga, or other places?
 (3.) What fee was paid to *Mr. B. R. Wise* for his services as Crown Prosecutor at Broken Hill?
 (4.) Is it a fact that a previous Attorney-General left a minute in his office, fixing the sum to be paid to additional Crown Prosecutors for the Circuit Courts if required; if so, what was the sum so fixed?
 (5.) Who was the Attorney-General who left the minute referred to?

Mr. Gould answered,—The following information has been supplied to me from the Attorney-General's Department,—

(1.) *Mr. Wise* received, in addition to his fee, the sum of £2 per diem as travelling expenses.

(2.) No.

(3.) £80.

(4 and 5.) No; but there was a minute passed by the Executive Council, at the instance of *Mr. Wise*, when Attorney-General, approving of the Crown Prosecutors at Quarter Sessions being appointed also to conduct the prosecutions at the Circuit Courts in their respective districts, for which they were to receive certain fees in addition to their fixed salaries. By a subsequent Executive minute, however, the above arrangement was cancelled, and the former system of specially appointing barristers for the Circuit Court prosecutions was ordered to be reverted to.

- (7.) Savings Bank :—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Savings Bank of New South Wales has lent to other private banks over £1,000,000 of the people's money without any special security, other than the good repute of the said banks?
 (2.) Will the Government at once consider the necessity of appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into and report on the various monetary institutions of Sydney, so that information may be obtained as to the amount of money deposited therein, and the security the depositors have?
 (3.) Is it a fact that in most of the so-called banks the reserve fund is not kept apart, but mixed up in the general moneys and accounts of the said banks?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I think, when I tell my honorable friend that this matter has been under my consideration lately, and will be dealt with accordingly, he will see no necessity for pressing the question now. I cannot answer the second question at the present time.

- (8.) Locomotive Engineer—Order for Engines :—*Mr. Crick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) On whose recommendation was the present Locomotive Engineer appointed?
 (2.) Has the Locomotive Engineer, since his appointment, made a recommendation to the Commissioners that side-tank engines be ordered from England, and did he recommend that the order be given to any particular firm; if so, what is the name of the firm, and the class of engine ordered?
 (3.) Have the Commissioners sent the order to England?
 (4.) Have plans and specifications been forwarded to England for the purpose of having any goods engines manufactured there; if so, what is the number of engines ordered, or proposed to be built, and what class of engines?
 (5.) Did the Colonial manufacturers have an opportunity of tendering for the above two classes of engines?
 (6.) Have the Commissioners requested *Mr. Wearne* to submit a price for the manufacture of goods engines, in lieu of those for which his tender was accepted in 1888; if so, what class of engine is proposed to be substituted, and what will be the total cost to the state of the alteration in design?
 (7.) On whose recommendation is the design proposed to be altered?
 (8.) Has the Locomotive Engineer, since his appointment, made any recommendation for the appointment of any person or persons from South Australia to positions in the Railway Department?
 (9.) If so, what are the names of the persons recommended?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The Commissioners selected him as the best officer obtainable.

(2.) The Locomotive Engineer has, in compliance with the wishes of the Commissioners to supply suitable heavy engines for the coal traffic of Newcastle, prepared specifications for providing an existing type of engine with side-tanks; and, as the engines of the type in question were built by *Beyer, Peacock, & Co.*, and the engines are very urgently required, the Agent-General has been asked to obtain tenders for submission to the Railway Commissioners.

(3.)

- (3.) Answered by No. 2.
 (4.) Yes; twenty-five, which cannot be built by the Atlas Company; 205 class.
 (5.) No.
 (6.) No; but Mr. Wearne applied to the Commissioners for permission to alter his contract to the supply of engines of another class. The class, however, is one which the Commissioners do not consider desirable to repeat, and Mr. Wearne was asked to submit a price for a type decided upon as a standard, and his offer is now before the Commissioners.
 (7.) The proposal to alter was made by Mr. Wearne, as he states that the engine under construction was of a much more expensive description than he was led to believe it would be when he put in his tender of £3,000.
 (8 and 9.) No.

I desire to say that I am perfectly aware of my duty to this House as Minister for Railways, and I am quite as jealous of its honour and credit as any Honorable Member can be; but if the Railway Act is to be carried out in its integrity, and regard is to be had to the non-political considerations upon which it is based, information which is now asked by certain classes of questions will have to be sought for in the form of motions for the production of Returns.

- (9.) Police Supervision in the Suburbs:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he inform the House what steps are being taken for better police supervision in the suburbs?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not sure that I understand what is meant by “better police supervision.” If what it is really desired to ascertain is as to what steps have been taken for the efficient police protection of the suburbs, I can assure the House that every attention has been given to affording that security which recent occurrences demand, and which it is in the power of the Government to give; but it would be most impolitic to make known police arrangements.

- (10.) Order for Iron Pipes:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that, prior to the retirement of the Parkes-Burns Government in January last, the Cabinet had decided to order iron pipes to the extent of £60,000, in preference to accepting the Colonial tender?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the late Government (the Dibbs Government) suspended the action of the Parkes Government, and called for tenders within the Colony?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the present Government has accepted the Colonial tender?
 (4.) Will he inform the House the amount of the English tender, and the amount of the Colonial tender accepted?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Tenders were invited in England and the Colony. The lowest tender received from England amounted to £40,744 for welded steel pipes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) English tender, £40,744 for pipes delivered in Sydney; Colonial tender, about £43,437 for riveted iron pipes. The Colonial tender is accompanied by certain advantages in point of time, absence of waste, freedom from breakage, and particular measurements, which I am satisfied represent a money value equal to the difference in price. I am, therefore, of opinion that the Department is buying in the “cheapest market,” using the term in its economic sense.

- (11.) Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit, with their railway proposals, a line from Byrock to Brewarrina?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am unable to give a definite answer to this question at present, as all the reports have not yet been submitted to me; but as soon as they are complete, no time shall be lost in arriving at a decision.

- (12.) Railway from Guyra or Armidale to Grafton:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he given any instructions for a trial survey of a line of railway from either Guyra or Armidale to Grafton?
 (2.) If either of the above surveys have been ordered, will he have any objection to state upon whose recommendation, and upon what information he acted?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I have already authorized an exploration of a suggested route from Guyra to South Grafton.
 (2.) Upon the strength of a general conclusion of my own, based upon various data which I cannot fully enumerate to the Honorable Member. Messrs. Copeland, M.P., Stevenson of Guyra, and Rudder of South Grafton, have contributed some of that data.

- (13.) Trial Surveys of Lines of Railway to Inverell:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many trial surveys of lines of railway to Inverell have been approved of?
 (2.) Are there any proposed lines to Inverell that have not yet been surveyed?
 (3.) Will he state about what time the surveys of all proposed routes to Inverell will be completed?
 (4.) Is it his intention to submit to this House a proposal to construct a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, with the other railway proposals of the Government, this Session?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Five routes have been surveyed.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) They have just been completed, and the reports are now being prepared.
 (4.) A decision will be arrived at as soon as the reports are submitted to me.

3. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL**:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, 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 April, 1889, together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 6th September.
Question put and passed.
4. **CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL**:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 6th June, 1889, in reference to the "*Church and School Lands Mining Bill*,"—
Agrees to the amendments in clauses 1 and 3.
Disagrees to the amendment on page 2, which proposes to insert new clause 6,—Because the proposed new clause is not pertinent to the Bill as passed by this Assembly, and introduces a question of Ministerial administrative arrangements already dealt with by the Executive Council, and which this House deems it improper to consider on the Order of Leave upon which this Bill was introduced into this House.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th July, 1889.
5. **WORKING OF FISHERIES ACT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Dale, for Mr. Frank Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Working of Fisheries Act" be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and to hold inquiries at, certain fisheries of the Colony, and that the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of this House, to enable them to make the said visits of inspection.
Question put and passed.
6. **CLAIM OF MR. H. C. ARMSTRONG TO LEASE OF LAND AT CIRCULAR QUAY (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Dickens moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, plans, and correspondence relating to the leasing to Mr. H. C. Armstrong of land at the Circular Quay by the late Commissioner for Railways, and the subsequent removal of Mr. Armstrong from the same by the Government.
Question put and passed.
7. **STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Stockton Gas and Electricity 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. Melville, Mr. Alexander Brown, Mr. Creer, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. **ABOLITION OF PUNISHMENT BY WHIPPING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the abolition of punishment by whipping.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Friday, 26th July.
10. **LECONFIELD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Greta Coal Company (Limited)', to construct a Railway from the Leconfield Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway; also a Branch Line in connection therewith*,"—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, 10th July, 1889.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Street, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 26th July.
11. **GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor moved "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.
12. **MEMBER SWORN**:—William Francis Schey, 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 Redfern.

13. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Connor, That this Bill be now read a second time,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 12,—resumed.
Mr. Harold Stephen 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 further consideration of the Bill be postponed, pending reception of a Report from the Public Works Committee on the subject."
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 passed.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Local Land Boards—Members personally interested:—*Mr. Holborow*, for Mr. Ball, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether a member of a Local Land Board may take part in an investigation of a disputed selection in which he was interested?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There is no necessity for procuring an opinion in this matter, as section 11 of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" provides that any member of a Local Land Board who shall sit or act in any way as a member of such Board in any case in which he is, or has been, directly or indirectly interested, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £500.

- (2.) Powers of Local Land Boards:—*Mr. Holborow*, for Mr. Ball, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether it is within the province of a Local Land Board to question a witness under examination as to whom he was supplied by, or from whom he obtained the necessaries of life?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Section 14, sub-section 2, of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" gives the Land Boards power to compel the attendance of witnesses to give evidence on any matter before the Boards; and it would rest with the Boards as to what questions they may choose to put to the witnesses in order to elicit the truth.

- (3.) Railway Facilities for Chill-meat Trade:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps (if any) are the Railway Commissioners taking to assist the chill-meat trade between Bourke and Sydney?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Railway Commissioners are prepared (if the butchers of Bourke will provide the necessary meat for conveyance) to erect a small experimental chilling establishment at Bourke, in order to demonstrate the practicability of the scheme for conveying chilled meat long distances by train. The necessary experimental railway truck is also under construction. After the experimental period is passed, it is considered that private enterprise should provide the necessary slaughtering places and chilling establishments in the country. I may also add that this matter has been under my consideration for some time; and I am very anxious that the Railway authorities should give every facility for the carriage of frozen or dead meat from all parts of the Colony, so as to avoid the congestion of work at present existing in the abattoirs, which are a very objectionable establishment. I may also say that I consider that the more closely the Commissioners of Railways confine themselves to the business which is technically called that of common carriers the better, and the less they interfere with private enterprise the greater chance they will have of success in their own work.

- (4.) Construction of Locks, Darling River:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government taken any steps to have the Darling River surveyed, with a view to locking that river?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A local survey, sufficient for one lock, has been made, and plans prepared. The Department has a survey and levels of the river from Wentworth to Wilcannia.

- (5.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into Leasing of the Trams:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of money has been paid on account of the Royal Commission to report on the Tramway leasing?

Mr. McMillan answered,—£777 16s.

(6.)

- (6.) Royal Commission of Inquiry, late Casual Labour Board:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of money has been paid on account of the Royal Commission to report on the Casual Labour Board?
Mr. McMillan answered,—£580 15s. 11d.
- (7.) Royal Commission of Inquiry on Opening of Mr. Deasy's Letters:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of money has been paid on account of the Commission of Inquiry on the opening of Mr. Deasy's Letters?
Mr. McMillan answered,—None.
- (8.) Nyngan-Cobar-Wilcannia Railway:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the proposed Nyngan-Cobar-Wilcannia Railway be submitted to the Works Committee; if so, when?
Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government has already intimated its intention of submitting to the House, with a view to its going on to the Public Works Committee, the Nyngan-Cobar Railway. Whether any further extension of that line will be submitted at the same time has not yet been decided. I give this answer on behalf of my honorable colleague, the Secretary for Public Works.
- (9.) Byrock-Brewarrina Railway:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the proposed Byrock-Brewarrina railway line be submitted to the Works Committee; if so, when?
Mr. McMillan answered,—I can only give the same reply to that made to the Honorable Member's colleague, Mr. Davis, in response to a somewhat similar question answered by me yesterday, viz.:—“I am unable to give a definite answer to this question at present, as all the reports have not yet been submitted to me; but as soon as they are complete, no time shall be lost in arriving at a decision.”
- (10.) Rookwood Reformatory:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the total cost of the grounds and buildings known as the Rookwood Reformatory?
(2.) What is now the annual expenditure thereon?
(3.) What number of persons now occupy the building?
Mr. McMillan answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table, giving the required information.
- (11.) Government Advertisements in Daily Papers:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What are the amounts, separately, that have been expended by the Government in advertising in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Australian Star*, and *Evening News*, from 1st July, 1888, to 30th June, 1889, inclusive?
Mr. McMillan answered,—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table, giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.
- (12.) Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Clubb asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island is in charge of a Governor, Deputy-Governor, Senior Warder, three Acting First-class Warders, and ten other Warders?
(2.) Is it a fact that only the Governor, Deputy-Governor, Senior Warder, and three Acting First-class Warders are allowed off duty on alternate Sundays, while the other ten warders have been kept continuously on duty since the return of prisoners to the Island?
(3.) Will he cause such arrangements to be made as will admit of all the Warders enjoying the same privileges as the abovenamed officials?
Mr. Gould answered,—
(1.) Yes; excepting as to Acting First-class Warders, by which it is supposed is meant warders on permanent posts, of whom there are three.
(2.) I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that the Governor is always on duty on the Island on Sundays. The Deputy-Governor and Senior Warder are allowed alternate Sundays off duty. The permanent post warders are allowed alternate Sundays off. The other ordinary warders, having in rotation both day and night duty, have each leave every fifth day, which may or may not be Sunday.
(3.) I am also informed that where the staff is sufficiently large, it has been found practicable to allow warders one day off in the month, and also seven days in the year; and that it is under consideration, when the general staff is arranged under the new Estimates, to see how far that privilege can be extended to the staff at Biloela; also, that the duty, as now laid out, has been arranged, so far as could be, in compliance with an application of the ordinary warders. Arrangements could be made to afford the full privileges of the larger staff prisons to that of Biloela at a cost of about £300 per annum for additional warders, of the necessity for which, however, the Comptroller-General is not fully convinced.
- (13.) Licensing Bench at Newcastle:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Was there a vacancy in the Licensing Bench at Newcastle, in consequence of Dr. Morgan resigning?
(2.) Did he invite the Police Magistrate of Newcastle to convene a full Bench of Magistrates to nominate a successor?
(3.) Was a Mr. D. Ludlow selected by a majority as successor to Dr. Morgan?
(4.) Was the result of that election communicated to the Minister?
(5.) Is it a fact that another gentleman has been appointed to the position, against the recommendation of a majority of the Magistrates?
(6.) Will he state who recommended the gentleman so appointed?
(7.) Will he state the reason for having refused to accept such recommendation?
(8.) Is it a fact that Mr. Ludlow, since his appointment as a Justice of the Peace, has been a most regular attendant on the Bench?
(9.) Is he aware whether Mr. Ludlow's decisions have ever been questioned?
(10.) How many years has Mr. Ludlow been a Justice of the Peace, and like information in regard to the gentleman who has been appointed?
Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) Yes.

(5, 6, and 7.) Mr. W. H. Shaw, J.P., has been appointed. Only seventeen of the members of the Bench attended the meeting specially convened for the purpose of recommending a successor to Dr. Morgan, eight of whom were in favour of the nomination of Mr. Shaw, and nine in favour of that of Mr. Ludlow; but I considered the appointment of Mr. Shaw was best in the public interest.

(8 and 9.) I have no information on these subjects.

(10.) Mr. Ludlow has been a Justice of the Peace for 6 years and 9 months; Mr. Shaw, for 6 years.

(14.) Land acquired by the Honorable John Smith, District of Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any agreement been entered into between the Government and the Honorable John Smith, M.L.C., relative to portions of land 21 and 56 in the parish of Molong, county of Ashburnham, alluded to in his answer to Dr. Ross to question 8 on the 5th July instant?

(2.) Did the Supreme Court order the Government to fulfil that contract; and, if so, in what manner?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Mr. Smith purchased these lots as an after-auction selection on 5th August, 1875, and paid the purchase money.

(2.) The Primary Judge, on the 15th December, 1885, held that the receipt of such purchase money made a good contract, and decreed that the Crown should specifically perform their contract to sell the land to Mr. Smith.

(15.) Tenders for Nyngan-Cobar Railway:—Mr. Davis, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did the lowest tender received for the construction of the Nyngan-Cobar railway include the supply of rails?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No.

(16.) Administration of Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount is paid for official supervision, travelling, and other expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the Prospecting Vote?

(2.) Are such charges (if any) added to the amount provided for prospectors?

(3.) Is there any amount now due to prospectors; if so, what amount?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) In respect of the Vote for 1883, £341 9s., equal to 1.96 per cent. of the sums allotted to prospectors.

(2.) The above charges were paid out of the sum voted by Parliament for prospecting.

(3.) There are no amounts due in respect of which vouchers, duly certified, have been rendered.

(17.) Administration of the Rabbit Act:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is now the amount of annual expense in connection with the administration of the Rabbit Act?

(2.) How many (if any) officers are retained under the Board, their names, and respective salaries?

Mr. Brunker answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return in the ordinary way I see no objection thereto. I do not understand what Board the Honorable Member refers to in part No. 2 of his question.

(18.) Bridge over the River Murray, Tocumwal:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he cause provision to be made on the next Estimates for a sum of money, sufficient to defray the cost of constructing a bridge over the River Murray at Tocumwal?

(2.) Will he call for tenders at an early date?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at by the Cabinet on this matter.

(19.) Deputy-Superintendent of Gaols, Trial Bay:—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has a Deputy-Superintendent been appointed at Trial Bay?

(2.) If so, what is his name, and how long has he been in the Service?

(3.) Has a Major Hunt been appointed Deputy-Gaoler at Bathurst?

(4.) How long had he been in the Service previous to present appointment?

(5.) Are there no officers in the Department, having years of service, capable of promotion to these offices?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) There is no such office.

(3.) Major Hunt has been appointed Acting Deputy-Governor of Bathurst Gaol, for reasons of exceptional qualifications.

(4.) Major Hunt has not been previously in the Service of the Colony. He has done duty in the Colony with Imperial troops.

(5.) I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that there was no officer who could have been promoted to the position with equal advantage to the Public Service.

(20.) Glebe Island—Disposal of Manure:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause inquiry to be made if any bags have been received at Glebe Island by any official for the purpose of sending dry blood or other manure to any Civil Servant; if so, to whom, and the price charged, and the quantity sent?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that no dry blood or other manure has been or will be sent from the Glebe Island Abattoir to any Civil Servant, except upon the terms charged to the general public.

(21.)

(21.) Order for Iron Pipes :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to the answer given to Mr. Dibbs' question of 10th July, in the matter of iron pipes,—was the tender from England for welded pipes, and the tender accepted in the Colony for riveted pipes?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the welded pipes are superior to the riveted, and what is the difference in the value of the two classes of pipes?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Welded pipes are not necessarily superior to riveted, although the process of welding is being much improved in England, but has not yet been accomplished in the Colony. Welded pipes can now be made in England for about the same price as riveted of equal thickness.

2. MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION 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 give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's Tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th July, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

3. ABOLITION OF PUNISHMENT BY WHIPPING BILL:—Mr. Harold Stephen presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 25th, 26th, 35th, 36th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 59th, 60th, 93rd, 207th, 210th, 221st, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 406th, 446th, 447th, 448th, and 449th sections of the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th August.

4. RESERVES IN RESUMED AREAS AND IN PASTORAL HOLDINGS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Cruickshank, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of reserves in resumed areas and same in pastoral holdings, and also acreage, in each Land District, sent to the Local Land Board for report.
Question put and passed.

5. SALE OF TOWNSHIP ALLOTMENTS, TOCUMWAL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and other correspondence by residents of Tocumwal and others, relating to application that certain township allotments in the town of Tocumwal should be submitted to competition by public auction.
Question put and passed.

6. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That that portion of the prayer of the Petition of Frederick Samuel Ellis Holt and Alfred William Holt, which was presented on the 2nd July instant, to the effect that they be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House, against certain clauses of the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill, be granted.
Question put and passed.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,

FRIDAY, 12 JULY, 1889, A.M.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Loans Account:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount at the credit of Loans Account on the 30th June last?
- (2.) The estimate of outstanding claims upon that account?
- (3.) The probable demand that will be made upon the Loan Funds for the half-year ending 31st December next, including in this answer the figures given in answer to No. 2?
- (4.) Had the Government funds at its credit in London to meet the interest due on 1st July last?
- (5.) The amount remaining in London (if any) at credit after paying interest due on the 1st July
- (6.) The amount of letters of credit in London outstanding, unused on the 1st July last?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) The amount at the credit of the General Loan Account on 30th June last was £1,851,254 8s. 9d.
- (2.) £278,440 12s. 3d.
- (3.) £1,367,000.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) £77,976.
- (6.) The outstanding letters of credit in London, according to the books of the Treasury, after such credits were reduced by payments in London to 30th April, 1889, the date of latest advices, amounted to £1,028,419 11s. 10d., which, however, included letters of credit for interest on debentures due 1st July, 1889, and to pay off bonds maturing 1st July, 1889, to the amount of £642,920 10s.

- (2.) Alexandria Siding at Eveleigh:—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Commissioners for Railways to proceed with the construction of the Alexandria siding at Eveleigh?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The plan has been approved by the Commissioners, and will be carried out at once.

- (3.) Deputy-Governor of Gaols, Trial Bay:—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has a Deputy-Governor, or other such officer, been appointed to Trial Bay?
- (2.) If so, how long has he been in the Service, and has he been placed over the heads of old officials in the Service?

Mr. Gould answered,—There is no office of Deputy-Governor or Superintendent. The next officer to the Superintendent is a Chief Warder, who was selected from the ordinary warders as being, in the opinion of the Comptroller-General of Prisons, the best qualified for the position. He has been in the Service since 3rd March, 1888. I may mention that appointments of this nature are vested by Statute in the Comptroller-General of Prisons.

2. GOLD LEASES AT COBAR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications for leases, minutes, or other documents, having reference to gold lease 88-24 and gold lease 88-40 at Cobar.
Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Friday, 23rd August.

4. PUBLICATION OF OBSCENE EVIDENCE PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Alexander Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dalton,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. See,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Dawson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Wadtell,	Mr. Alexander Brown.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Hurley,	

Nocs, 13.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bowman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McCourt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Brown, 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,—

SATURDAY, 13 JULY, 1889, A.M.

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. ELECTION PETITION (*Redfern*):—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to him from George Anderson, of Waterloo, wool-washer and merchant, a person claiming to have had a right to be returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Redfern, and a candidate for such election, alleging that, in pursuance of the Writ, dated 28th June, 1889, a meeting of the Electors of Redfern was held, at which William F. Schey and Petitioner were duly nominated as candidates; that at such nomination a ballot was demanded by Petitioner, which duly took place on Monday, 8th July; that the said Writ has been returned, endorsed with the return of the said William F. Schey to serve as a Member for the said Electoral District; that Petitioner is advised and believes that the said William F. Schey is unduly elected, and that Petitioner should be declared elected, or a new election ordered, on the grounds:—(a) That the provisions of the Electoral Act were disregarded at the Polling-booth, New Masonic Hall, Sydney, in respect of several officials assisting in taking the poll there, who were appointed whilst the polling was actually going on, which resulted in Petitioner being deprived of certain of his just rights under the said Act; (b) That ballot-papers were improperly introduced into the ballot-box during the course of the polling, and that, in instances, voters received or acquired more than one ballot-paper, and deposited them in the ballot-box; (c) That votes were recorded by voters twice over; (d) That certain votes recorded were not the votes of the persons entitled to record the same; (e) That certain votes were rejected as informal which should count as votes to Petitioner; (f) That undue influence was used by certain of the Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks to induce electors to vote in favour of the said William F. Schey; (g) That the votes have not been correctly counted; (h) And that otherwise the Election was irregularly conducted; and praying that the said William F. Schey may be declared to be unduly elected, and that Petitioner may be declared elected, or that a new election may be ordered to take place.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, 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. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Amendment of Rabbit Act:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended this Session to repeal or amend the Rabbit Act of 1883, 46 Vic. No. 14, and to release stockowners from paying assessment thereunder?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Pending the consideration of the Land Bill now before Parliament, it is not possible to determine what action can best be taken in the public interest.

(2.) Reclamations, Careening Cove and Neutral Bay:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any (and, if any, what) decision respecting the proposed reclamations at Careening Cove and Neutral Bay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The whole matter is one for the consideration of the Works Department, and I have already transmitted the papers to my honorable colleague, the Minister for Works.

(3.) The Permanent Force:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the number of officers and subordinates comprising the Head-quarters Staff of the Defence Force of the Colony?

(2.) What is the total cost per annum of the Head-quarters Staff?

(3.) The amount paid annually for salaries?

(4.) The same with reference to forage, rent, rations, and all other allowances?

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

(4.) Trial Surveys of Lines of Railway to Inverell:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Wright, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What has been the total cost to date of the various surveys that have been made for railway purposes to Inverell?

(2.) What has been the total cost to date for survey and other purposes of each of the different proposed lines to Inverell?

(3.) What is the mileage of each of the projected lines to Inverell?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) £7,333 19s. 8d.

(2.) Glen Innes to Inverell, £2,913 8s.; Guyra to Inverell, £898 10s. 6d.; Kentucky to Inverell, £1,495 0s. 9d.; Uralla to Inverell, £2,027 0s. 5d.

(3.) Kentucky to Inverell, *via* Bundarra, 82 miles 68 chains; Uralla to Inverell, *via* Bundarra, 81 miles 76 chains; Uralla to Inverell, *via* Yarrowick, 80 miles 43 chains; Guyra to Inverell, 55 miles 10 chains; Glen Innes to Inverell, *via* Swanbrook Creek, 44 miles 68 chains; Glen Innes to Inverell, *via* Wellingrove, 44 miles 37 chains.

(5.) Rainfall Report for 1888:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will the rainfall report for 1888 be published?

(2.) What is the cause of delay in its publication?

Mr. Cairruthers answered,—

(1.) About the end of the present month.

(2.) Pressure of work in the Government Printing Office.

(6.) Appointment of Boys, Railway Department :—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners caused a notification to appear recently at Eveleigh workshops to the effect that twenty boys were required as cleaners at 2s. 6d. per day?
- (2.) If so, under what circumstances are the Railway Commissioners justified in appointing boys at this pay?
- (3.) Will he see that the Railway Act is carried out in its integrity, and that no reduction of pay, or on the rates of wages, be allowed to be introduced, either directly or indirectly, except by the mode provided for by that Act; and will he endeavour to discountenance the employment of boys in this Service?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Some youths, between the ages of 15 and 17, are being engaged temporarily at wages from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per day, to assist in cleaning engines.
- (2.) The Commissioners have been advised that youths of the age stated above are more fitted for certain portions of cleaning work than young men, and it will lead to their being well trained for the positions of firemen and enginemen, to which grades the position of cleaner is the stepping-stone.
- (3.) If the experiment succeeds, and its permanent adoption is contemplated, any necessary authority requisite will be obtained. No reduction of pay or increase of hours of duty of existing staff is contemplated by the Railway Commissioners.

(7.) Loans Account :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount remitted to London since 30th April last to date, and when remitted?
- (2.) The amount required for interest due on 1st July instant?
- (3.) The amount required to pay bonds and debentures due on 1st July instant?
- (4.) The amount of letters of credit for supplies, goods, or contracts, outside altogether of interest and for repayment of debentures?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £500,000 was remitted to London on 25th April last by bills of exchange.
- (2.) The amount required for interest payable in London on 1st July instant was £474,146 10s.
- (3.) The amount required to pay bonds and debentures payable in London on 1st July instant was £312,500.
- (4.) £385,499 1s. 10d.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Officers and Subordinates comprising the Head-quarters Staff of the Defence Force of the Colony.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return showing Revenue, Expenditure, &c., under the Rabbit Nuisance Act.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land Parish of Petersham, and County of Cumberland, for Water Supply for District of Ashfield.
Ordered to be printed.

3. CROWN LANDS BILL :—Mr. John Wilkinson presented a Petition from G. Arthur Thompson, Mayor of Albury, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of the Town and District of Albury, in opposition to the proposal to grant an extension of Pastoral Leases in the Central Division; and praying the House to restore to the Bill the original clause, in lieu of the amendment embodying that proposal.
At the request of Mr. Wilkinson, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
4. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL :—Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct Gas-works and Electric-works, or either of them, within the Town and District of Katoomba.
And Mr. Hurley having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Katoomba Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
5. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY, 1889, A.M.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Savings Bank:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Savings Bank of New South Wales has lent to other private banks over £1,000,000 of the people's money without any special security other than the good repute of the said banks?

(2.) Will the Government at once consider the necessity of appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into and report on the various monetary institutions of Sydney, so that information may be obtained as to the amount of money deposited therein, and the security the depositors have?

(3.) Is it a fact that in most of the so-called banks the reserve fund is not kept apart, but mixed up in the general moneys and accounts of the said banks?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have not been able to get the information. The Honorable Member will see that it has to be obtained from private sources over which I have no control.

(2.) Reserve at Goangora (Kilcargoo Run):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the fences and obstructions on travelling stock reserve at Goangora (Kilcargoo run, crossing place of the Namoi River, road from Queensland to Southern markets, No. 13 from sale, No. 75 from lease, notified July, 1882), been removed, as promised?

(2.) Was the Crown Lands Bailiff, or any other officer, directed to cause the removal of these obstructions; and, if so, his name, and was the lessee directed to remove such?

(3.) Were repeated refusals made to the lessee to purchase any portion of such reserves?

(4.) Has he now been allowed to do so, and has a promise of further right of purchase been given?

(5.) Did the Land Board, Mines Department, or any surveyor, recommend the cancellation of such portion of the reserves?

(6.) Will the lessee be refused to be allowed to purchase any more of such reserves; and will the Crown Lands Bailiff and lessee get immediate instructions to remove these obstructions, and thus give the public free access to same, the crossing, and to water?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The whole of the papers in this matter were, on the 10th instant, sent to the Board at Moree for investigation as to the necessity for retaining all or any part of the reserve, which apparently was originally set apart for a village. In the absence of the papers, it is not possible to answer the Honorable Member's questions.

(3.) Police Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Kidd*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Police Superannuation Fund in a solvent condition at the present time?

(2.) If all police officers, entitled by length of service to retire on a pension at the rate of their present pay, retired, would the Fund admit of their doing so?

(3.) Have the following officers all over thirty years service, and therefore entitled to retire on full pay, viz.:—Superintendents Mears, Read, Battye, Sanderson, Ryeland, Brown; Inspectors Anderson, Brennan, Harrison, Grainger, Carter, Camphin, McKay, Stephenson; Sub-Inspectors Fenton, Long, Thompson, Duffy?

(4.) Are some of the above officers over seventy years of age?

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

(4.)

- (4.) Agricultural Show-ground, Queanbeyan :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have the trustees of the Agricultural Show-ground at Queanbeyan received from Johnstone & Co., railway contractors, £57 for rent; if so, have they paid the money over to the Government?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to cancel the reserve?
 - (3.) Will he consider the desirableness of allowing the ground to serve as a site for Agricultural Shows under the care of new trustees?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) It has been ascertained that a sum of £57 was received from Johnstone & Co. as subscription to the Show Committee, but not as rent for the ground. The money has not been paid to the Government.
 - (2.) No decision has yet been arrived at as to the disposal of the reserve.
 - (3.) Yes; but a petition has been received from the residents, representing that the site is unsuitable for show-ground purposes, and asking for a new site.
- (5.) Road through Weston's Grant, Queanbeyan :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has Staff-Surveyor Wood formally opened the road leading through Weston's grant (now F. Campbell's land), in the District of Queanbeyan?
 - (2.) If not, what is the reason for the delay?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) The road is being fenced by Mr. Campbell, the owner of the land. The work will probably be completed within a month, when the road will be opened.
- (6.) Road through Gungahleen Estate :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has the road across Craco's Gungahleen property been formally opened by the District Surveyor of the Queanbeyan District?
 - (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) The time allowed by law for lodgment of objections after preliminary notification of intention to open the road has but recently expired; and Executive sanction is about to be sought for confirmation of the road.
- (7.) Foxlow Road :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have Surveyors Wood and Felton yet reported to him with regard to the Foxlow Road?
 - (2.) If so, is their report favourable to the opening of the road or otherwise?
 - (3.) If favourable, when will the road be proclaimed?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The report of Mr. Acting District-Surveyor Tritton and Mr. Surveyor Wood has not yet been received.
- (8.) Payment for Overtime, Railway Traffic Department :—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Edmunds, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the rate of payment for overtime work in the Railway Traffic Department at Redfern and Darling Harbour is the same as the rate for work in ordinary hours?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that some of the men on these works are required on occasions to work overtime from 6 p.m. to 12 p.m.?
 - (3.) Is any list kept of the men employed at overtime work and the hours of such work and payment therefor?
 - (4.) Is there any intention either to increase the number of workmen, so that the work may be done within the ordinary hours, or to pay at a higher rate for overtime work?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1 and 2.) I am informed that occasionally, to meet emergencies, the men at Redfern and Darling Harbour are required to work overtime; but it is not of frequent occurrence.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) If the exigencies of the traffic require it, the Commissioners will increase the number of workmen; but, under existing circumstances, it is not considered necessary to do so.
- (9.) Appointment of Justices of the Peace at Wardell, Richmond River :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he make inquiries respecting the necessity of appointing Justices of the Peace at Wardell, Richmond River?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am making inquiries in respect to one or two other cases similar to this, and I will see that the inquiry is extended to this case also.
- (10.) Civil Service Board :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Civil Service Board made any communication to the Government, in answer to the statement of the Under Secretary of Justice, which was laid upon the Table of the House by Mr. Gould on 30th May last?
 - (2.) If so, is there any objection to placing the same upon the Table?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Such communication has been made; and, in answer to question No. 2, there is no objection to lay it upon the Table. I will lay it upon the Table this afternoon.
- (11.) Mogong and Tilga Holdings :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are there any portions of the Mogong and Tilga holdings, in the county of Ashburnham, at present vacant and open for selection?
 - (2.) If not, will any of the leasehold area be available for selection and settlement at the expiration of the lease?
 - (3.) When does the present lease definitely expire?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) The latest information as to available lands on these holdings can only be obtained from the local Crown Land Agent, to whom I must refer the Honorable Member.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) 30th July, 1890.

(12.) Cancerous Meat :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he state the number (if any) of carcasses of meat that have been condemned during the past year as unfit for human food, owing to the meat having been tainted with cancer ?

(2.) Has there been an increased prevalence of cancerous meat in the meat market of late years ?

(3.) If so, will he obtain the opinion of the official experts whether the system that has been attempted to stamp out the disease called pleuro-pneumonia by inoculation has any connection with the increase of the quantity of cancerous meat, or from what other source the increase is supposed to proceed.

Mr. McMillan answered,—This is a very serious question, requiring very careful inquiry. I know nothing about it at the present time. I will therefore ask my honorable friend to postpone his questions for a week.

(13.) Savings Banks :—Mr. Wall asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What are the number of children attending Public Schools in the Colony who have deposits in the Savings Bank, and what is the total amount of such deposits ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Number of children, 40,000 ; deposits in Public Schools Savings Banks on 30th June, 1889, £7,719 14s. 11d. ; deposits transferred to Government Savings Banks to 30th June, 1889, £7,135 14s. 1d. ; total, £14,855 9s.

(14.) Reclamations, Careening Cove and Neutral Bay :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any (and, if any, what) decision respecting the proposed reclamations at Careening Cove and Neutral Bay ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at. There are many complicated questions involved in a settlement of the matter, as will be seen from the following extract from a report furnished :—“ I should point out that most of the frontages have been sold, and authorized reclamations to water frontages made and purchased within the line laid down for forming the dyke ; so, if the bays are reclaimed, the owners may have to be heavily compensated, unless they agree to accept frontage to a road on the reclamation instead.” I can only promise that I will look further into the matter at the earliest opportunity.

(15.) Classification of Roads :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the classifications of the following roads :—(a) O'Connell to Kelso ; (b) O'Connell to Oberon ; (c) O'Connell to Brewongle ; (d) O'Connell to Bloom Hill ?

(2.) What is the amount of money expended on each road annually for maintenance ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) (a) 2nd class ; (b) 4th class ; (c) 2nd class ; (d) is an unclassified road.

(2.) (a) £275 ; (b) £170 ; (c) £275 ; and (d) £80 from the Flood Vote.

2. CLAIM OF ISAAC BARCLAY :—Mr. Morton, 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 5th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Correspondence respecting Appointments of Mr. Hales and Mr. Crane, referred to in Civil Service Board Report for the year 1888.

(2.) Minute of the Colonial Secretary respecting the Sugar Bounties Convention.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return showing Increases granted to the Clerical Staff in the Locomotive Department during the time Mr. Sheridan occupied the position of Chief Clerk.

Ordered to be printed.

4. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL :—Mr. Hurley, 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 3rd July, 1889, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hurley then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 23rd August.

Question put and passed.

5. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the working of the Civil Service in so far as it relates to the Government Printing Office.

Question put and passed.

6. APPLICATION BY W. N. HILL FOR ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, CONDOBOLIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cooke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with an application for an additional conditional purchase of 600 acres of land by William Newell Hill, in the parish of Bolygamy, county of Gipps, made at Condobolin on the 18th of April, 1889, together with the evidence taken before the Local Land Board at Condobolin on the 8th of July, 1889, in reference to said application.

Question put and passed.

7. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) *Mr. Hurley* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct gas-works and electric-works, or either of them, within the town and district of Katoomba.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Hurley* 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 Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct Gas-works and Electric-works, or either of them, within the Town and District of Katoomba,”—read a first time.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of 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.

9. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 10th July, 1889, in reference to the "*Church and School Lands Mining Bill*,"—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th July, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 JULY, 1889.

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

MOUNT KEIRA TRAMWAY ACQUISITION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give Legislative sanction to an agreement entered into between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and the Mount Keira Coal Company, for the purchase by the said Commissioners of part of the said Company's Tramway, together with the land on which the same has been constructed, and all works and structures used in connection therewith, subject to the provisions and conditions herein expressed.*"—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, 17th July, 1889.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Travelling Stock Reserve, South Bank Namoi River:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the District Surveyor reported favourably, and the Mines Department sanctioned, the cancellation of a portion of travelling stock reserve, portion 75, south bank Namoi River (adjoining recreation ground)?

(2.) Is it intended (and, if so, when) to dedicate such to the use of the Walgett Pastoral and Agricultural Society?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, as early as possible.

(2.) The Honorable John Davies, C.M.G.:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he sent the depositions taken in the charge against the Honorable John Davies, C.M.G., to the Attorney-General for his report thereon?

(2.) If not, will he do so at once?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to remove Mr. Davies from the Legislative Council?

(4.) If not, does the Government intend to take any further steps in the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(3.) Released Criminals from other Colonies:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the released criminals of other Colonies are allowed to enter this Colony, and that large numbers of such people have lately come to New South Wales?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill dealing with the above evil?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I regret to say that there is a great deal of truth in the supposed fact that released criminals from other countries come to this Colony, chiefly from New Caledonia. It is reported to me (and of course the report has a very serious significance) that not fewer than 800 of these persons are now in the Colony. I have already, through His Excellency the Governor, represented to the Imperial Government this state of things, with a view to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs communicating with the Government of France. I have also put myself in communication with the French Consul, who, at my instance, has made a similar communication to his Government; and I have likewise requested him—which he has consented to do—to make a report of the circumstances to the authorities in New Caledonia. It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill; and if any measure of the kind is introduced it must be one of a severe character, to stay this which I regard as a very serious public evil.

- (4.) Bridge over Apsley River, Walcha:—*Mr. Seaver*, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a bridge over the Apsley River, in the town of Walcha, for which money has been voted, and the speedy completion of which has been promised?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders were called for the construction of this bridge on the 11th instant.

- (5.) Infant School at West End, Armidale:—*Mr. Seaver*, for Mr. Inglis asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Department to proceed at once with the erection of the promised Infant School at the West End, Armidale, plans of which have been approved?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It is the intention of the Department to proceed with this work, and tenders will be called immediately.

- (6.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Granville:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Postmaster General,—Has a site been determined upon for the erection of post and telegraph offices at Granville; if so, when will tenders be called for the carrying out of the work?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—A tender was accepted for land on which to erect an office at Granville. As regards tenders for the erection of the building, it is the intention to consider this phase of the matter as early as practicable.

- (7.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Hunter's Hill:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Postmaster General,—Have tenders been called for the erection of post and telegraph offices at Hunter's Hill; if so, what is the cause of the delay in the accepting of the tenders?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Tenders were opened in March last for premises centrally situated at Hunter's Hill, suitable for a post and telegraph office; but it was subsequently determined to continue for the present the business in the premises hitherto occupied, the landlady agreeing to put them into repair. Tenders were then invited for a site for a new post and telegraph office, and these are now before me. It is my intention to personally inspect the various sites offered; and when one has been determined upon, the question of erecting a building thereon will be considered.

- (8.) Leave of Absence to Members of Police Force:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a concession of one day's leave of absence in a month is granted to the members of the Metropolitan Police Force?

(2.) If so, will he take into consideration the question of extending to all other members of the Police Force throughout the Colony the same concession?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The duties of the police in the country are, as a rule, not so trying as those performed in Sydney; but leave of absence is liberally granted to the country police when applied for.

- (9.) Government Actuary:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he favourably consider the urgent necessity to appoint a Government Actuary?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have at present under consideration a Draft Bill which will meet all difficulties connected with the present very unsatisfactory state of the law in relation to life, fire, and marine insurance. The Bill has not yet been under the consideration of the Cabinet, and will probably not be introduced until next Session. The Honorable Member will perhaps accept this statement as including answers to Questions 15 and 16, which appear in to-day's Business Paper.

- (10.) Commission of Inquiry into the Civil Service:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the late Public Service Inquiry Commission complete their investigation into the working of the Treasury and Department of Mines?

(2.) Did such Commission make any recommendations, founded upon the evidence adduced in the course of their inquiries?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to act upon any such recommendations, if made, with a view to the re-organization of the Departments in question?

(4.) Is it intended to lay upon the Table of this House the evidence given before such Commission; and, if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe the Public Service Inquiry Commission did make certain investigations into the working of the Treasury and the Department of Mines. I believe also that certain recommendations were made, founded on the evidence received before the Commission. I think further that some of these recommendations have been carried out. I do not think there will be any objection to laying the report upon the Table; but I desire to add to this answer that it never for a moment entered into my head that the Government was of necessity to carry out any recommendation made by this Commission. Recommendations, I presume, would, by any Government, be taken into consideration, and acted upon according to the value that they appeared to carry with them.

(11.) Post and Telegraph Facilities at Fairfield:—Mr. Dale asked the Postmaster General,—Adverting to a deputation which waited on him some months ago in reference to the postal and telegraphic facilities at Fairfield, has he come to any decision in the matter; if so, what is the nature of it?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The report received from Postal Inspector, after the deputation waited on me in April last, being unfavourable, I decided that the matter should be submitted to me again in three months; and, a few days since, I accordingly called for a further report, in order to ascertain whether any improvement in the locality has since been manifested which would justify the extension of the facilities in question at Fairfield. I have not yet received this report.

(12.) Charges made by *Sunday Times* Newspaper:—Mr. Paul asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Has any investigation taken place in regard to the charges made by the *Sunday Times* against the Railway employes; and, if so, what is the result of such investigation?
(2.) If such investigation has not taken place, is it intended to hold an inquiry into these charges?
(3.) If not, then what action is intended to be taken in reference to this matter, and when will such action be taken?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No formal inquiry has been made into the statements made by the *Sunday Times*, as the Railway Commissioners did not consider there was any justification for such sweeping charges, and that the system of supervision and discipline in force enables the officers to detect any irregularity of conduct. As I have intimated, in reply to a previous question, "once a man is accused of drunkenness in the Railway Service, and the charge has been proved, he shall never be engaged in the Service again."

3. THE FRUIT INDUSTRY:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from George Lovell, Acting Chairman of the Fruitgrowers Union of New South Wales, representing that urgent need exists for increased Fruit-market accommodation; that, since 1885, the Fruitgrowers have been incessant in their applications to the City Council to erect suitable Fruit Markets on an eligible site, but without result; and praying that immediate steps be taken for the resumption of a block of land, situated between Quay-street and the Darling Harbour railway line, with frontage to George-street West and to Thomas-street, and that suitable Markets be erected thereon.
Petition received.

4. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation, between Great Britain and the United States of Mexico.
Ordered to be printed.

5. DISMISSAL OR SUSPENSION OF CLERKS FROM RAILWAY SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports relating to the dismissal or suspension of clerks in the various Branches of the Railway Service, dating from the 1st January, 1888, to the present time, together with all letters, papers, minutes, and other documents relating to the same.
Question put and passed.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 19 JULY, 1889, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Brunker (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads—Narrabri to Moree, Narrabri to Walgett:—*Mr. Frank Karnell*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the main roads from Narrabri to Moree, and Narrabri to Walgett are in a thoroughly impassable state?

(2.) Has travelling been rendered almost impossible, and great difficulty arisen in procuring necessary supplies?

(3.) Is it intended to construct cheap lines of railways (of a reproductive character); if not, will he recommend a special Vote to put these roads in travelling order?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) It has been reported to me that, owing to the continued wet weather, the roads in the black soil country are very heavy and difficult to travel over. The mail coaches still ply between Narrabri and Walgett and Narrabri and Moree, but are unable to perform the journey within the contract time.

(3.) The question is now engaging the attention of the Government.

- (2.) Railway from Ryde and Field of Mars to Sydney:—*Mr. Dale* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a survey is being made of a railway from Ryde and Field of Mars to Sydney?

(2.) Is it a fact that the line is to run by Balmain or Birkenhead?

(3.) Will he consider an alternative line by Hunter's Hill and Woolwich from Ryde across the upper portions of Lane Cove Road, to join the Northern Line at Chatswood?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A survey is now being made from Ryde to Chatswood, through the Field of Mars; but the whole question of route is at present undecided. Every consideration will be given, however, to any feasible route which may be proposed, before a final determination is arrived at.

- (3.) Payment of Overtime, Locomotive Department:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners lately issued an order to the effect that fitters on night-shift are only to receive same rate per hour as day-shift men, with 1s. per night added for expenses?

(2.) Or any similar order?

(3.) If so, what is the full text of such order?

(4.) Is such order (if any) to come into force on Sunday night next, 21st instant, at any depôt or station?

(5.) What rate of pay per hour has been usually paid to these men in the past?

(6.) For how long has such rate of pay been in existence?

(7.) What is the reason for such reduction (if any)?

(8.) How does such reduction (if any) accord with the declaration of the Commissioners that no reductions of wages were contemplated, as stated by him in reply to a Question of Mr. William Stephen on 16 July, instant?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Locomotive Inspector at Singleton reported to the Locomotive Engineer that, owing to the exigencies of the running and the want of spare engines, small engine repairs could not be carried out during the day, and it has had to be arranged that several fitters should come on to work at 4 p.m. The usual arrangement for mechanics working under similar circumstances at country depôts is to pay them 1s. per night in addition to ordinary pay, and this practice is being followed; but so soon as spare engines are available this night working will be discontinued. (4.)

- (4.) Mr. Cohen, Lands Department—Railway Accounts:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Cohen, an officer of the Lands Department, recently been employed by the Railway Commissioners to inquire into, and report upon, the book-keeping, &c., of the Locomotive Branch?
 - (2.) What salary does Mr. Cohen receive from the Lands Department?
 - (3.) Did he receive a bonus of 150 guineas for examining the accounts, &c., of the Locomotive Branch?
 - (4.) From what fund was such bonus (if any) taken, and when was same paid to Mr. Cohen?
 - (5.) How long was Mr. Cohen engaged in such examination of accounts, &c.?
 - (6.) Did he receive his usual salary from the Lands Department during the same period?
 - (7.) Was there no person in the employ of the Railway Department competent to make such inquiry and examination?
 - (8.) Was there no person among all those whose services had been dispensed with by the Commissioners competent to make such inquiry and examination?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that Mr. Cohen, an officer of the Lands Department, was recently employed by the Railway Commissioners to report as to the best method of initiating a proper system of accounts for the Locomotive Branch of the Railway Department. Mr. Cohen is Accountant in the Lands Department, and is paid £500 per annum. He received a bonus of 150 guineas for his assistance, the amount being paid from "Working Expenses." Mr. Cohen was engaged for three months in this service, he at the same time exercising a supervision and performing such duties as were necessary at the Lands Office. There were officers competent in the Railway Department to undertake the duty, but their services were otherwise engaged. There were no officers qualified for the duty amongst those who have been retired.

2. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Fletcher, 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 July, 1889, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Melville then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 9th August.
Question put and passed.
3. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. J. P. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Crick be appointed a Member of the Select Committee now inquiring into the case of "Mrs. Cunyngame, late Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta."
Question put and passed.
4. PAPER:—Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence and Papers relating to Extension of Mail Contract between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu.
Ordered to be printed.
5. SELECTIONS BY JOHN HARRISON, OF LISMORE:—Mr. Ewing 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 selections made by John Harrison, in Lismore district, declared forfeited.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garland, Mr. Lees, Mr. Perry, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1888-9 be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
6. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF ZACHARY BENN, RICHMOND RIVER DISTRICT:—Mr. Ewing 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 conditional purchase of Zachary Benn, in the district of the Richmond River, recommended for forfeiture by the Casino Land Board.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Lees, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
7. GOVERNMENT INSPECTION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, in order to protect the interests of the public, should, without delay, take steps to ascertain, by periodical inspection by a Government official, or otherwise, what security the several financial institutions trading within the Colony, and registered under the Companies or Friendly Societies Acts, afford for the safe custody and due payment of the funds entrusted to them on deposit.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. FRANCHISE TO MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE:—Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the members of the Police Force of New South Wales, being men of good character, deserve and are entitled to all the privileges of citizenship, and that they have a grievance in being deprived of the right of voting at the election of Members of Parliament.
 - (2.) That, in any measure of electoral reform, provision should be made for extending the franchise to members of the Police Force.
 - (3.) That the Electoral Act should be amended, without any unnecessary delay, to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions.
 Debate ensued.

Question

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Dawson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hurley.
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. McCourt.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. RAILWAY TO BOTANY:—Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no system of railway construction shall be deemed satisfactory which does not include a railway to Botany.

(2.) That such railway should be extended to the vicinity of the fortifications on Bare Island, near La Perouse, at the entrance to Botany Bay, for military and other purposes.

(3.) That the Government should, without any unnecessary delay, take steps to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Melville moved the Previous Question.

Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.

Debate continued.

Previous Question,—That that Question be now put,—put and negatived.

10. ASSESSMENT UNDER RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the annual assessment under the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883 should at once cease.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Clubb, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Cullen, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Howe, Mr. McCourt, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Nicoll, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Schey, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Woodward,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at six minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 JULY, 1889.

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

CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of rent and royalties, and the imposition of certain conditions in connection therewith, upon the leasing of Church and School lands; to authorize the renewals of such leases; to regulate authorities and applications for such leases; and to amend, in certain respects, the 'Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880,' and the 'Church and School Lands Mining 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, 23rd July, 1889.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Diversion of Water from the River Murray:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government considered Mr. McMordie's report upon the Murray waters; if so, is there any objection to say what action the Government intend to take in reference to it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. McMordie's report has been partially considered by the Government; but it will need to be considered much more fully, in view of the report from the gentleman who has been specially commissioned to make an examination of the River Murray. Though this survey and examination is now finished, the report will take some little time to prepare, as the investigation has been very thorough, and there will be some plans to be prepared in illustration of the report. As soon as the report has been prepared there will be no objection whatever to laying it before Parliament, and the whole question of the River Murray will receive the most searching investigation on the part of this Government, with a view to maintaining the rights of the Colony, and to improving the navigation and trade of that important river.

- (2.) Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What have been the total amounts expended by the Government of this Colony in rendering navigable the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and the Darling, respectively?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Murray River, £36,545 1s. 7d.; Murrumbidgee River, £84,744 9s. 8d.; Darling River, £80,129 12s. 7d.

- (3.) Government Wharves:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost of each Government wharf in the Electorate of Grafton?
 (2.) The cost of each Government Wharf in the Electorates of the Clarence, Richmond, Macleay, and the Hastings and Manning?
 (3.) The total cost of Government and railway wharves in the Electorate of Newcastle?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered.—It will take some time to get this information prepared; but the matter will receive immediate attention and the Return be laid upon the Table of the House.

(4.)

(4.) North-western Australia:—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken by the Government, with the view of impressing upon the Imperial authorities the desires of the people of New South Wales with respect to the future of Western and North-western Australia?

(2.) Has the Government opened communication with the Governments of the other Colonies of Australasia, with a view to securing joint or uniform action in the above regard?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is a little difficult to answer this question. I can hardly say that no steps have been taken; but nothing of a formal character has been done by this Government. The matter is one of considerable delicacy, and beyond two or three conversations with His Excellency the Governor on the subject, and some informal communications, nothing of a tangible character has been done. We did, as the Honorable Member may possibly recollect, communicate with the Government of Western Australia some considerable time ago, and the reply we got was virtually that they did not desire us to interfere in the matter. Under those circumstances, it was a very delicate thing for us to do much more. I may say that none of the Governments of the adjoining Colonies have made any communications to us on the subject; but I admit that the matter is one of great importance, and I hope the Honorable Member will feel satisfied when I assure him that we shall not lose sight of it, nor omit to deal with it in any practical way we can.

(5.) Appointment of man named Owens, Postal Department:—Mr. Lees, for Mr. Schey, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has a young man named Owens recently been appointed a letter-carrier?

(2.) How long was such person in the service of the Postal Department prior to such appointment, what position did he occupy, and what was his rate of pay?

(3.) What was the cause of the vacancy which was filled by such appointment?

(4.) On whose recommendation was such appointment made?

(5.) Were there no persons in the service of the Department who were more entitled than Owens to appointment to such vacancy?

(6.) Were there employés whose claims to promotion had been already recognized by the Departmental officers, and whose names had been specially noted for appointment to any similar vacancy which might occur?

(7.) What reasons guided him in making the appointment named?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) A man named Owens, aged 24 years, has been appointed on probation.

(2.) From May, 1882, to July, 1885, as telegraph messenger, and since April last as temporary messenger in the Post Office.

(3.) The transfer of a letter-carrier from the head office to a vacancy in a suburban office.

(4.) On a report of his efficiency from the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and the officer under whom he immediately served.

(5.) No.

(6.) Yes; but none with superior claims to Owens'.

(7.) Answered by No. 4.

(6.) Road in Boree-lane, Molong:—Mr. Barbour, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to open the road in the Boree-lane adjoining Mr. Parslow's property, applied for by the Municipal Council of Molong?

(2.) If so, when; and why is the matter being delayed?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It has been deemed advisable to redefine this road by survey, and to proclaim it in the *Government Gazette*. Preliminary notification has been carried out, and so soon as the time prescribed by law for lodgment of objections has expired, confirmation and opening will follow with as little delay as possible.

(7.) Bridge over the Warrego River at Ford's Bridge:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the contractor for the bridge over the Warrego River at Ford's Bridge going on with the work?

(2.) If not, what action has been taken to expedite the completion of this work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The contractor has already been advised (on the 1st instant) that if he failed to proceed with the contract it would be re-let, and his sureties sued for the amount of their bond. The contractor has now promised to proceed with the work at once.

(8.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the furniture and fittings been placed in the Bourke post and telegraph offices; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The fittings from the old building are being placed in the new. This is a temporary measure.

(9.) Private Secretary to Chief Commissioner for Railways:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Eddy, Chief Commissioner for Railways, brought a private Secretary with him from England, and paid him a salary from his private income?

(2.) Is it a fact that this Private Secretary has been placed on the Permanent Staff of the Railway Service; if so, at what salary?

(3.) Is it a fact that several gentlemen, well qualified for this position, were dismissed from the Railway Service on the grounds of retrenchment?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not aware that any outside appointment has been made by the Commissioners, when the necessary qualifications could have been found among the dismissed officers of the Department.

(10.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Moss Vale :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Kidd*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has the vacancy of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moss Vale been filled?
- (2.) Has the Officer appointed occupied a position in the Civil Service before?
- (3.) If so, in what Department, and the date of his first appointment in the Civil Service?
- (4.) How many applications were sent in for the appointment?
- (5.) How many applications were from the Department of Justice?
- (6.) What is the length of service and the dates of first appointments of these applicants from the Department of Justice?
- (7.) Were the conditions of the Civil Service Act in this case complied with?
- (8.) Did the Head of the Department of Justice recommend any officer in his Department as competent to fulfil the duties of the vacant office?
- (9.) Has the case been treated as a special one, under the 28th clause of the Civil Service Act; and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Gould answered,—No; the case has not yet been dealt with.

(11.) Railway between Dubbo and Forbes and Dubbo and Coonamble :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Alison* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners been instructed to inspect the surveyed railway line between Dubbo and Forbes?
- (2.) Have they been instructed to inspect the proposed railway line between Dubbo and Coonamble?
- (3.) If not, will he call for their report at an early period?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Commissioners have been asked to report on the various proposals involved in these questions. The Commissioners have been so fully occupied of late in investigating the numerous proposals placed before them that it is doubtful whether they can immediately deal with these particular lines.

(12.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Bourke :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that old fittings, that have been used for many years, are being put in the new post and telegraph offices at Bourke?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes, as a temporary measure.

3. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Gould*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 40.

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 extend the power of appointing Stipendiary Magistrates conferred by the "Metropolitan Magistrates Act, 1881," and to make provision for the temporary exercise of the jurisdiction given by the said Act in cases of emergency.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Amount of Money expended on Roads within Municipalities by the Roads Department.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 8th May, 1889—"Purchase of Land known as Darling Island."
- (3.) Correspondence respecting Proposed Construction of Railway to Longnose Point.
- (4.) Annual Statement of Works carried out by the Department of Public Works during the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting Appointments of Messrs. Hales and Crane, referred to in Civil Service Board Report for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 16th May, 1889—"Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Postmaster General, being for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CASE OF MISS BRENNING :—*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 3rd July, 1889, together with Appendices.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SELECTIONS BY JOHN HARRISON, OF LISMORE :—*Mr. Ewing*, 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 19th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

7. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Working of the Civil Service, in so far as it relates to the Customs Department.
Question put and passed.
8. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Gould 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 extend the power of appointing Stipendiary Magistrates conferred by the "Metropolitan Magistrates Act, 1881," and to make provision for the temporary exercise of the jurisdiction given by the said Act in cases of emergency.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) 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 with amendments.
Mr. Sydney Smith moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. McMillan 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 clause 6."
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 so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted, for the reconsideration of clause 6,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. McMillan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed:—
(1.) Land, Crops, and Stock Returns Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.
(2.) Wollongong Harbour Trust Bill; second reading;—*until Thursday next*.
(3.) Manly Drainage Works Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Thursday next*.
11. WOMENS COLLEGE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Carruthers 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. 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
12. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DEPLICATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Bruce Smith 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. Smith, 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. Smith, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan 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. Barnes, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cass, Mr. Crick, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*), Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Paul, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Teece, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilshire,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at one minute before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Savings Bank :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Savings Bank of New South Wales has lent to other private banks over £1,000,000 of the people's money without any special security, other than the good repute of the said banks?

(2.) Will the Government at once consider the necessity of appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into and report on the various monetary institutions of Sydney, so that information may be obtained as to the amount of money deposited therein, and the securities the depositors have?

(3.) Is it a fact that in most of the so-called banks the reserve fund is not kept apart, but mixed up in the general moneys and accounts of the said banks?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The last Statement of the Savings Bank shows £1,201,329 16s. 2d. on fixed deposit at the various banks.

(2.) The Government cannot possibly consider these matters during the present Session.

(3.) I have no official knowledge at my disposal to answer this question.

- (2.) Cancerous Meat :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he state the number (if any) of carcasses of meat that have been condemned during the past year as unfit for human food, owing to the meat having been tainted with cancer?

(2.) Has there been an increased prevalence of cancerous meat in the meat market of late years?

(3.) If so, will he obtain the opinion of the official experts whether the system that has been attempted to stamp out the disease called pleuro-pneumonia by inoculation has any connection with the increase of the quantity of cancerous meat, or from what other source the increase is supposed to proceed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The following information, on the subject of cancerous meat, has been supplied by the Inspector at the Glebe Island Abattoir :—

(1.) One carcass has been condemned at the Glebe Island Abattoir during the last twelve months for cancer.

(2.) There has been no increase of cancerous meat during late years at this establishment; but this is no criterion of what may have passed through other channels, over which there is no supervision.

(3.) There is great danger in inoculating for pleuro-pneumonia in an ignorant manner; but there are no records which will prove any increase in the prevalence of cancer. The suggestion, however, of the Honorable Member, as to the opinion of official experts, will be attended to.

- (3.) Government Reserves, Electoral Districts of Grafton, Clarence, and The Richmond :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The name and area of each Government Reserve in the Electoral District of Grafton?

(2.) The nature of the land reserved, whether agricultural, pastoral, or mineral, and area of each?

(3.) The area of Crown land available for selection (adapted for cultivation) besides the reserves?

(4.) The like information respecting the Electoral Districts of the Clarence and Richmond?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Without exhaustive research and inspection by competent officers, it is impossible to furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member within a reasonable time.

(4.)

- (4.) District Survey and Land Board Offices Inquiry Commission :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Dawson*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the Departmental Commission of Inquiry completed its investigation into the working of the various District Survey and Land Board Offices; and, if so, when will the result be made known to the officers interested?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The investigation has been completed; but the Board of Inquiry have not yet furnished their report and recommendation.

- (5.) Remuneration of Jurymen, Collieries Disaster Inquiries :—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Grahame*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What amount of remuneration did the jurymen on the inquest of the Bulli Disaster receive per day?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to reasonably remunerate the jury in the Hamilton Pit Disaster Inquiry now proceeding?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) The jurors were allowed the sum of 15s. per diem, or £9 each.

(2.) Yes; although the jurors and witnesses in this case are not entitled to claim remuneration, yet, in view of the special circumstances of the case, the Coroner, Newcastle, has been informed that they will be allowed fees at the same rate as those allowed to witnesses and jurors in attendance at Circuit Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions.

- (6.) Loans Account :—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the answer given by the Colonial Treasurer to *Mr. Dibbs*' Question of Tuesday last, was the £500,000 sent to London on 25th April taken from the Consolidated Revenue Account, and was the amount charged against the Consolidated Account on that date?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The sum of £500,000 referred to was treated as a transfer from the Public Account in Sydney to the credit of the Public Account in London. The transference of this sum would not necessitate or involve a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue (except for the cost of exchange) until the payments made in England would be brought to account.

2. NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2) :—*Mr. Cullen* presented a Petition from *Mahlon Clarke Cowlshaw*, *James Burns*, and *Charles Frederick Stokes*, Directors of the New South Wales Tramway Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the "New South Wales Tramway Company (Limited)" to construct tramways in the City of Sydney.

And *Mr. Cullen* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

3. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Pott's Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Pott's Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the city of Sydney, county of Cumberland,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th July, 1889.

4. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hurley*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Katoomba Lighting 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. Lee*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, *Mr. Frank Smith*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Waddell*, *Mr. Davis*, and *Mr. Hurley*.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill, postponed until Tuesday next.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, *Mr. Brunker* moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Lyne 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 clause 43."

Debate ensued.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. King,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Playfair,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Haynes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Thompson.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Colls,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Stevenson.

Tellers,

Mr. Traill,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 69.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. King,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Lamb,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cass,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Molesworth.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hawken.

Tellers,

Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gormly.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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

Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884,' and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the Public Lands, and for other purposes.*"

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 the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the Public Lands, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th July, 1889, a.m.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway—Narrabri to Walgett and Walgett to Dubbo:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to a reply given to a railway deputation on 5th instant, have the Railway Commissioners reported unfavourably on the proposed line from Narrabri to Walgett, and recommended that Walgett be connected with Dubbo?

(2.) If so, will there be any objection to place a copy of this report upon the Table of the House?

(3.) Is it a fact that the line to Dubbo would be 50 miles longer than from Narrabri, would cost an extra £200,000, require more time in construction, and traverse a more sparsely populated and flooded country?

(4.) Is it a fact that no trial survey has been made from Walgett to Dubbo, or that the Commissioners have never travelled over or inspected this route?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The Commissioners have reported unfavourably on the Narrabri to Walgett line, but have not expressed any definite or final opinions regarding the junction with Dubbo.

(2.) I do not think it desirable to lay the report upon the Table at present; but if the Honorable Member desires to know the grounds of the report, I shall be glad to give him the desired information.

(3.) The difference in distance is 44 miles, and the cost would very likely be £200,000 more, and would no doubt take a longer time to construct.

(4.) A trial survey has been made from Walgett to Dubbo, *via* Coonamble; but no estimate of the probable cost has been prepared.

(2.) Railway—Inverell to Newcastle:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the distance from Inverell to Newcastle by the various surveyed routes that have been made for railway communication with Inverell and the Main Northern Line?

(2.) What is the extreme altitude on each survey?

(3.) What would be the cost of haulage of an ordinary train by each proposed route as surveyed, from (say) Tamworth to Inverell, calculating each on the same basis as regards weight of train, but making allowance for the differing altitudes and distances?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.)	a. Kentucky to Inverell, <i>via</i> Bundarra	...	From Newcastle.		Altitude (G.N.R.)
			m.	ch.	feet.
	b. Uralla	"	320	18	3,480
	c. " "	"	325	79	3,440
	d. Guyra	"	326	46	3,440
	e. Glen Innes	"	342	0	4,450
	f. " "	"	368	28	4,530
			369	12	4,530

Local Mileage.

a. Kentucky to Inverell, <i>via</i> Bundarra	...	...	Local Mileage.		Altitude (Local).
			m.	ch.	feet.
b. Uralla	"	"	82	68	3,410
c. " "	"	"	80	43	3,325
d. Guyra	"	"	81	76	3,375
e. Glen Innes	"	"	55	10	4,330
f. " "	"	"	44	68	3,850
			44	37	3,650

Steepest gradient throughout, 1 in 40.

(3.) I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will give fresh notice of this question. There has not been time to obtain the information. (3.)

(3.) Country Corps:—*Mr. Morton*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will the Government undertake to carry free all ammunition required for the Country Corps?
- (2.) Are those Corps under considerable expense in regard to targets, rifle-ranges, &c.?
- (3.) Will the Government undertake to supply the Reserve Rifle Corps with Martini-Henry rifles?
- (4.) Will the Government supply the Corps with uniforms, and make some monetary contribution towards funds for clearing ranges, supplying targets, &c.?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must ask the honorable gentleman, and also the Honorable Members in whose names stand Questions 15, 16, and 17 on this day's Paper, not to ask their questions at the present time. I purpose, on behalf of the Government, at a very early date, to make a statement to this House on the subject of our military defences; and I promise to give every information asked for in these questions on that occasion. It would be very inconvenient, for a number of reasons, now to anticipate the explanation I intend to make.

(4.) Stocking of Inland Waters with Fish:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken to stock any of our inland waters with salmon, trout, perch, or other food fishes?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to assisting Honorable Members of this House in any efforts they may make to obtain such fish for the purpose of stocking rivers in the Colony?
- (3.) If he has no objection, will the Government undertake to defray the cost of procuring and transporting fish, where Members or other responsible persons will undertake to arrange the stocking of rivers with the fish?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Commissioners of Fisheries that a limited number of trout have been introduced into the Upper Shoalhaven, the Wollondilly, the Upper Nepean, Nattai, and Boogo Rivers, the Picton Lakes, several streams in the western range of mountains, Mudgee, and Armidale; and it is intended, if fry can be obtained, to repeat the process this year.

(5.) Rabbit Account since 1883:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What has been the total sum advanced by the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the "Rabbit Account" since 1883?
- (2.) How much of the sum advanced has been refunded?
- (3.) What is the balance still owing by the "Rabbit Account" to the Consolidated Revenue Fund?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue collecting the Rabbit Act assessment until all money drawn from the Consolidated Revenue to meet expenses under the Rabbit Act of 1883 is refunded?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) £607,653 9s. 7d.
- (2.) £40,000.
- (3.) £567,653 9s. 7d.

(4.) Pending the final consideration of the Land Bill now before Parliament, it is not possible to determine what action can best be taken in the public interest.

(6.) Reserves in Electoral Districts of Glen Innes and Inverell:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The total number of reserves for all purposes in the Electoral District of Glen Innes?
- (2.) The name, number, and area of each reserve; the purpose for which it was made; and upon whose application?
- (3.) The like information for the Electorate of Inverell?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Without exhaustive research and inspection by competent officers, it is impossible to furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member within a reasonable time.

(7.) Goods Traffic by Rail between Mudgee, Hay, Jerilderie, Bourke, and Sydney:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The total number of tons of goods carried by rail from Sydney to Mudgee during the year 1888?
- (2.) The number of tons of goods (other than wool) sent by rail from Mudgee to Sydney during the same year?
- (3.) The number of bales of wool sent from Mudgee during the year 1888?
- (4.) The same information, in like detail, for Hay, Jerilderie, and Bourke?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(8.) Fascine Banks on Rivers:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the fascine banks constructed on rivers in the Colony been reported as likely to prove successful?
- (2.) Will he obtain reports, with a view to having similar works carried out on the Tweed River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) They have only been tried at Cook's River and Moruya River, where suitable material, such as ti-tree and mud or clay, has been available; and in such cases the banks have so far proved most satisfactory, and are likely to prove most durable in the future.

(2.) The estuary of the Tweed River is nearly all clean sand—quite unsuitable for such work; but a report will be obtained as to the possibility of procuring ti-tree and clay.

(9.) New Government Dock at Biloela:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the new Government Dock at Biloela commenced?
- (2.) What was the estimated cost?

(3.)

- (3.) What amount has been expended on the work up to date, and what is the estimated amount still to be paid?
 (4.) What was the time originally allowed for the work, and how long ago did it expire?
 (5.) When will the dock be opened?
 (6.) Has anything recently occurred to delay the opening; and, if so, what?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) March, 1884.
 (2.) £150,000.
 (3.) Expenditure to date, £254,460, including caisson and pumping plant; estimated amount to complete, £26,000, including sheds, cranes, and equipment, which were not included in original estimate.
 (4.) 27th January, 1887. Six months extension of time was subsequently granted, which expired on the 27th July, 1887. The contract was practically completed about July, 1888, the work now remaining to be done being outside the contract for the dock.
 (5.) In about four months.
 (6.) No.

(10.) Cadet Corps:—Mr. Traill asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken to provide suitable guns for the use of the Cadet Artillery, in view of the reports by Captain Savage and Colonel Roberts, to the effect that the four 6-pounder guns now allotted to that Corps, and from which live-shell are sometimes fired, are so old—in two cases over 100 years—that liability to accident exists?
 (2.) Have any steps been taken to give effect to the recommendation of Colonel Roberts—"That, with a view to removing 'a fruitful cause of accidents,' when blank cartridges are used, the proper drill cartridges and shot of wood be provided for the use of the Cadet Artillery" ?
 (3.) Have the 2,000 light Snider carbines, ordered in June, 1888, and expected to arrive in January, 1889, yet come to hand?
 (4.) Has any distribution of the carbines above-mentioned been made to the Public School Cadet Corps?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No steps have been taken to provide suitable guns, pending the reorganization of the Cadet Corps. The guns have not been used for firing shot or shell for the last five years.
 (2.) Steps have been taken to provide them.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) 980 have been issued; the remainder are ready for distribution.

(11.) Lock-up at Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he yet decided to erect a lock-up at Cargo, in accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Police; if so, will he state when the work is likely to be proceeded with?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The land has been purchased at Cargo for this purpose, and tenders, adapting it to the purpose, will be called for in a few days.

(12.) Lock-up at Kelso:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many persons have been placed in the lock-up at Kelso during the last five years?
 (2.) What distance is the Kelso lock-up from the Bathurst lock-up?
 (3.) Where are the persons from the Kelso lock-up taken to be tried?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Sixteen.
 (2.) One mile and a half.
 (3.) Bathurst Court.

(13.) Teachers in Public Schools:—Mr. Thompson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many teachers are employed in the Public Schools of the Colony, distinguishing them by grades?
 (2.) How many of these teachers profess to belong to other denominations than the Roman Catholic?
 (3.) How many profess to belong to the Roman Catholic persuasion?
 (4.) How many pupil-teachers are there in these schools?
 (5.) How many of these profess to belong to other denominations than the Roman Catholic?
 (6.) How many profess to belong to the Roman Catholic persuasion?
 (7.) How many Inspectors and Sub-inspectors are employed in the Department?
 (8.) How many of these profess to belong to the Roman Catholic persuasion?
 (9.) How many children attend the schools who profess to belong to the Roman Catholic persuasion?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) There are—

	Section A.		Section B.		Section C.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
127 first class teachers, comprising	32	12	48	35	...	...
853 second class do do ...	292	171	221	169	...	...
1,174 third class do do ...	379	146	227	147	140	135
665 unclassified teachers—267 males and 398 females.						

Total 2,819.

- (4.) 990.
 (7.) Thirty-four.
 (8.) Five.
 (9.) 26,186, out of a gross enrolment of 163,349.

(2, 3, 5, and 6.) In consequence of a Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 16th October, 1883, "that candidates for employment in the Public Service should not, in future, be required to state their religious beliefs," no record has since been kept of the religious denominations of any persons entering the Service, and it is therefore not possible to answer these questions with any degree of accuracy.

(14.) Mr. Price Williams, C.E.:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
In what capacity is Mr. Price Williams, C.E., employed in the Railway Department, and in what work is he engaged?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are taking advantage of the presence in the Colony of so eminent an authority upon the value of railway rolling-stock and permanent-way to obtain a report on the condition of the railway property.

(15.) Cemetery at Bowral:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in providing a general cemetery at Bowral?

(2.) When will the site selected be resumed and placed in the hands of trustees?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act makes it a condition precedent to resumption that the necessary funds shall have been voted by Parliament. No money having been voted, the case awaits the passing of the Estimates.

(16.) Collins Bros. Contract with the Department of Public Instruction:—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have Collins Bros. a contract for the supply of books, stationery, &c., with his Department?

(2.) If so, what are the terms, how long have they held the contract, and when will their present contract expire?

(3.) Has the present contract been carried on in a satisfactory manner to the Department, or have they on several occasions delayed forwarding goods?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The contractors are required to supply the articles specified in the Schedule, on which tenders were invited, at fixed prices. They have held the contract since the 1st January, 1885, and it will expire on the 31st December next.

(3.) On the whole, the contract has been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

(17.) Parkville Railway Station, near Scone:—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Parkville railway station, near Scone, is situated at a point on the Northern Line where all access to the station is blocked by private land, and the public prevented, except by favour of the landholder, from approaching the station?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to immediately remedy this state of things, either by removing the station to a point within the boundaries of Parkville township, or resuming the adjoining freeholds, so as to give the public the access required?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Commissioners are aware of the inconvenience caused by the present position of the Parkville platform, and are taking steps to have the matter remedied.

(18.) Case of Michael Flanagan, Wybong Creek, Muswellbrook:—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What steps have been taken to procure a valuation of the grants and selections interfering with each other in the case of Michael Flanagan, of Wybong Creek, Muswellbrook?

(2.) Can he say when the matter will be finally settled?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The papers in the case are now under reference to the District Surveyor.

(2.) No; but the District Surveyor will be communicated with, in view of expediting the matter.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 41.

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 July or following month of the year 1889, together with Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan, and also provision for an urgent Service of the year 1889.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF ZACHARY BENN, RICHMOND RIVER DISTRICT:—Mr. Ewing (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order, "Conditional Purchase of Zachary Benn," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 3rd May, 1888, be referred to the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase of Zachary Benn, Richmond River District." Question put and passed.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land for Public School Purposes at Mosquito Island. Ordered to be printed.

5. PROPOSED RECLAMATIONS AT CAREENING COVE AND NEUTRAL BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports, minutes, and other documents in reference to the proposed reclamations at Careening Cove and Neutral Bay.
Question put and passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

7. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE 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 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.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th July, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th July, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 2, lines 7 and 8. *Omit* "now serving or hereafter to serve therein" *insert* "in the
"two next succeeding Parliaments"
Page 1, clause 2, line 13. *After* "payable" *insert* "monthly, at the rate aforesaid"
Page 1, clause 2, line 13. *After* "every" *insert* "such"
Page 1, clause 2, lines 13 to 15. *Omit* "of this present Legislative Assembly now serving from
"the commencement of the present Session, and to every Member hereafter elected"
Page 1, clause 2, line 16. *Omit* "and in every case"
Page 1, clause 2, line 16. *Omit* "vacate"
Page 1, clause 2, line 17. *After* "Seat" *insert* "be vacated"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker, referring to the Message from the Legislative Council just read, stated that he considered it to be his duty to call attention to the fact that, in making substantial alterations in a Bill appropriating money for the service of the State, that House had acted unconstitutionally, and had taken a step which directly and unmistakably struck at one of the dearest privileges of this House as representing the people of this country. Mr. Speaker then referred to the precedents bearing upon the case, and said that he would leave the matter to be dealt with by the House.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £691,220, being £490,670 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July or following month of the year 1889, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1888, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1889; for Services of 1889, £20,000, further sum for repairing Roads and Bridges and other Public Works damaged by the recent heavy rains; and, in anticipation of Loan Votes, £149,500 for duplicating Railway Lines,—being £52,000 for Hurstville and George's River, Sutherland, and Waterfall; £35,500, Toralba to Adamstown; £52,000, Granville to Liverpool; and £10,000 towards cost of, Liverpool to Campbelltown; £11,000 for duplicating Botany Tram-line to Sir Joseph Banks Grounds; £10,000 towards the construction of Tramway Line, Leichhardt to Five Dock; £5,050 for Dulwich Hill Tramway Extension; and £5,000 to recoup the Treasurer's Advance Vote for payment therefrom for City of Sydney Water Supply Debentures (6 per cent.), due and paid off 1st July, 1889.

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

9. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—
(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1889, the sum of £691,220 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):**—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—which was read a first time.
Mr. McMillan moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, 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,—

FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 1889, A.M.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, 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. McMillan, *passed*.
Mr. McMillan 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 1889, 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 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1889, a.m.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 1889.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue, and other Moneys, for the year 1888, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of Railways in the Colony:—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The total number of miles of railway open in the Colony for traffic?
- (2.) The total cost of same, including rolling-stock and plant?
- (3.) The number of miles of railway in course of construction?
- (4.) The probable cost of same?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Information is being brought up to the latest date, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(2.) Roads—Grafton to Glen Innes—Glen Innes to Inverell—Lawrence to Tenterfield:—Mr. See asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the date on which the Grafton-Glen Innes main road, *via* Newton Boyd, was completed?
- (2.) The total cost of this road up to date?
- (3.) The annual vote for its maintenance?
- (4.) The like information relating to the main road between Glen Innes and Inverell?
- (5.) The like information relating to the main road, Lawrence to Tenterfield?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the annual Vote for the maintenance of these roads?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) This road was opened in 1866, but cannot yet be said to be completed, as some portions of it still require forming, ballasting, and metalling.
- (2.) Total cost of road, Grafton *via* Glen Innes to Inverell, to date, £217,700 5s. 4d.
- (3.) Annual Vote for maintenance, 1889:—Outside Municipal limits, £6,675; within Municipal limits, £575; total, £7,250.
- (4.) Information included in above.
- (5.) Lawrence to Tenterfield:—(a) Expenditure to date, £120,461 8s. 3d.; (b) Annual Vote, £5,700.
- (6.) Yes, until the railway question is settled, when the matter will require further consideration.

(3.) Training Ship "Vernon":—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the present training-ship "Vernon" is very much overcrowded?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a second training-ship is urgently wanted, and could be utilized, in addition to the "Vernon"?
- (3.) Have the Government purchased a suitable vessel yet, or when do they expect to do so?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that the training-ship "Vernon" is overcrowded; but temporary accommodation is being rapidly provided, by the erection of dormitories on the adjacent island (Cockatoo).
- (2 and 3.) A second training-ship is not required; but it will be necessary to replace the "Vernon" by a new and more suitable vessel. Negotiations were opened some time ago with the Home Government with this object, and it is hoped that the matter will be finally and satisfactorily settled in a short time.

(4.)

- (4.) Mineral Lease on the Wentworth Falls:—Mr. Lees asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an application for a mineral lease on the Wentworth Falls has been made and granted?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that a subsequent application has been made for surface rights in connection therewith?
 - (3.) If so, will he take steps to preserve the Wentworth Falls intact for the benefit of the people?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Application for a mineral lease has been made, but has not yet been granted.
 - (2.) The question of surface right has been raised in connection with the application, and reference has been made to the trustees of the reserve.
 - (3.) An officer of this Department, in company with certain of the trustees, is now investigating the matter on the ground, with a view to protect the interests of the public.
- (5.) St. Peter's to Liverpool Loop-line of Railway:—*Mr. Ritchie*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit the proposed St. Peter's to Liverpool loop-line in its entirety to the Public Works Committee for consideration and report?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone his question, as it is the intention of the Minister for Works to disclose the railway policy of the Government to the House in a few days.
- (6.) Manufacture of Locomotive Boilers:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have any locomotive boilers been ordered during the last six months?
 - (2.) What number (if any) have been so ordered?
 - (3.) Who are they ordered from?
 - (4.) What is the estimated cost of the boilers so ordered?
 - (5.) Have tenders been invited in the Colony for the manufacture of said boilers?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Forty.
 - (3.) Thirty from Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co., and ten from Messrs. Dubs & Co.
 - (4.) £33,000.
 - (5.) No, as the boilers required were to be duplicates of those supplied with engines manufactured by the above firms, and as the boilers were urgently needed.
- (7.) Case of J. F. Schmidt's Application for Compensation for Land:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any decision yet been arrived at in the case of Joseph Felix Schmidt's application and letter of 25th of March last, applying for compensation for land taken from him for a road of access to the railway station at Borenore, in the county of Ashburnham; if so, the nature of the decision arrived at?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—Nothing is known of this case in my Department. The Minister for Lands has, however, caused me to be furnished with the following information:—A refund of purchase money, proportionate to the area of land occupied by the road, has been made; and no other compensation is proposed to be made by the Department. There has, however, been no claim made to the Lands Department by Joseph Felix Schmidt, dated the 25th March, or on any other date.
- (8.) Case of Kasper Schmidt's Selection, Parish of Boree:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision yet been arrived at in the case of Kasper Schmidt's complaint and letter sent into the Lands Department on the 25th March last, in reference to his selection in parish of Boree, county of Ashburnham?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—A refund of purchase money, proportionate to the area of land occupied by the road, has been made; and no further compensation is proposed by this Department. It is understood, should the road be opened for traffic, that the Department of Public Works will pay the cost of any necessary fencing.
- (9.) Trustees, Town Common, Toogong:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he see that steps are taken to appoint trustees for the town common at Toogong, in order that the rights of the commoners may be protected from trespassers?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Five persons were elected in January last as trustees for the Toogong Common; but it was found that three of them were not qualified, and therefore were illegally elected. On the 4th May last a letter was addressed to the Honorable Member for Molong, asking him to suggest the names of three suitable persons to fill the vacancies, but no reply has yet been received. Of the two duly elected trustees (Messrs. Langhein and Falvey), Mr. Falvey resigned on the 15th instant, and the Member for the district has now been invited to submit the names of persons suitable to fill that vacancy also.
- (10.) Sericulture on the Tweed River:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Have representations been made to him respecting sericulture on the Tweed River?
 - (2.) Will he make inquiries, and send an officer to report, in order to decide whether arrangements cannot be made to place the industry on a safe foundation?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes; representations have been made, and reports have been obtained.
 - (2.) Inquiries have been made, and it will, without unnecessary delay, be decided what steps shall be taken in the matter.

(11.) Stock and Pastures Bill :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
When does he intend to submit a Stock and Pastures Bill?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter is under consideration. It will not be possible to bring a Bill this Session.

(12.) Reserves in Electoral District of Braidwood :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Ryrie*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The total number of reserves in the Electoral District of Braidwood?

(2.) The name, number, and area of each reserve, and the purpose for which it was made?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Without exhaustive research and inspection by competent officers, it is impossible to furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member immediately.

(13.) Civil Service Act :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to his replies to questions asked in this House on the 7th March and 11th December, 1888, and 15th May, 1889, in regard to the actuarial investigation as to the state and sufficiency of the Superannuation Account, prescribed by the 54th section of the Civil Service Act, has such investigation been completed; if so, what is the result thereof; and, if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have no reply to the Honorable Member's question from the Department of the Colonial Secretary; but I am aware that the investigation has not yet been completed. It is, I believe, in course of completion.

3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Leconfield Coal-mine Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Friday, 6th September.

4. TOTALIZATOR LEGALIZING BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of *Mr. Frank Farnell* (after Debate), discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

5. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Playfair* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Alfred 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 the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

7. BLACKFRIARS AND SHEPHERDS NURSERY ESTATES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Edmunds* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—*Mr. Crick* took exception to this Bill, on the ground that it should have been introduced as a Private Bill.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was properly before the House.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Edmunds*, *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. Edmunds*, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

8. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Frank Farnell* 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. 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 the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 23rd August.

10. BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Paul moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Tonkin submitted that the Bill was beyond the Order of Leave.

Mr. Speaker decided that the Bill was properly before the House.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Paul, 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 that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

On motion of Mr. Paul (*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-seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 1889.

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

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 42.

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, 30th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Report of Royal Commission on Construction of Tanks and Wells:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government yet considered the Report of the Royal Commission on the "Construction of Tanks and Wells," &c.?

(2.) If so, will the work of supervising the construction and care of tanks and wells be placed entirely in the hands of one Department; and which Department?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The matter referred to in the Honorable Member's questions has engaged a great deal of the attention of the Government; but as it involves many important issues, which cannot be hurriedly dealt with, I fear a final determination cannot be arrived at till the recess.

(2.) Mining Museum:—*Mr. Seaver* asked the Secretary for Mines,—What action has he taken, or does he intend to take, towards providing a proper building for a Mining Museum?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter is under consideration, but at present the Government are unable to find a suitable place for the Museum. Provision was made some time ago for a suitable room in the new Lands Office; but at the present time the Government are not in a position to say definitely what has been done. Steps are, however, being taken to have a place provided. With regard to the exhibits stored away, I may inform the House that it is the intention of the Government to send them to the New Zealand Exhibition.

(3.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. Paul* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he taken into consideration the propriety of taking steps to increase the salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions, in view of fees taken from them by Act 50 Vic. No. 32?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes. I am now having a Return prepared, furnishing the information upon which such steps could be taken. The preparation of this Return will, however, necessarily occupy a considerable time.

(4.) Clerks of Petty Sessions, Sydney:—*Mr. Paul* asked the Minister of Justice,—Do the gentlemen holding the positions of Clerks of Petty Sessions at the Water Police and Central Police Courts, act in the capacity of Chamber Magistrates; if so, is it his intention to have them so designated?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes.

(5.)

(5.) Michael McNamee, Letter-carrier:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Was a letter-carrier named Michael McNamee tried, on 30th May last, at the Metropolitan Quarter Sessions, on a charge of opening fifty letters entrusted to him for delivery?
- (2.) Was he acquitted by the jury, on the ground that he was not responsible for his actions through the effects of drink, although the opening of the letters was clearly proved?
- (3.) Has he since this acquittal been appointed as stamper and sorter, or to any other office, in the General Post Office; if so, on what date?
- (4.) By whom was he appointed, and on whose recommendation?
- (5.) Has the Secretary of the Post Office expressed his approval of, or dissent to, such appointment?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The verdict returned by the jury was "Not guilty, on the ground that he was not responsible for his actions at the time." The Judge refused to accept this verdict, which was afterwards altered to one of acquittal, on the ground of insanity.
- (3.) Yes, as stamper and sorter, at a reduced salary. On the 8th instant.
- (4.) By the Postmaster General, on the recommendation of some of the Aldermen of Alexandria, some Honorable Members of both sides of this House, Messrs. Billis and Makinson, Hughes, and others, and at the request of the late Honorable John Sutherland, who held a very high opinion of McNamee.
- (5.) No; it would not be within his province to do so.

(6.) Rate of Payment for cleaning Cattle-waggons and Sheep-cages:—*Mr. Seley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has 3½d. lately been fixed by the Railway Department as the rate of payment for cleaning out dirty cattle-waggons and sheep-cages?
- (2.) If so, who is responsible for fixing such charge, and on whose recommendation was same brought into force?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Railway Department has been getting cattle-waggons and sheep-vans cleaned at Homebush by contract for nearly three years for 3d. each, until the beginning of this year, when the price was raised to 3½d. each.
- (2.) Tenders were called for, and the charge was stated by the successful tenderer.

(7.) Constable Murphy, late of Bourke:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Constable Murphy, late constable at Bourke, was assaulted in the execution of his duty on the 24th of December last?
- (2.) Was Murphy sent for medical examination to Dr. Strong, and did Dr. Strong pronounce that he was not suffering from hernia?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Murphy was compelled to resign (through illness arising from the said assault)?
- (4.) Was Murphy subsequently examined by the Board of Health and pronounced as suffering from hernia, and is he now a cripple for life?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to give Murphy any sum, by way of remuneration other than what he has already received?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes. The Medical Board reported as follows:—"Senior-Constable Murphy is suffering from right inguinal hernia, but that fact does not render him a cripple for life—it merely renders him unfit for the duty of a policeman, which office might at any time involve him in a violent personal struggle with an adversary.

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(5.) Murphy received the maximum gratuity from the Police Superannuation Fund, the case being dealt with as provided by the Statute, and similarly to other claims of the kind. It is not intended to pay any further sum.

(8.) Locomotive Engineer—Locomotive Boilers:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to *Mr. Crick's* questions on the 10th July instant,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the data upon which the Railway Commissioners came to the conclusion that the Locomotive Engineer is the best officer obtainable?
- (2.) Will he also lay upon the Table of this House copies of the recommendations made by Messrs. Fowler and Whitton in his behalf?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table a copy of the recent indent sent to England for locomotive boilers?
- (4.) Who recommended such a large order being given?
- (5.) Were the local manufacturers invited to tender for them; if not, for what reason?
- (6.) Will he lay upon the Table a copy of *Mr. Thow's* report to the Commissioners for Railways, and also state the estimated value of goods ordered by *Mr. Thow* from England during his term of office?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Railway Commissioners came to the conclusion that *Mr. Thow* was the best officer obtainable as Locomotive Engineer, from general information obtained as to his abilities and from personal intercourse with him whilst he was engaged in reporting upon the rolling stock.
- (2.) Nothing is known of such recommendations.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The Locomotive Engineer, whose attention on taking office had been specially directed by the Commissioners to the unsatisfactory condition of the boilers.

(5.)

(5.) No; because they were urgently required, and it was desirable that they should be made by the same firms who made the engines they were intended for. Serious delay would have been caused had any other course been followed, in consequence of there being no drawings in the Department for most of the boilers.

(6.) Yes. Mr. Thow has not ordered, nor is he authorized to order, goods from England on his own responsibility. I may add that the report of Mr. Thow will be laid upon the Table to-night. To-morrow night I will lay upon the Table the report of Mr. Price Williams.

(9.) Newtown and Macdonaldtown Railway Stations:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners for Railway contemplate the removal of the Newtown and Macdonaldtown stations from their present sites?

(2.) If so, what reason is assigned therefore?

(3.) What other site or sites have been determined upon for the re-erection of the necessary station buildings?

(4.) When will such proposed alterations be carried into effect?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A piece of land, intermediate between the Newtown and Macdonaldtown stations, has been purchased, in view of the contemplated widening of the line. The question of providing one station in lieu of the two existing stations has not yet been considered.

(10.) Fisheries Commission:—Mr. Lync asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any communication been received from the Fisheries Commission, intimating that the true English herring is to be found off the Australian Coast at certain seasons?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No communication to that effect has reached me; but I will cause inquiry to be made as to the facts.

(11.) Differential Rates, Northern Railway Line:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. See, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that differential rates are being charged upon all classes of goods upon the railways between Sydney and Wallangarra, and Newcastle and Wallangarra; and are goods being carried from Newcastle to Wallangarra and Sydney to Wallangarra at a lower rate than from Sydney or Newcastle to Armidale?

(2.) Will the Government take prompt action to have these rates altered, seeing that it is only 358 miles from Sydney to Armidale, whilst it is 490 miles from Sydney to Wallangarra?

(3.) Is it a fact that goods intended for Armidale are being trucked to Glen Innes, and from Glen Innes to Armidale, at a lower rate than is charged for goods sent from Sydney or Newcastle to Armidale direct?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Question is having consideration as to whether some modification is necessary.

(3.) Yes, to a limited extent. It may be added that the system of differential rates has been in operation on the railways of the Colony for a period of nearly ten years, and is general throughout the world. The Commissioners are quite alive to the anomalies of the system; but so long as it obtains in the Colony they cannot refuse to give the Northern system the benefit of the same kind of tariff, and at the present time it is not practicable to make a comprehensive change to abolish the system altogether. Alterations in the scale of rates will be gradually made, so as to reduce the anomalies to a minimum without undue loss of revenue.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of William Thow, M.I.M.E., on Condition of Railway Rolling Stock, &c., in New South Wales.

(2.) Indent for Locomotive Boilers.

(3.) Annual Return to an Order made on the 6th May, 1884—"Government Printing Office."

(4.) Report of Railway Commissioners for Quarter ended June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Free Public Library, Moss Vale.

(2.) Annual Report of the Sydney Grammar School for 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return showing Business transacted in the Tamworth Land Board District.

Ordered to be printed.

4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF ZACHARY BENN, RICHMOND RIVER DISTRICT:—Mr. Ewing, 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 19th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Sydney Maxted, Director of Government Asylums and Boarding-out Officer, of Sydney, referring to the appointment of the Select Committee on this subject, and to the fact that Mrs. Cunyngame had received the consent of the House to be heard by Counsel or Attorney before such Committee; and praying that Petitioner may, in his official capacity, also be represented by Attorney, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence, and to examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence before the Committee.

Petition received.

Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

6. **ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Playfair, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Playfair 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, 30th July, 1889.*

7. **WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the construction of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse.*"

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 of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse,*"—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, 30th July, 1889.*

8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 23rd August.

9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Sir Henry Parkes 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 the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties,*" through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. **PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (No. 2)**:—

(1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole, agreed to on the 5th June, 1889, on which the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Bill was brought in, be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 56, Entry 11*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes then 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.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY, 1889, A.M.

Point of Order:—Mr. Copeland submitted that the Bill was in contravention of the Constitution Act, and Constitution Act Amendment Act, inasmuch as under it Members would be holders of offices of profit under the Crown.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he could not find anything in the Acts referred to which would prevent the House from passing this Bill.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time,—put and passed.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of 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, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time

- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *passed*.

Sir Henry Parkes 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,

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, 31st July, 1889, a.m.*

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. See, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total cost of each of the undermentioned lines of railway, including buildings, plant, and land resumed; also, the total cost of rolling-stock used thereon, and of the rolling-stock used on each of the said lines, and the mileage respectively, viz.:—Sydney to Waratah, Waratah to Armidale, and Armidale to Wallangarra?

(2.) What are the truck rates per ton and tonnage rates now charged respectively on all classes of goods, and the fares charged to passengers, specifying the mileage in each case, for conveyance between the undermentioned stations:—Sydney and Newcastle, Sydney and Tamworth, Sydney and Armidale, and Sydney and Guyra to Wallangarra (inclusive), Newcastle and Tamworth, Newcastle and Armidale, Newcastle and Guyra to Wallangarra (inclusive)?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Information in answer to this question will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(2.) I will lay a statement upon the Table, giving the information asked for.

(2.) Railway Goods Traffic from Sydney and Newcastle to Guyra and Wallangarra:—*Mr. See* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the number of 6-ton trucks of goods that have been forwarded per railway from Sydney and from Newcastle, respectively, for Guyra and stations northward to Wallangarra inclusive, from 10th June to 26 July, 1889, specifying separately the number of such trucks consigned by and to forwarding agents?

(2.) The tonnage of goods forwarded per railway from Sydney and from Newcastle, respectively, for the above-mentioned stations, at the "maximum tonnage rates" during the same period?

(3.) The gross earnings and working expenses per train mile on said goods traffic?

(4.) The like information as above for the same period of 1888?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed that twenty trucks were forwarded from Sydney, of which thirteen were consigned from and to forwarding agents, and four from Newcastle through forwarding agents.

(2.) 86 tons from Sydney, and 126 tons from Newcastle, at the maximum tonnage rates.

(3.) The gross earnings amounted to £2,045 7s. 8d. As the traffic was conveyed on various dates and by various trains, together with other traffic, the actual working expenses per train mile cannot be given.

(4.) No traffic was conveyed from Sydney to the district named between 10th June and 26th July, 1888. 169 tons were carried from Newcastle, and the revenue amounted to £1,121 2s. 10d.

(3.) Diversion of Trade to South Australia:—*Mr. Paul*, for *Mr. Plumb*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the attention of the Government been called to the movement in Adelaide to divert the trade from the nearest port to the Barrier (Port Pirie), with the view, it is alleged, of taking the trade of our own Colony away from our own merchants; and will the Government take all necessary steps to prevent this movement being successful?*Mr. McMillan* answered,—No; but the Government will give the matter their consideration.(4.) Waterproofs, &c., for Letter-carriers:—*Mr. Wilshire* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that useless waterproofs were issued to the letter-carriers, and that they have been returned, and no fresh ones issued?

(2.) Is it a fact that the winter trousers, which ought to have been issued by the 24th May, have not yet reached the men?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Five waterproof capes have been returned by letter-carriers, after twelve months' use, out of the supply of 109 capes. Inquiry is being made whether the returned capes were properly taken care of by the letter-carriers to whom issued.

(2.) Owing to difficulty with the contractor, some of the winter trousers have not yet been supplied.

(5.) Case of Ah Tip, Chinaman :—Mr. Torpy asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the case of Ah Tip, a Chinaman, who was sued at the St. Leonards Police Court for maintenance, and to the fact that the girl was married by the Registrar at St. Peter's, who it was alleged gave his consent, the girl being under sixteen years of age?

(2.) Will he call for an explanation from the Registrar?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that a Chinaman of the name of Ah Tip was married to a girl of seventeen years of age by the District Registrar at St. Peter's, after consent first had from the Registrar-General, who is a Guardian of Minors.

(6.) National Bank :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the Government considering the advisability of establishing a National Bank?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In prospect of the probability of the Bill for the Payment of Members becoming law, I think it would be very desirable to consider the question of establishing a National Bank. Up to the present we have not had it under consideration.

(7.) Disablement of 25-ton Gun during Easter Manœuvres :—Mr. Dale, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Colonial Architect been asked to report on the matter relative to the disablement of the 25-ton gun during the Easter manœuvres?

(2.) If not, will that officer be called upon for his report?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must ask the honorable gentleman to postpone this question. At present I have no report. With regard to the disabling of the 25-ton gun, reference to which has appeared in the papers, I understand that the accident is of little consequence, and that the damage done to the pit can be repaired for a sum of £100.

(8.) Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir :—Mr. Dale, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the stone-work in connection with the Potts' Hill Storage Reservoir?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In about three weeks. The excavation is not sufficiently advanced to start the work at an earlier date.

(9.) Line of Railway between Blacktown and Blayney :—Mr. Dale, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a trial survey to be made between Blayney and Blacktown, with a view to the construction of a line of railway to relieve the mountain traffic?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter is being carefully inquired into, and when the reports are before me the question of the survey of this line will be determined.

(10.) Employment of Chinese or Coolie Labour on Subsidized Mail Steamers :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Edmunds, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Can he state whether the steamships of the subsidized mail service between Sydney and San Francisco are manned wholly or partly by Chinese or Coolie crews?

(2.) If not informed upon this subject, will he make inquiries thereon?

(3.) Does the Government propose to include any provision (and, if so, of what kind) against the employment of Chinese or Coolie labourers in the suggested contract to subsidize the line of steamships in that service?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed by the Manager of the Company as follows :—“The ‘Zealandia,’ now in port, has a crew of 89 Europeans—no Chinese. ‘Alameda’ and ‘Mariposa’ have each a crew of Europeans—67, and Chinese fireman, and coal-passers—33.

(3.) The Honorable Member will see by the papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 19th instant, that the acceptance of the Company's offer to renew for another year, subject to Parliamentary approval, was on the distinct understanding that only European or American crews were to be employed.

(11.) Public Park at Alexandria :—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the land at Alexandria, resumed for a public park, be handed over to trustees?

(2.) Will he appoint the Municipal Council as such trustees?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This land was the subject of a Privy Council Appeal,—Cooper *versus* Stuart; and, until the Supreme Court makes the decision of the Privy Council a Rule of Court, no action can be taken towards setting the land apart for park purposes.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting proposed alteration of Constitution of the Colony of Western Australia.

(2.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part VII.—Education, Religion, and Charities.

(3.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Paddington.

(4.) By-law of the Borough of St. Leonards.

(5.) By-law of the Municipal District of Manly, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Rockdale, under the Municipalities Act 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(7.) Further Return to an Order made on the 25th April, 1889—“Medical Attendants to Aborigines at Cummeragunga Mission Station.”

(8.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part II.—Crime and Civil Justice.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Competitive Railway Rates from Sydney and Newcastle to certain Stations on the Northern Line.
- (2.) Report of Mr. Price Williams, C.E., on the Condition of the Railway Rolling Stock and Permanent Way.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker 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.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st 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.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Orders of the Supreme Court, under Settled Estates Act 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO, *via* AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Connor, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 43.

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 the extension, for a further period of twelve months from November next, of the contract for the Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the subject.

4. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Howe (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on the 2nd May, 1889, respecting the removal of Mrs. Cunyngame, late Matron-Superintendent of Parramatta Asylum, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject.

Question put and passed.

5. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the discharge of Mortgages.*"

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 discharge of Mortgages,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 31st July, 1889.

6. BLACKFRIARS AND SHEPHERDS NURSERY ESTATES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Edmunds, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Edmunds then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Streets and Lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate and on portion of the Shepherds Nursery Estate.*"

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 remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Streets and Lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate and on portion of the Shepherds Nursery Estate,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 31st July, 1889.

7. BATHURST CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Paul, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Paul then moved That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Bathurst.*"

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 authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Bathurst*,"—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, 31st July, 1889.*

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wall 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 "to direct attention to the administration of the Land Act."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Wall moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

9. 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 1889, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st July, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—*Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell*:—
Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, as explained by the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTION:—Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Howe asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the papers ordered by this House on the 8th May last, in connection with recommendations for loss of fees to Clerks of Petty Sessions, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will lay the papers upon the Table of the House this afternoon.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 8th May, 1889—"Loss of Fees by Clerks of Petty Sessions."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Appendix to Report of Mr. Price Williams, C.E., on the Condition of the Railway Rolling Stock and Permanent Way. (*To be appended to the Report.*)
Ordered to be printed.

3. COAL-MINES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal-mines and Collieries.
Question put and passed.
4. BALANCES OF ROAD VOTES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount to the credit of the Roads Offices in the various Roads Districts of the Colony on the 31st of December of each year, since 1883 up to date; also showing the amount of such sums written off by the Treasurer, and when written off; also specifying all cases in which the local Roads Officers have been consulted prior to writing off such sums, and whether written off on the recommendation of such officers.
Question put and passed.
5. LOAN VOTES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the various items covered by Loan Votes since 1853 to date; also, the various works, together with the cost of same, which have not been carried out, and, in such cases, the uses to which the money obtained from Loans has been applied.
Question put and passed.
6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—
- (1.) *Railway from Nyngan to Cobar*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Nyngan to Cobar, as explained by the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Railway from Kiama to Nowra*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Kiama to Nowra, as explained by the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road, a distance of 4 miles 40 chains, as explained by the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Railway to connect North Shore Railway with Port Jackson at Milson's Point*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson at Milson's Point, as explained by the Mover.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Department:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have any communications been sent by the Railway Commissioners, or by their authority, to any person in employ of the Railway Commissioners in Melbourne, inquiring if men who understand telegraphic instruments could be got at a low rate of wages?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No.

- (2.) Notices of Motions for Select Committees:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Dickens, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government give Honorable Members who have given notice to move for Select Committees an opportunity of bringing such Motions before the House at an early date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have already intimated that early next week—probably on Tuesday—I shall state what we shall do in this respect. As already explained, I shall be anxious to afford Honorable Members any time I can.

- (3.) Cost of Haulage of an Ordinary Train from Tamworth to Inverell:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What would be the cost of haulage of an ordinary train by each proposed route to connect Inverell with the Main Northern Line, as surveyed, from (say) Tamworth to Inverell, calculating each on the same basis as regards weight of train, but making allowance for the different altitudes and distances?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The information is being obtained, and will be forwarded to the Honorable Member.

- (4.) Mr. Fotheringham, Chief Officer, Pilot Steamer "Captain Cook":—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. King, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Fotheringham, who was officer-in-charge of the steamship "Ly-ee-Moon" at the time of the disaster to that vessel, has been appointed second officer of the pilot steamer "Captain Cook"?

(2.) If so, on what grounds was he appointed to so responsible a position?

(3.) Is it not a fact that his certificate was suspended?

Mr. McMillan answered.—

(1.) Yes; Mr. Fotheringham was 3rd officer of the "Ly-ee-Moon" at the time she was wrecked.

(2.) He was considered the most eligible out of the twenty-four applicants for the situation.

(3.) His certificate was suspended for twelve months on the 16th August, 1886.

- (5.) Removal of Refreshment-room from Mittagong to Moss Vale:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners any intention of removing the refreshment rooms from Mittagong to Moss Vale?

(2.) Has any person outside the Department made representations in favour of removal; and, if so, who?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed the Railway Commissioners have no intention at present of removing the Railway refreshment rooms from Mittagong to Moss Vale, and there are no records to show that any person outside the Department has made representations in favour of such removal.

- (6.) The Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) On what date did Messrs. Eddy, Fehon, and Oliver enter upon their duties as Railway Commissioners?
 - (2.) What places have they, in their capacity as Commissioners, visited since that date, and what has been the cost for personal and travelling expenses paid by the State for them?
 - (3.) How many special trains have they used, what distance have they travelled, and what is the total cost of same, at the average per mile as charged to the public, up to 1st July, 1889?
 - (4.) Where do they reside, and what is the approximate cost of their travelling by rail and tram to their duties, from the date of their appointment to the 1st July, 1889?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that members of their families travel free on tram or train?
 - (6.) What amount was paid as travelling expenses to this country to Commissioners Eddy and Fehon respectively, and the amount allowed to their families?
 - (7.) How many free passes have the Commissioners granted, and to whom, specifying the number of first-class and second-class passes?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Information in reply to these questions will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (7.) Retrenchment, &c., in the Railway Department since Commissioners took Office:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many men have been discharged or retired upon the recommendation of the Railway Commissioners since their appointment?
 - (2.) How many of these men were mechanics, porters, labourers, or engaged as clerks, &c.?
 - (3.) What amount has been saved by such retirements?
 - (4.) How many fitters are now employed on each section or length; and how many miles are in each section or length of railway?
 - (5.) How many men were employed on such sections or lengths when the Commissioners took office?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) 273 men, to 30 June, 1889.
- (2.) 32 mechanics, 17 porters, 24 labourers, 80 clerks, 120 other occupations.
- (3.) £44,521. In addition to this, many vacancies which have occurred through death, resignations, &c., have not been filled up, making the total saving £60,000 per annum.
- (4.) The lengths vary from 4 to 8 miles. The men employed on each length are generally one ganger and three men.
- (5.) In the districts where the traffic is heavy no change of any moment has been made since the Railway Commissioners took office; but in the outlying districts, where the lengths were attended by one ganger and two men, the lengths have been extended, and the gangs made to consist of one ganger and three men.

- (8.) Railway Inspectors:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Were railway inspectors engaged by Mr. Eddy, previous to his leaving England; if, so, have they arrived in the Colony?
 - (2.) If so, what salary is being paid to such inspectors, and what amount are they allowed for travelling expenses?
 - (3.) Has one of the inspectors who was to come from England or America declined to come, giving as his reason that the Australian climate is not favourable for matrimony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that no railway inspectors were engaged by the Chief Commissioner for Railways previous to his leaving England.

- (9.) Lady Attendants, Redfern Waiting-rooms:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many lady attendants have been appointed to the Redfern waiting-rooms since the Commissioners took office?
 - (2.) What are their names, are they widows, and had their husbands been employed in the Railway Service of New South Wales?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that one lady attendant has been appointed to the Redfern waiting-rooms since the Commissioners took office, viz., Mrs. Smedley, a widow. The circumstances surrounding this case were of a sad nature, and as an opportunity offered for her appointment, the lady was given the position of waiting-room attendant. Her husband had not been engaged in the Railway Service.

2. PAPER:—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Imperial Officer for the Inspection of Fortifications and Defence Forces.
Ordered to be printed.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Abigail*, *Mr. Wyman Brown*, *Mr. Brunker*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Cullen*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Gould*, *Mr. Hurley*, *Mr. Hutchison (Canterbury)*, *Mr. Melville*, *Mr. Molesworth*, *Mr. Nobbs*, *Sir Henry Parkes*, *Mr. Bruce Smith*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Tecce*, *Mr. Turner*, and *Mr. Waddell*,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at nineteen minutes before Three o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1889.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

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 1889, 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, 2nd August, 1889.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Status of Barristers and Attorneys under Charter of Justice:—*Mr. Moreton*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What was the status and what were the rights of barristers and attorneys respectively under the Charter of Justice in this Colony?

(2.) When was the distinction made as to the right of audience in the Superior Courts between barristers and attorneys?

(3.) By what right have the Judges of the Superior Courts made any distinction between barristers and attorneys?

(4.) Is there any law in existence and in force in this Colony defining the rights of barristers and attorneys?

Mr. Gould answered,—I desire to point out to the Honorable Member that it is not usual to answer questions of this nature, involving as they do matters of law.

(2.) Agricultural Associations:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to subsidize Agricultural Associations this year in the proportion of £1 to each £1 locally contributed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government is not prepared to increase the subsidy to Agricultural Societies.

(3.) Reclamations at Careening Cove and Neutral Bay:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any determination respecting the proposed reclamations at Careening Cove and Neutral Bay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—At the request of the Honorable Member, I hope to visit the locality next week, after which I will come to a determination on the matter.

(4.) Fruit Market:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Question of providing adequate market accommodation for the fruit-growers of the Colony been submitted for the consideration of the Government; if so, will he have any objection to state the result?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No decision has been arrived at in this matter. It is one of very serious importance, involving—if the Government steps in to provide a market—a heavy expenditure; and I do not think any determination can be arrived at until the House goes into recess.

(5.)

- (5.) Use of sunken Nets for Fishing Purposes:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the matter of the destruction of fish and their feeding-grounds by fishermen in the harbour using sunken nets, heavily weighted?
 (2.) Will he take steps to prevent these men evading the law and causing such destruction?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no provision in the Fisheries Acts prohibiting the use of sunken nets, so long as they are of the dimensions and lengths prescribed by law.

- (6.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to reply to Question 13, Votes No. 66, 26th July, 1889, will he say when the actuarial investigation, prescribed by the 54th section of the Civil Service Act is likely to be completed, and the result made known; also, whether, in the event of a reduction being determined on in the amount to be contributed by officers to the Superannuation Account, such reduction will take effect from 1st January, 1888, as contemplated by the Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Actuary is of opinion that the investigation will be completed and the Report ready within two months from this date. In the event of a reduction being determined on in the amount to be contributed by officers, it will take effect from 1st January, 1888; but it is not considered likely that any reduction will be recommended.

- (7.) Sugar Duties Convention:—*Mr. Lyne*, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his Question of 16th May last, on the subject of the Sugar Bounties Convention, which is still unanswered,—

(1.) Were any other communications from the Imperial Government, relative to the Sugar Duties Convention, received by this Government, in addition to those of 17th September and 31st December, 1888; if so, on what dates?

(2.) What are the dates upon which replies were sent to each of these communications respectively?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There are no despatches of the dates mentioned, with this correction of an answer I gave the other day—the year 1888 ought to have been 1887. The despatches received are dated 31st December, 1887. By some error the date was given, as I have just mentioned, 1888, and the 17th September, 1888; and I cannot find a record of any others. In regard to the answers, in the nature of things no answer would be sent from the Colonial Secretary's Office. They are despatches to His Excellency the Governor, who would answer them. The matter is one for submission to the Cabinet, and, of course, the only thing to be done is the decision after consideration; and that decision was conveyed in my minute already before the House.

- (8.) Guns in Store for Defence Purposes:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he fulfil his promise, made on 10th July, that he would “lay a Return upon the Table this afternoon or to-morrow,” answering Mr. Dibbs' questions of that day, relative to the guns in store for defence purposes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay the particulars upon the Table either to-morrow or the following day.

3. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Hurley, 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 24th July, 1889, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hurley then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd September.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting travelling expenses of, and free passes granted by, the Railway Commissioners.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 16th April, 1889—“Special Areas under Crown Lands Act of 1884.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from certain Residents of the District of Illawarra, referring to the Company formed with the object of opening Lake Illawarra, and making a safe and commodious harbour thereof; and stating that the carrying out of the proposed works would not only benefit the land-owners round the Lake, but the entire district of Illawarra; and praying that the concession asked for in the Bill, which has been reported on by a Select Committee, and is now before this House, be granted.
 Petition received.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Railway from Culcairn to Corowa*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Culcairn to Corowa, as explained by the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) *Breakwater at Byron Bay*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a breakwater at Byron Bay, as explained by the Mover.
 Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Wilshiro,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Perry,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. King,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Bruce Smith.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Cullen.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McRae,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Cass.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Traill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That Charles Edward Pilcher, Esq., Q.C., Counsel learned in the Law, be now heard at the Bar of the House, in support of the Petition presented by Frederick Samuel Ellis Holt and Alfred William Holt against certain clauses of the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill.

Question put and passed.

The learned Counsel (Charles Edward Pilcher, Esq., Q.C.) was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolution of the House under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the subject under consideration, and then withdrew.

Mr. O'Connor then moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, *passed*.

Mr. O'Connor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office; for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

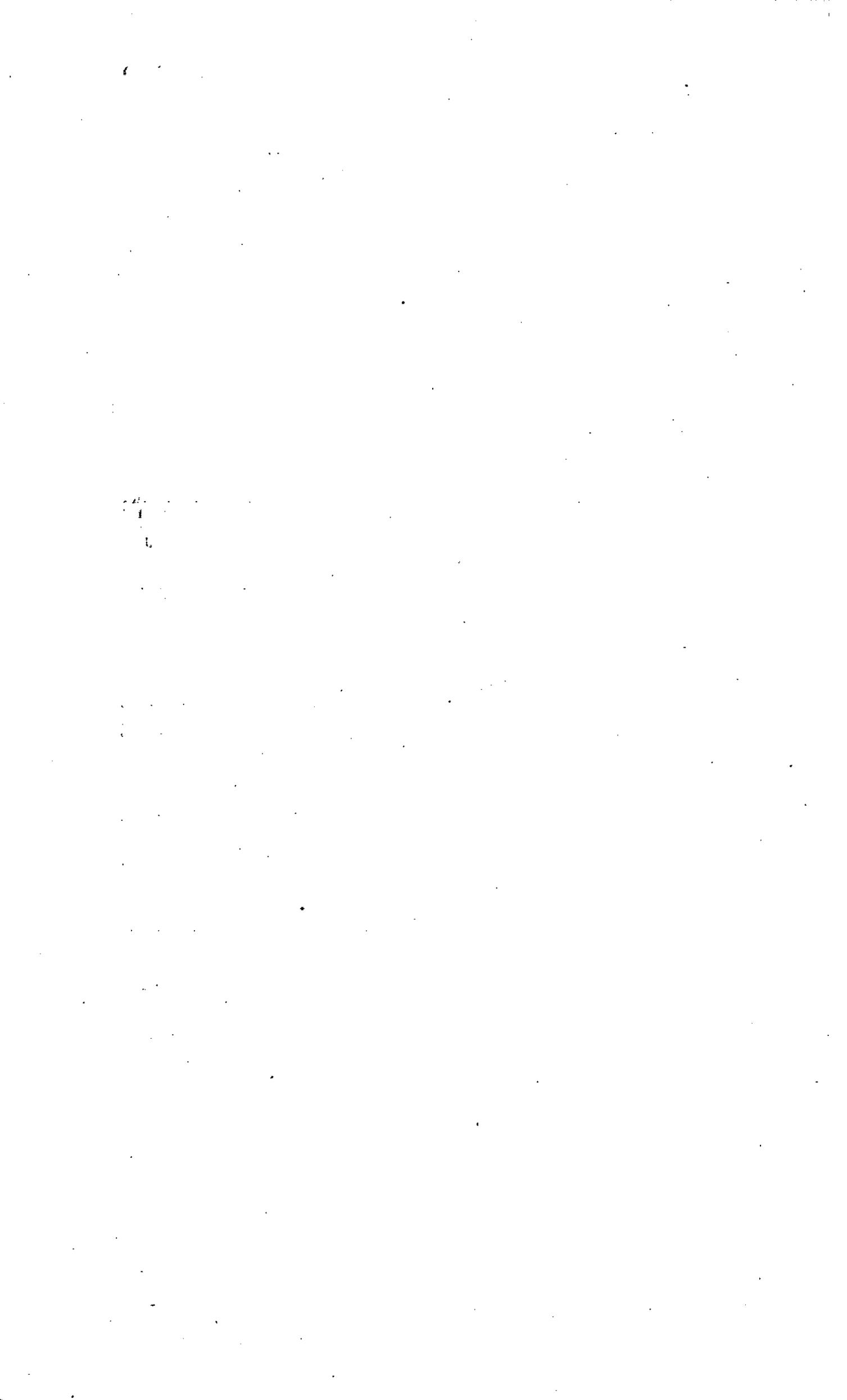
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office; for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th August, 1889.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1889.

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

COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

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 regulation of Coal-mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 7th August, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Expenditure in Gunnedah Electorate:—Mr. Turner asked the Colonial Secretary,—What will be the probable total amount of expenditure by his Department, during the current year, directly in the Gunnedah Electorate, under the following heads:—Volunteers; Police; Charitable Allowances; Forest Conservancy Branch; all other items?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think I had better take it upon myself to reply to this and the six following questions. I may state that it would be impossible to give this information under some considerable time, and that the cost would be very considerable; but if the Honorable Member desires to know what expenditure has taken place in his particular electorate we will endeavour to get it for the several Departments. The information, however, will be only approximate.

(2.) Congwarra, Tidbinbilla, and Cuppacumbalong Runs:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. O'Sullivan's previous questions concerning the names of the surveyors who recommended the reservations on the leasehold and resumed areas of the Congwarra, Tidbinbilla, and Cuppacumbalong runs, near Queanbeyan,—has the report, which the Minister promised should embody the information sought, yet been prepared; if not, when will it be ready?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the Congwarra reserve revoked and thrown open for settlement without delay?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The report has not yet been received.

(2.) This matter will largely depend upon the report of the surveyor.

(3.) Metropolitan and Hunter District Court:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many cases remained untried by His Honor Mr. District Court Judge Wilkinson at the termination of the June sittings of the Metropolitan and Hunter District Court?

(2.) Is it a fact that, in face of a long list of unheard cases, no sitting of this Court was held during the month of July?

(3.) How many cases did His Honor Mr. District Court Judge McFarland leave untried in his list at the end of the June sittings of the same Court?

(4.) Is it a fact that Judge McFarland commenced on the 5th August instant the list of cases for the month of August; and, if so, what arrangements have been made for the hearing of remanet cases?

Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) 129 cases.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) His Honor Mr. District Court Judge McFarland did not sit in Sydney during the month of June.

(4.) Yes. I am informed that no special arrangements have been made for the hearing of the remanets, but that it has been usual to take them before the new business. I will draw the attention of the Judge presiding at the Metropolitan District Court to the advisableness of dealing with these remanets as early as possible.

- (4.) Collection and Delivery of Goods, Great Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all copies of tenders and correspondence received in connection with the contract for the collection and delivery of goods, including wool, in connection with the Great Southern, Western, and Richmond railways, from the expiration of Messrs. McMahon and Co.'s contract, in 1888, to this date?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A Return, to include the information sought, is now being prepared.

- (5.) Money unexpended on Roads, Lismore, Casino, and Tweed Districts:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is any money voted by Parliament for expenditure on roads in Lismore, Casino, or Tweed Districts for the year 1888 still unexpended?

(2.) If so, will he specify amount in each case?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This cannot conveniently be given in reply to a question; but the information will be prepared and forwarded to the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Local Land Board, Parkes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the increasing land business at the Local Land Board, Parkes, will he appoint two local members, and thus save travelling expenses and costs of the two members of the Forbes Land Board attending there?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It is understood that the gentlemen forming the Board for the district of Parkes give general satisfaction in the performance of their duties, and therefore no proposal for a change has been contemplated. If, upon inquiry, it is found that there are suitable gentlemen among the local residents who will accept the office of Board Member, the matter will receive attention.

- (7.) Disabled 25-ton Guns:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as stated in the *Daily Telegraph* of 1st August, that the remaining 25-ton gun in position for the defence of this port was disabled when fired on Monday last?

(2.) If not, has any great gun been disabled when being fired during inspection by Major-General Edwards, C.B.; if so, what gun, and where is it situated?

(3.) Is it a fact, as stated, that Colonel Roberts, the Commanding Officer of Artillery, and Colonel Spalding, Commanding the Permanent Artillery, protested against the firing of this gun, on the ground that it was unsafe to do so?

(4.) Have these Artillery Officers previously made any report to the Major-General Commanding as to the danger to this gun if fired; if so, on what date or dates were these reports made?

(5.) On what dates were the gun referred to above and the 25-ton gun disabled during the Easter manœuvres placed in position?

(6.) On how many occasions since have they been respectively fired with full service charges of powder and projectile, and on what dates?

(7.) How many of the great guns emplaced for the defence of the port have been disabled, as a consequence of being fired, since 1st April last; which are they, and on what dates did the accidents happen?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Questions identical with these were asked in the Legislative Council yesterday by the Honorable J. M. Creed, and they were answered for the Government by the Vice-President by an intimation which that Member had made several days before—that, in view of a general statement on military matters, the Government could not answer these questions in detail. I have nothing to add to that answer, except that the statement will be made when the Military Estimates come on, which I trust will be in a very few days. The fullest information will then be afforded—information which I believe will be completely satisfactory to this House and to the country.

- (8.) Vaccination:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a minute or resolution of the Board of Health about vaccination, which has been in the hands of the Government for some time?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the document which the Honorable Member asks for.

- (9.) Levying of Tolls on Border Rivers:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to a promise made by the Colonial Secretary some weeks ago to Mr. Abigail, that the Government would consider the advisability of levying tolls upon our Border rivers, to compensate in some measure for the amounts spent to render such rivers navigable,—has the Government considered the question, and arrived at any decision; and, if not, will he submit it to the Cabinet at an early date, and notify to the House the result?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I have intimated frequently, this question is receiving the gravest consideration; but it is not a matter to be disposed of in forty-eight hours, or in a fortnight. As soon as a decision is arrived at, that decision will be communicated to the House.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Memorandum by the Board of Health upon the question of Compulsory Vaccination.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Correspondence respecting Proposed Alteration of Constitution of the Colony of Western Australia.

(2.) Return respecting Guns in Store for Defence Purposes.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hurstville, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 21st May, 1889—“ Proposed Line of Railway between Blacktown and Blayney.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA :—Mr. Howe (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the case of “Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta,” be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and to hold inquires at, the Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta; and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House to enable them to make the said visits of inspection.
Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McFarlane 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 “to draw attention to the apathy of the Government in providing necessary postal and telegraphic communication to country districts.”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. CONSTITUTION FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—
(1.) That the Address to Her Majesty the Queen hereto annexed be adopted by this House, and that Mr. Speaker be authorized to sign the same on behalf of the House.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be also authorized to request His Excellency the Governor to cause the Address to be telegraphed, and at the same time transmitted by post, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Address then read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,—

Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach your Most Gracious Majesty, and humbly to make known our views on matters of momentous interest to the whole population of Australia.

A Bill is at present before your Majesty's Imperial Parliament to confer the rights and privileges of self-government upon the inhabitants of the Colony of Western Australia, numbering about 43,000 of your Majesty's subjects, who hitherto have held possession of nearly one-third of the entire territory of Australia.

The population of the other Australian Colonies, occupying a little over two-thirds of the whole territory was, on the 30th June last, 3,087,000 of your Majesty's subjects.

Your Majesty's subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly aforesaid, with all dutiful respect, desire to urge the justice and expediency of passing into law, with the least possible delay, the Bill introduced by Your Majesty's Ministers, with such provisions as shall confer upon Western Australia a Constitution similar to the Constitutions enjoyed by the other self-governing Australian Colonies.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly aforesaid further respectfully urge that any and every part of the territory of Western Australia not included within the provisions of the new Constitution shall henceforth be reserved for and, as soon as practicable, brought under a form of Government similar to those of the other Colonies, and shall be held exclusively for the purposes of Australian settlement and colonization by persons from the other Colonies, and from Great Britain and Ireland.

Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly aforesaid.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 7th August, 1889.

Speaker.

Mr. Dibbs seconded the Motion, and addressed the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and carried unanimously.

7. MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO, *via* AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU :—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That this House approves of the continuance of the Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), for a further term of twelve months from November next, on the following terms, namely :—The subsidy to be reduced to £33,500, and the Government of New South Wales to be responsible

responsible therefor, with the proviso that if the Government of New Zealand should hereafter join in this extension of contract, or should contribute, either in the shape of postages or by direct subsidy, any sum in excess of £6,000, such excess to the extent of £3,500 shall be allowed to the Company in consideration of the abatement of £3,500 they have agreed to make in the amount of present subsidy of £37,000. Duration of voyage to be 600 hours, as at present; but no penalties to be imposed provided voyage does not exceed 648 hours. No premiums to be paid for early arrival. Any contribution from the United States to be divided between the contractors and the Government of New South Wales, the former taking one-third and the latter two-thirds thereof. All postages from other Colonies to be retained by the New South Wales Government, subject to adjustment of a share thereof with the New Zealand Government, should that Colony agree to occupy a similar position in this extended contract to that which it now occupies in regard to the existing service. The spirit of the existing contract, in regard to the size of the vessels employed, and in all other respects, to be adhered to in the extended contract, and only European crews to be employed.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Railway to connect North Shore Railway with Port Jackson at Milson's Point*:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, "That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson at Milson's Point, as explained by the Mover,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended, by the addition of the words, "(2.) That Mr. Speaker be authorized to communicate the Resolution to the said Committee."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1889, A.M.

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

Question then put,—

(1.) That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway to connect the North Shore railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson at Milson's Point, as explained by the Mover.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be authorized to communicate the Resolution to the said Committee.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. King,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Alfred Allen.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Jones.

Tellers,

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Cruickshank.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the practice to deduct any portion of the salaries of persons who hold the office of telegraph-masters on account of the funds of the Civil Service Superannuation Act, from which they can derive no benefit whatever?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the practice to deduct 4 per cent. from the salaries of official telegraph-masters for the Superannuation Fund, and they are entitled to all benefits in the same way as other contributors.

- (2.) Cummeragunga Mission Station:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a serious epidemic of typhoid fever is again raging amongst the aboriginals at the Cummeragunga Mission Station, on the River Murray?
 (2.) Has he yet received any report from the District Health Officer in reference to it?
 (3.) If not, will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A report has been received from the Government Medical Officer for Moama District. Two cases of typhoid fever have occurred among aboriginals at Cummeragunga Station, and the patients were removed to the Echuca local hospital. They are now convalescent, and no fresh cases have occurred.

- (3.) Mr. Grimshaw, Public Works Department:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there a person named Grimshaw in the Public Works Department; if so, did he obtain leave of absence on half-pay for six months to go to England?
 (2.) How long had Mr. Grimshaw been in the Service when he obtained said leave, and how long would other officers have had to serve, under the Civil Service Act, before becoming entitled to such leave?
 (3.) How long was Mr. Grimshaw absent from the Department; what is the date of his application for reappointment; when was such reappointment made; when to; in what capacity; and at what salary?
 (4.) On whose recommendation was said leave of absence granted, and on whose recommendation was the recent reappointment made?
 (5.) Were any applications made by officers in the Head Office, competent and willing to fill the position to which Mr. Grimshaw has been appointed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; he did obtain six months leave, as stated, on half-pay.
 (2.) Seven years. An officer of ten years service is entitled to six months leave on half-pay.
 (3.) Nineteen and a half months. Mr. Grimshaw has been re-employed from 23rd July temporarily as engineer and surveyor at a salary of £300 per annum.
 (4.) The late Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. E. O. Moriarty; the present Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. C. W. Darley.
 (5.) No.

- (4.) Roads within Municipal Boundaries:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he say when Return will be ready with reference to saving to Government by causing municipalities to maintain roads within their boundaries?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In about a week.

(5.)

- (5.) Clarth's Lease, near Tingha :—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) On what date the rent for the year 1886 was paid on Clarth's lease of portion No. 533, near Tingha?
 - (2.) On what date the rent for the year 1887 was paid for the same block?
 - (3.) On what date the rent for the year 1888 was paid?
 - (4.) On what date the rent for the year 1889 was paid?
 - (5.) What action has been taken by the Minister on the report furnished by Warden W. W. Fraser?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) On the 15th May, 1885, the rent, 7th November, 1885, to 6th November, 1886, was paid.
- (2, 3, and 4.) On the 4th July, 1889, £10 was paid, which covers the rent on the existing lease to the end of this year, and partly covers the rent from the 6th November, 1886, to the date of commencement of the existing lease, 11th June last, leaving a balance due of about £5; and steps are being taken to recover the balance.
- (5.) Mr. Warden Frazer's report upon the complaint of Mr. Kennedy has been returned for further report.

- (6.) Mr. Oscar Meyer :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the qualifications of Mr. O. Meyer to represent this Colony at the New Zealand Exhibition?
- (2.) Who recommended his appointment?
- (3.) What amount is to be paid to him for his services?
- (4.) Did any one else apply for the position; if so, will he give the names of applicants?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. Oscar Meyer has been a resident of this country for about eleven years. He is married to an Australian lady, the daughter of a well known and respected citizen, and he has an Australian family. Amongst his other qualifications, he is proficient in four European languages. He has been accustomed to this kind of work, and has discharged it with great satisfaction to the persons concerned nearly all his life. These are his qualifications, matrimonially and otherwise. I had the honor to recommend his appointment to the Government, based upon an intimate acquaintance with him, which appeared to justify what I did. The amount of salary to be paid for his services is £700 per annum; but I hope he will not be employed more than half a year. No other person applied that I am aware of; indeed there was no opportunity, because the person had to be selected, and we could not advertise. If we could have advertised, it would have been a very doubtful proceeding to adopt in order to get the right man.

- (7.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island :—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount of money has been paid, laid out, or expended in connection with the Darling Island purchase to this date?
- (2.) Has it been found necessary, to utilize this purchase for railway purposes, to erect another bridge at Pyrmont?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) No money has yet been expended.
- (2.) I am informed it is not necessary.

- (8.) Messrs. Wade and Duncan's Application for Lease at Baker's Creek South :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers in connection with Messrs. Wade and Duncan's application for Baker's Creek South, or that lease known as the Four-men's Ground?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The papers were laid upon the Table of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly on the 23rd July, 1888, and were ordered to be printed. Since then the matter has been dealt with in the Courts.

- (9.) Macnamara's Road, District of Illawarra :—Mr. Woodward asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the road known as Macnamara's, situate in the District of Illawarra, parish of Kembla, been confirmed; if not, what is the reason?
- (2.) Will he cause steps to be taken for the opening of such road to the public as early as possible?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) The delay is partly due to the preparation of a Return ordered by Parliament.
- (2.) Yes.

- (10.) Collieries, Illawarra District :—Mr. Woodward asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he obtained the opinion of the legal adviser of the Crown as to the necessary steps to be taken to prevent the respective colliery proprietors in the Illawarra District from allowing their slack to be washed down into the creeks, thereby filling up the same?
- (2.) If so, will he cause a copy of such opinion to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) An opinion was obtained on the subject, and the action recommended is being taken.
- (2.) It is not advisable to lay the opinion upon the Table.

- (11.) Proposed Harbour Works, Clarence District :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Public Works Committee visit the Clarence District to report upon the proposed harbour works?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed by the Chairman of the Public Works Committee that no determination has yet been arrived at by the Committee as to the time when it or a Sectional Committee shall visit the Clarence District; but it is probable that the Clarence will be visited when the inquiry in relation to the proposed improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River, and the inquiries respecting other works in the Northern Districts referred to the Committee, are ready for local investigation. I may add that the Minister has no connection whatever with the Standing Committee on Public Works, and has taken this answer from the Chairman as above stated.

(12.) Steam-launch for Customs Officers :—Mr. Playfair asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact ships on arrival are boarded by the Customs Officers in a boat?
- (2.) Is he aware that frequently, in rough weather, ships on arrival are detained waiting for the Customs Officer?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to expend the money already at their disposal for a steam launch, to enable the officer to board in all weathers?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) A boat is used.
- (2.) No detention has been caused by waiting for Officer of Customs to Board vessels on arrival.
- (3.) The Government have no such intention.

(13.) Oyster-leases, Port Macquarie :—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was there a complaint made to the Commissioner of Fisheries that a Mr. J. S. Dick, of Port Macquarie, an oyster-culture lessee, had illegally removed 500 bags of oysters from Crown lands; and, if so, by whom?
- (2.) Has a complaint been made to the Harbours and Rivers Department that a jetty impeding navigation had been erected in front of Ashton; and, if so by whom?
- (3.) Has the Municipal Council of Port Macquarie, through any source, made application to the Minister for Works and the Commissioner of Fisheries to have a road 1 chain wide resumed along the foreshore, from the eastern corner of Ashton property to the reserve known as Settlement Farm Point?
- (4.) Is it true that a large portion, if not the whole, of the land for the proposed road is and has been private property for many years?
- (5.) Is it a fact that there are already several roads to the said property, where it is proposed to make the new one; if so, in the interests of justice to the oyster lessees, will the Minister cause a full inquiry to be made into the whole matter before any such right to such proposed road is granted?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The only questions which apply to my Department are Nos. 2 and 3. With regard to the former, no complaint has been made to the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers; and to the latter, no trace of any application can be found.

(14.) Excise Duty on Colonial Tobacco :—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Martin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government, when they are revising the Tariff, to take into consideration the advisability of reducing the excise duty now charged on colonial manufactured tobacco?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government are unable, at present, to state their intentions in the matter referred to.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*) 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 enable Parliamentary Electors in their various districts to veto all Liquor Licenses.
Question put and passed.

3. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, 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 regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries.

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 better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries.

Mr. Smith moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Resolution read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Smith, agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Smith moved, That the Bill be printed, and the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th September.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir 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 Tuesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) New Government Dock at Biloele:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Ritchie*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was the granite coping used in the construction of the Biloele Dry Dock obtained in the Colony, or was it imported?
- (2.) If imported, from where?
- (3.) What are the quantities used therein, in feet or perches, and the cost thereof?
- (4.) Is he aware that, at Bowral, in this Colony, large quantities of stone of equal, if not superior, quality exist, and is obtainable at prices which compare favourably with the imported stone?
- (5.) If so, will he note this for all future specifications, and give the home material preference in all such works wherein it can be used?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1 and 2.) It was obtained from Victoria.
- (3.) 31,709 feet. £12,362 when dressed and set in place. I have no knowledge of what the contractor paid for it in the rough.
- (4.) Yes; at Bowral, in this Colony, there are large quantities of good blue-stone or trachyte, and some of it has been used for the engine-house at the new dock; but the quarry had not been tested or opened when the stone for the dock was being procured.
- (5.) The stone is now being specified for, and used where such material is required.

(2.) Menindie Lakes:—*Mr. Dickens* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the dam formed across the entrance to the Menindie Lakes some years ago, at great cost, now stops the flood-waters from the Darling River flowing into such lakes?
- (2.) Is he aware that at the present time the level of the flood-waters outside the dam is about 5 feet above the level of the water in the lakes?
- (3.) Is he aware that there is a caretaker in charge of the works, with a supply of tools, &c., in his charge?
- (4.) Is he aware that, under favourable circumstances, it takes several months for these lakes to fill, and that if the present opportunity is not immediately taken advantage of, it may probably be years before another one offers?
- (5.) Under these circumstances is he prepared to take steps to open the dam to allow the flood-waters to flow into the lakes, and to close same again at the proper time, in order to conserve such waters, a great portion of which, in the natural course of events, flows back into the River Darling?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Provision has been made to allow of the flood-waters entering the lakes at each side of the dam.
- (2.) Yes; such was the case.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) If the lakes had been empty, several months would have been required to fill them. Under existing circumstances, there being only 5 feet difference in level, a much shorter period is necessary.
- (5.) The caretaker in charge of the works has been instructed to employ labour, and is now allowing the flood-waters of the Darling River to flow into the lakes, so that as much water as possible may be impounded; but it would be most imprudent to cut the dam to admit the water, for, owing to the circumstances under which it was constructed, it is a most temporary structure, and the whole of it would be swept away if the flood-waters once crossed it.

(3.)

(3.) Audit of Official Assignees' Books:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take steps to have proper monthly audits made of Official Assignees' books, to see if the accounts submitted by them to the Court agree with such books?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Bankruptcy Act provides, in section 93, that the Judge in Bankruptcy may at any time direct an investigation to be made, by the Colonial Treasurer or Registrar, of the books and vouchers of Assignees or trustees; and I am informed that the accounts in question are now being audited by the Registrar.

(4.) Steam-launch for Customs Officers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Playfair, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to expend the money already at their disposal for a steam-launch to enable Customs Officers to board incoming ships in all weathers?

Mr. McMillan answered,—There is no money at present voted for the purpose named.

2. APPLICATIONS BY W. SULLY AND OTHERS FOR PORTIONS OF LAND, THACKARINGA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, either for mineral conditional purchase or for mineral lease, by Walter Sully or any other persons, of portions Nos. 9 and 10, parish of Albert, Thackaringa, together with all correspondence, reports, and other documents relating to the same.
Question put and passed.
3. MRS. ANN ROUSE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT KAHIBAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Creer moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, minutes, evidence, and other correspondence in connection with Mrs. Ann Rouse's conditional purchase, parish of Kahibah, in the county of Northumberland.
Question put and passed.
4. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886" in certain respects.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*), postponed until Tuesday next.
6. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—on motion of Mr. Lakeman, the report was adopted.
Debate ensued.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
7. INLAND WATER CONSERVATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lakeman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Crick drew attention to clause 6 of the Bill, imposing a penalty for cutting or injuring dams without authority, and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether it was beyond the Order of Leave.
Mr. Speaker decided in favour of the objection.
On motion of Mr. Lakeman the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. FUEL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted to the Chair that this Bill was not within the Order of Leave, inasmuch as clauses 4 and 6 provided for the imposition of penalties, and these provisions were not within such Order.
Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was not out of order.
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 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. Alfred Allen, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*), Mr. Lees, Mr. Melville, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Wilshire,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at two minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspection of Railway Material by Sir John Fowler:—*Mr. Toohey*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was Sir John Fowler appointed to inspect material used in the construction of railways and other public works of this Colony?

(2.) What is the total amount paid to Sir John Fowler for such services from date of his appointment up to date?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to endeavour to make any better and cheaper arrangements for the inspection of material than that now existing with Sir John Fowler?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The exact date cannot be given; but, from a search made in the records of the Department, Sir John Fowler has been the Inspecting Engineer to the Department from the year 1862.

(2.) It will take some time to prepare the amount to date; but from the year 1862 to the end of 1887—a quarter of a century—Sir John Fowler received the sum of £65,149 14s. 4d.

(3.) The Government would be very glad to entertain a cheaper method of inspection if one could be suggested which would afford an equal security against loss.

- (2.) Tramways or Railways to Broken Hill:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the Government willing to afford any persons or companies facilities to get passed into law any Bills to authorize the construction by such persons or companies of tramways or railways to or from Broken Hill, within this Colony?

(2.) Have the Commissioners for Railways reported to the Government against the policy of allowing the construction of such trams or railways?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter has not yet been considered by the Government; but it will be brought forward at an early date.

- (3.) Brookong Shearers:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to recommend the remission of part of the sentence of three years' imprisonment passed on the Brookong shearers?

Mr. Gould answered,—It is not my intention to reconsider these sentences at the present time.

- (4.) Telegraph Line to Milparinka:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of the telegraph line to Milparinka?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Tenders have been invited, and will be received up to the 4th proximo.

- (5.) Mr. Oscar Meyer:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount was paid to Mr. Oscar Meyer as expenses and remuneration in connection with the Melbourne Exhibition?

(2.) What is the total amount paid to this gentleman by the Government of New South Wales?

(3.) Will he delay any further payments to Mr. Meyer until he obtains the sanction of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have not been able to get this information; but I will lay a Return upon the Table, giving the required information. We shall not delay any payment that is necessary.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of J. Angus, C.E., on the Condition of the Permanent-way and Works of the Railways in New South Wales.
- (2.) Report of R. Price Williams, C.E., on the Condition of the Permanent-way and Works of the Railways in New South Wales.
- (3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 30th June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land in parish of Saint John, county of Cumberland, in connection with erection of Cottage Homes at Parramatta
- (2.) Return showing Amount of Money expended on Roads, Tamworth to Warialda, Tamworth to Glen Innes, Narrabri to Moree, from 1st January, 1879, to 31st December, 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 7th June, 1889—"Application of Mr. C. W. Porter for a Pre-emptive Lease."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 8th May, 1889—"Official Assignees."

Ordered to be printed.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House of his intention to make three statements, on three different occasions : the first in regard to the disposal of the Public Business, the second in explanation of the Military Estimates, and the third on the subject of the right and obligations of this Colony in relation to the River Murray.

4. CASE OF CONSTABLE OTWAY, TRIED AT YOUNG (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Lyne*, for Mr. Mackinnon, 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 in reference to the case of Constable Otway, tried at Young in September, 1881.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Practitioners Bill postponed until Friday, 6th September.

6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. McMillan*), and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Mr. Dibbs, under the Additional Standing Order (2), moved, That leave be given to propose an amendment,—“That the consideration of the Estimates be deferred until the Treasurer makes a full statement of the present position of finances, and the proposals of the Government in relation thereto.”

Question put, on Mr. Dibbs' Motion.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Truill,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Mcville,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Hutchison	<i>Tellers,</i>
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Levien.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Greene,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Plumb.
Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Street.

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker stated that the Question was one which would, if carried, result in taking the business out of the hands of the Government, and so perhaps bring about a change of Administration. This, he thought, should not be done on his single vote, more especially as other opportunities would occur for discussing the subject of the motion submitted. He therefore gave his Casting Vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Original Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1889, A.M.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Retirement of Police Magistrates:—Mr. Wall asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What are the names of the Police Magistrates who were called on to retire during his predecessor's term of office?
- (2.) What were their respective salaries and the retiring allowances paid to them?
- (3.) Did any officers decline to retire, and were they retained in the Service; if so, what were the names of such officers?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will lay the desired information upon the Table in the shape of a Return this afternoon.

(2.) Robberies at Bungendore Railway Station:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any reports been made to the Railway Commissioners concerning robberies at the Bungendore railway station?
- (2.) Were any steps taken to investigate the reports made?
- (3.) If so, what was the result of the investigation?
- (4.) Will the Commissioners take steps to prevent the recurrence of such robberies?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that a case of tobacco was missed from Bungendore some months ago, and although strict inquiries were made the Department has been unable to trace the goods. It is hardly necessary to say that every care is taken to prevent thefts on the railway.

(3.) Shoaling of the South Arm of the Richmond River:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the navigation of the South Arm of the Richmond River is almost blocked through the river shoaling in places, caused by the late heavy floods?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to have the shallow places in the river referred to, dredged?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) An officer has already been instructed to report upon the shoaling of the South Arm, but owing to the present flooded state of the District he has been unable to deal with the matter up to the present time.
- (2.) As soon as the report is received the question of dredging the river will be dealt with.

(4.) Agricultural College—Model Farms:—Mr. Torpy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill next Session for the establishment of a central Agricultural College, and for experimental Model Farms in the country districts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.

(5.) Alleged case of Inhumanity on part of Police at Penrith:—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Lees, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has he caused inquiry to be made into an alleged case of inhumanity on the part of the police in the Nepean District?
- (2.) If so, will he state the result?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes; from which inquiry it would appear that, so far from the unfortunate man having been dealt with in the way alleged, the magistrates, medical man, and police acted with humanity towards him.

(6.)

(6.) Borings at Tweed River Heads:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he say when borings will be made at Tweed River Heads.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall be obliged if the Honorable Member will give me some more definite particulars as to the borings referred to. I can find no record in the Department of any contemplated borings in that locality.

(7.) Railway—Culcairn to Germanton—Culcairn to Corowa:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he a survey of the proposed railway from Culcairn to Germanton?

(2.) If so, will he submit the proposed railway for the consideration of the Public Works Committee?

(3.) Is it not a fact that this is an extension of the proposed railway from Culcairn to Corowa?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I cannot yet give the Honorable Member a definite answer.

(3.) No; it is a distinct branch, Germanton being to the west and Corowa to the east of the main line.

(8.) Use of the Totalisator:—*Mr. Dowel*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has a letter been addressed by his Department to the Stipendiary Magistrates, drawing their attention to the propriety of inflicting more severe punishment in all cases of conviction in connection with the use of the "Totalisator"?

(2.) Is it customary for the Department to issue written instructions to Justices, sworn to administer the laws without fear, favour, or affection, as to how and to what extent they shall inflict punishment?

(3.) If so, when was this practice adopted by the Department?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House the copy of a letter addressed to the Stipendiary Magistrates on this subject, together with a return of convictions in the Metropolitan District for the six months ended 30th June.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Election Petition—Anderson v. Schey, Redfern*:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, and Appendix handed in to, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 13th July, 1889, a.m., the Petition of George Anderson against the return of William Francis Schey as a Member for the Electoral District of Redfern.

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 1st March, 1889, to whom was referred on 13th July, 1889, a.m., a Petition from George Anderson, of Waterloo, wool-washer and merchant, a person claiming to have had a right to be returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Redfern, and a candidate for such election, alleging that, in pursuance of the Writ dated 28th June, 1889, a meeting of the Electors of Redfern was held, at which William F. Schey and Petitioner were duly nominated as candidates; that at such nomination a ballot was demanded by Petitioner, which duly took place on Monday, 8th July; that the said Writ has been returned, endorsed with the return of the said William F. Schey to serve as a Member for the said Electoral District; that Petitioner is advised and believes that the said William F. Schey is unduly elected, and that Petitioner should be declared elected, or a new election ordered, on the grounds:—(a) That the provisions of the Electoral Act were disregarded at the Polling-booth, New Masonic Hall, Sydney, in respect of several officials assisting in taking the poll there, who were appointed whilst the polling was actually going on, which resulted in Petitioner being deprived of certain of his just rights under the said Act; (b) That ballot-papers were improperly introduced into the ballot-box during the course of the polling, and that, in instances, voters received or acquired more than one ballot-paper, and deposited them in the ballot-box; (c) That votes were recorded by voters twice over; (d) That certain votes recorded were not the votes of the persons entitled to record the same; (e) That certain votes were rejected as informal which should count as votes to Petitioner; (f) That undue influence was used by certain of the Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks to induce electors to vote in favour of the said William F. Schey; (g) That the votes have not been correctly counted; (h) And that otherwise the Election was irregularly conducted; and praying that the said William F. Schey may be declared to be unduly elected, and that Petitioner may be declared elected, or that a new election may be ordered to take place,—have determined and do hereby declare,—

"(1.) That William Francis Schey, the sitting Member, was duly elected as a Member for Redfern.

"(2.) That the Petition is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"(3.) That the sum of £1 18s. 9d. out of the sum of £100 already lodged by the Petitioner be awarded as witnesses expenses.

"No. 3 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly, 14th August, 1889.

"J. P. ABBOTT,

"Chairman."

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Abbott, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Abbott then 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.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Goods Traffic by Rail between Sydney and Mudgee, Hay, Jerilderie, and Bourke.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., respecting Suspension of Michael McNamee, late Letter-carrier at Redfern, and his Appointment as Stamper and Sorter at the General Post Office.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Names, &c., of Police Magistrates who have been called upon to retire from the Public Service.
Ordered to be printed.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes intimated to the House that it was the intention of the Government to direct their efforts to bring this Session to a close as early as possible; and, in order to effect that object, they would not proceed with any Government Business likely to occupy much time. The Land Bill and Bill for the Payment of Members would be dealt with this Session, and every assistance would be given to enable business in the hands of Members not in Office to be disposed of as far as practicable.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Alexander Brown 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 the subject of expenditure of public money in the city of Sydney and its suburbs, as compared with similar expenditure in the rest of the Colony.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1889, A.M.

Question put and negatived.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sheds for Agricultural Produce, Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Paul*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that sheds have been erected at Darling Harbour for the storage of agricultural produce awaiting sale?
 (2.) Have any steps been taken to allow these sheds to be used for the purpose for which they were intended?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that it is a fact that sheds have been erected at Darling Harbour for the storage, &c., of agricultural produce awaiting sale. One of the sheds has been found unsuitable, and has not been used since its completion. The larger shed is being converted into an outwards goods warehouse, as it is considered that Darling Harbour, being the inwards goods station, would be a more suitable place for the reception of the outwards goods than Redfern, and the two can be worked more conveniently together, both in the interests of the public and the Department. The Railway Commissioners have in view a scheme for providing for the hay traffic at Redfern.

- (2.) Diamond Drill No. 7, sent to Dargin's Creek:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Will he state the date No. 7 diamond drill was sent to Dargin's Creek?
 (2.) What was the sum paid in full from the Treasury for the use of No. 7 drill, from the time of despatch of drill up to 1st February, 1889?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) 30th November, 1886.
 (2.) £1,619 4s. 10d.

- (3.) Report of Board of Inquiry into Working of Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin:—*Mr. Street* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the Report of the Board (of which *Dr. Sly* was Chairman) appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin?

Mr. Brunner answered,—No; provided the Honorable Member will move for a Parliamentary Return in the usual manner.

- (4.) Purchase of Land known as Darling Island:—*Mr. Edmunds* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Crown Solicitor had any conferences with Counsel regarding the title of the vendors of the Darling Island property proposed to be purchased by the Government; if so, how many conferences were there, and with whom?
 (2.) Have Counsel for the Crown expressed any opinion as to the title; if so, what is the effect of the opinion?
 (3.) Is he advised whether the Government is liable, under the contract, to accept the land with the vendors title, whatever it may be, at the stipulated price?
 (4.) Will he have the contract printed and distributed, or allow copies of it to be taken by Members of this House?
 (5.) In the event of the purchase not being completed before the end of the Session, will the Government suspend the completion until the reassembling of Parliament?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I believe the Crown Solicitor has had occasion to consult Counsel in the matter; but I am unaware how many times.
- (2.) Counsel has expressed an opinion concerning different steps during the investigation; but I am not aware that the broad question of title has been advised upon. The matter is very complex, and cannot be hurriedly disposed of.
- (3.) I am not so advised at present.
- (4.) The contract has been laid upon the Table of the House some weeks.
- (5.) I am not prepared to make any such promise.

(5.) **Wooden Blocks on the Tram-line, Oxford-street:**—Mr. Ednunds asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the officers of the Commissioners for Railways been directed to the state of disrepair of the wooden blocks on the tram-line in Oxford-street; if not, will he direct their attention thereto?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the blocks are raised and loosened by the shifting of the sleepers on which the tram-rails are laid?
- (3.) Is there any intention to repair this highway without delay, and so lay the sleepers that the mischief will not recur?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the state of this road is now being considered by the Commissioners.

2. **DEFICIENCY DEBT OF 1886 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 46.

Governor.

It being found expedient to raise an amount of money, not exceeding two millions and six hundred thousand pounds, to cover the Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years, and it being considered advisable to provide such amount by the issue of Treasury Bills, the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th August, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

3. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 10th July, 1889—"Claim of Mr. H. C. Armstrong to Lease of Land at Circular Quay."
- (2.) Return to an Order made on the 4th July, 1889—"Public Money paid to Relatives of Mr. B. R. Wise."
- (3.) Return respecting Government Advertisements in Daily Papers.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Deputy Medical Advisor to the Government on Eureka Patent Sanitary Burning Works at Newcastle.
- (2.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries on Fisheries of the Colony, to 31st December, 1888.
- (3.) Report of J. Ashburton Thompson, M.D., on Outbreak of Fever at Balranald.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **RAILWAY FROM GLEN INNES TO INVERELL (*Formal Motion*):**—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell (plans and specifications of which were approved of by the Legislative Assembly on the 15th September, 1886) should be at once submitted to the Railway Commissioners for their report. Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Wednesday next.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Goodchap 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 considering the condition of the Railway Rolling Stock of the Colony and Permanent-way, in relation to the reports of Messrs. Thow and Price-Williams which have been laid upon the Table of this House."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Goodchap moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Two o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Oyster Leases, Port Macquarie:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has there been a complaint made to the Commissioners of Fisheries that a Mr. J. S. Dick, of Port Macquarie, an oyster-culture lessee, had illegally removed 500 bags of oysters from Crown lands; and, if so, by whom?
 (2.) Has a complaint been made to the Harbours and Rivers Department that a jetty impeding navigation had been erected in front of Ashton; and, if so, by whom?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a complaint was made by Mr. McInherney, and was inquired into by the local Police Officer, from whose report it would appear that the charge was not sustained.
 (2.) There does not appear to be any record of a complaint having been made to the Harbours and Rivers Department respecting the jetty referred to.

- (2.) Application of W. Cooper for Mineral Lease at Inverell:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Edmunds, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Was the application of W. Cooper for a mineral lease of 20 acres at Inverell, of the 2nd January, 1889, approved and gazetted, and the lease notified as ready for execution?
 (2.) Was the same application afterwards refused, and so gazetted?
 (3.) Before such refusal, was the applicant asked for any explanation?
 (4.) Is it usual, in any cases when a mineral lease application has been gazetted as approved, to gazette afterwards a refusal without calling upon the applicant for explanation; if so, what are the grounds for such a course?
 (5.) Has he, since the refusal, received any explanation from Mr. Cooper?
 (6.) Does he intend to take any further action in this matter?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) No similar case ever occurred before.
 (5.) Yes.
 (6.) Yes; a report will be obtained from the Warden, and thereupon such action as shall appear proper will then be taken.

2. RAILWAY FROM MUDGEE TO WELLINGTON OR DUBBO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, representations, minutes, and other documents relating to the extension of a railway from Mudgee to Wellington or Dubbo.
 Question put and passed.

3. FURNITURE MANUFACTURED BY CHINESE:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill should at once be introduced to make provision,—

(1.) For making it compulsory to mark in a conspicuous place, with a distinguishing mark, all furniture manufactured by Chinese, whether made in this country or imported.

(2.) For compelling all persons who expose, either for wholesale or retail sale, furniture so marked, to have painted in letters, not less than 6 inches in height, in a conspicuous place in the front of their premises, the words, "Licensed to sell Furniture manufactured by Chinese."

(3.) For imposing a license fee on each Chinese employed by any person to manufacture upholster, French polish, or pack such furniture.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely:—Mr. Barnes, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Lees, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. William Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Wilshire,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prince Alfred Hospital:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that £2,500 is due to the Prince Alfred Hospital by the Government for pauper patients admitted to that institution?

(2.) Is it a fact that the efforts of the hospital authorities are almost paralyzed for want of money?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Advisor to the Government:—

(1.) Nothing is due to the Prince Alfred Hospital for the treatment of pauper patients. In addition to the Government subsidy of £4,000 per annum, the Committee has been paid by the Government the sum of £5,211 16s. 3d. for the treatment of paupers during the year 1888, and the sum of £2,162 16s. for the seven months ending 31st ultimo.

(2.) Not to my knowledge.

(2.) Imitations of Newspapers carried free by Post:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, for Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the public revenue is being defrauded by the issue of trade circulars and advertisement sheets as colourable imitations of newspapers, whereby they are carried free of postage all over the Colony?

(2.) Has it been represented to him that legitimate newspapers are deprived of revenue by the Government of New South Wales carrying bogus newspapers free through the mails?

(3.) Will he take such steps as will prevent the tradesmen of the metropolis from getting their advertising matter carried free of cost?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that such is the case.

(2.) No such representation has been made.

(3.) I am assured that all possible vigilance is used by the Postal Officials in preventing any infraction of the Act or Regulations.

(3.) Shorthand-writer, Equity Branch, Supreme Court:—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What services in the Equity Branch of the Supreme Court are rendered by the shorthand and type-writer for £50 a year?

(2.) Has the shorthand-writer so appointed a monopoly of the reporting *in toto*?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Master-in-Equity,—

(1.) That the sum of £50 a year is paid to the shorthand and type-writer as a retaining fee for holding himself in readiness to take down and transcribe any Order or Judgment that the Court may require, pursuant to the Equity Act 1880, and the Rules thereunder.

(2.) No.

(4.) Chief Paymaster, Brigade Office:—Mr. Clubb asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the present Chief Paymaster (Solomon) applied for or received any allowance, in addition to salary, on account of lodging, forage, fuel, rations, or light?

(2.) Is he allowed any sum in lieu of rent or servant?

(3.) Has he applied for any military rank to be conferred upon him?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to transfer the Pay Office to the Treasury?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) No.

(4.) The matter has been considered several times, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

(5.)

- (5.) Road, Billabong to Everett's, Barratta Run:—*Mr. Orick*, for *Mr. Barbour*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the stage to which the opening of a road from the Billabong to Everett's, through the Barratta station, has reached, and will the road soon be open to the public for use?
 - (2.) Was this road applied for by the public, supported by the Town Council of Deniliquin, in 1887, and has anything unusual occurred to take two years in dealing with this application?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) The road was preliminarily notified in the *Government Gazette* of 2nd instant. The time prescribed by law for lodgment of objections is thirty days. When that time shall have expired, and it be decided to establish the road, notwithstanding objections received, confirmation will follow without delay.
 - (2.) No; application was made by *Mr. Barbour*, M.P., in August, 1887, for the road, and the public petitioned in December, 1888. The first communication from the Borough Council of Deniliquin on the subject was received this year, when it expressed approval of the route that had been surveyed. Strong protests by the owners of the land, and a petition by the public against the proposal to open the road, were lodged, which demanded full inquiry and consideration, and necessitated further reports being obtained from officers of this and the Public Works Department.
- (6.) Applications for Improvement Purchases by *Mr. Henry Ricketson*, Deniliquin Land District:—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Barbour*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has *Henry Ricketson* applied for several renewed improvement purchases in the Deniliquin Land District?
 - (2.) If so, what are the numbers of the portions, names of the parishes, and the areas?
 - (3.) Have these applications yet reached the stage of being sent on for survey?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—*Mr. Ricketson* has requested reconsideration of several applications made by him to purchase in virtue of improvements. If the Honorable Member will move for a Return in the usual manner, I see no objection to particulars being furnished without delay.
- (7.) Supply of Overcoats to Fettleers, Railway Department:—*Mr. Kidd*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Are overcoats supplied by the Railway Department to drivers, guards, porters, &c.?
 - (2.) Are fettleers required to attend to their lengths in all weathers, and particularly so in wet and stormy weather?
 - (3.) Are fettleers supplied with overcoats?
 - (4.) If not, will he take steps to supply overcoats to these men?
- Mr. McMillan* answered,—I am informed that overcoats are supplied to guards, but not to drivers, porters, or fettleers. It is the fettleers' duty to attend to the work required on their lengths at all times. It is not intended to provide them with overcoats.
2. BROKEN HILL AND PINNACLES TRAMWAY BILL:—*Mr. Slattery* presented a Petition from *George Maiden*, of Sydney, Auctioneer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway, by way of Thackaringa, the Pinnacles, and Broken Hill, to near "Mount Gipps Hotel." And *Mr. Slattery* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Silver Age*, and the *Barrier Miner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. McMillan* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 1st August, 1889—"Loan Votes."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 17th July, 1889—"Application by *W. N. Hill* for Additional Conditional Purchase, Condobolin."
Ordered to be printed.
4. SUSPENSION OF MICHAEL MCNAMEE, LATE LETTER-CARRIER AT REDFERN:—*Mr. O'Connor* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the General Post Office Department, Correspondence, &c., respecting the suspension of *Michael McNamee*, the originals and the copies having both been tabled through inadvertence.
Question put and passed.
5. LAND BOARDS AT HAY AND DENILIQUIN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Street* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of the Board (of which *Dr. Sly* was the Chairman) appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Divorce Extension Bill; third reading;—*until Tuesday next*.
 - (2.) Ministerial Election Bill; third reading;—*until Tuesday next*.
7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, *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,

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:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That, to enable the Government to raise a sum of money to cover deficiencies in the Public Revenues for the year 1886 and previous years, it is expedient to authorize any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole two millions six hundred thousand pounds.

(8.) *Resolved*,—That all principal sums to be contained in such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and may be renewed from time to time until the deficiency debt of 1886 and previous years be extinguished and paid.

(9.) *Resolved*,—That all such Bills shall bear interest, payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum in respect of the whole moneys contained therein, and that such interest shall be chargeable upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(10.) *Resolved*,—That on the thirty-first day of December, 1890, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to a Special Trust Fund Account for the purpose of creating a fund to pay off the said Treasury Bills, and a like sum shall be so paid annually thereafter, so long as any portion of the said Treasury Bills remains unpaid.

(11.) *Resolved*,—That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

8. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. (7) to (11), to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills cover the Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dredging Operations, Tweed River:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will dredging operations be commenced upon the Tweed River, to make the river navigable for ocean steamers?
 - (2.) Have instructions been given to survey the Tweed River Bar, as promised last March?
 - (3.) If not, when is it likely the survey will take place?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) It is not possible to give a definite answer to this question at present. As soon, however, as the sand pumps (which are being provided) have arrived, and have been found suitable for this particular class of work, it will then be determined when the Tweed River shall be operated upon. The pumps in question will be here in three months, and there are already a great many requests for their use when they arrive.

(2 and 3.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers informs me that a survey is already in existence, and that another is hardly necessary at present.

- (2.) Compensation to Alexander Ferguson, of Canowindra, for Land taken for a Road:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to allow any compensation to one Alexander Ferguson, of Canowindra, for land taken from him for a road, as per correspondence 82/607-15 of Roads Department; if so, when?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Inquiry is being made in this matter, and when completed the Honorable Member will be communicated with.

- (3.) Unsold Town and Suburban Lots at Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to offer for sale by auction the unsold town and suburban lots at Cargo, at a reduced upset price; if so, when?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I know of no reason why the upset price of these lands should be reduced. On the contrary, judging by the results of the sale held in December last, the prices should not be lowered. I may also add that, in connection with this sale held in December last, the District Surveyor suggested that the upset price should be increased. It was increased, and the land was sold at the upset price.

- (4.) Free Carriage by Rail of a Horse for a Judge of the Supreme Court:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one of the Judges of the Supreme Court brought a horse free by railway from the town at which the Circuit Court had been held to Sydney?
- (2.) Was such Judge called upon to pay for the carriage of the horse?
- (3.) Has the Judge done so, or did he refuse to do so?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Such a case as that referred to by the Honorable Member cannot be traced; but if he can give any particulars, inquiry will be made, and information forwarded to him.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for quarter ended 30th June, 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., respecting Suspension of Michael McNamee, late Letter-carrier at Redfern, and his Appointment as Stamper and Sorter at the General Post Office.
Ordered to be printed.

3. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan 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. McMillan, 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, 22 AUGUST, 1889, A.M.

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

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

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

The House adjourned, at a quarter before One o'clock a.m.; until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Gunner John Foster, Permanent Artillery:—Mr. Greene asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was Gunner John Foster injured whilst on duty during the year 1888?
- (2.) If so, on what date, and under what circumstances?
- (3.) What was the nature of his injuries?
- (4.) Has he yet returned to duty; if not, from what cause?
- (5.) When is it likely that he will return to duty?
- (6.) What reports or recommendations (if any) have been made to the Officer Commanding Artillery, or the Major-General Commanding, in reference to this soldier; by whom, and on what dates, respectively?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table this afternoon, giving the desired information.

(2.) Roads between Bungendore and Captain's Flat:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Upon what date, within the last three months, did Mr. O'Sullivan, M.P., report the defective state of the roads between Bungendore and Captain's Flat?
- (2.) Upon what date did Mr. Bundock, Road Inspector, receive notice of that report?
- (3.) On what date did Mr. Bundock visit Captain's Flat for the purpose of inspecting these roads?
- (4.) Upon what date did Mr. Bundock order the repairs to be carried out?
- (5.) What was the cause of the delay that occurred between the report of Mr. O'Sullivan, M.P., and the initiation of the work of repairing the roads by Mr. Bundock?
- (6.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of appointing an assistant to Mr. Bundock, in order that the roads at the Queanbeyan end of his district may meet with more prompt attention?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The whole matter dealt with in the Honorable Member's questions is being inquired into; and I shall be obliged if he will postpone his request for an answer for a week.

(3.) The Bathurst Burr:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the Bathurst burr is rapidly spreading along made roads?
- (2.) Will he take steps to cause the maintenance-men employed on the public roads to eradicate the burr on such roads?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in some places, and dying away in others.
- (2.) The maintenance-men have already been instructed to eradicate burrs, thistles, and other noxious weeds when more urgent work is not requiring their attention.

(4.) Erection of Crane, Moama Wharf:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the crane be supplied for the wharf at Moama, as promised?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As soon as the Estimates are passed, steps will be taken to supply the crane referred to.

(5.) Clock for Post Office, Moama:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Postmaster-General,—When will the clock be erected in the post-office at Moama, as promised by letter from his Department?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I am informed that the clock intended for the post office, Moama, cannot be placed in the position indicated by the Honorable Member and others, owing to an architectural difficulty; and a report on the subject, just received from the Colonial Architect, is as follows:—"The building is not adapted for a clock; but if it is decided a clock should be provided, the necessary alterations can be made for fixing one in the gable, the cost of which, together with the clock, will be about £140."

(6.)

(6.) Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he yet obtained a report from the Railway Commissioners on the proposed line of railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin ?
- (2.) If so, will he at once submit the matter to the Public Works Committee ?
- (3.) Does he intend to withhold the Jerilderie-Deniliquin line from the Public Works Committee until the Railway Commissioners have had time to report upon the Hay-Deniliquin line ?
- (4.) If so, on what ground ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2, 3, and 4.) I shall lay the matter before the Cabinet, with a view to a determination whether the line shall be submitted to the Public Works Committee.

(7.) Bore for Water on the Deniliquin-Moama Stock Route :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will operations be commenced in respect to the sinking of a bore for water at the Yellow Waterholes, on the Deniliquin-Moama stock route, as promised some time since by letter from his Department ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Tenders have been invited for 30,000 feet. The boring referred to has been included in the Schedule.

(8.) Railways—Goulburn to Crookwell—Tarago to Braidwood :—*Mr. Ryrie* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the grades, or average grades, of the proposed line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell ?
- (2.) The same of the measured line of railway from Tarago to Braidwood ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The ruling grade is the same on each line, viz., 1 in 40.

(9.) Railway to Brewarrina :—*Mr. Davis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the trial survey for the Brewarrina railway be started ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Since I communicated with the Honorable Member on this subject, I have ascertained that a railway trial survey was made some years ago. I shall bring the proposed line before the Cabinet at an early date, with a view to its being submitted in the next list of public works to go before the Works Committee.

(10.) Charges against an Officer of the Colonial Treasurer's Department :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he made any inquiry into the charge laid against some officer in his Department by a certain newspaper, and brought under his notice by *Mr. Schey* on 7th August instant ?
- (2.) What is the name of the officer therein referred to ?
- (3.) What steps has he taken in the matter ?
- (4.) Does he intend to do anything more in it ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My attention was first called to this matter by the Under Secretary to the Treasury, on the 5th instant—two days, in fact, before the Honorable Member brought it under my notice. It arose out of a paragraph in an evening paper, which contained a statement to the effect “that a certain officer in the Treasury Department is often absent from his office for days in a semi-intoxicated state, but draws his pay just the same as if he earned it.” I need scarcely say that I caused inquiry to be at once made; and I am assured, on the reports of the heads of rooms in my Department—most reliable officers—that the statement has not the slightest foundation; in fact, the officers over whom I have the honour to preside, as Minister, are indignant at this unmanly mode of attack, which, by referring to “some one” in the Treasury, without disclosing the name, attempts to cast a stigma on the whole body. As the Honorable Member appears to have taken up this matter, I would suggest that the duty now devolves upon him of naming the officer (if he be in existence) whose conduct is called in question. I may say that, to make this inquiry complete, we had questions put to each of the different officers in charge of Branches in the Department, and the answers received were as follows :—“*Mr. Newcombe*,—Does this statement touch any one in your room ?—G.E., 5/8/89. The statement does not touch any one in my Branch.—*W.N.*, 6/8/89. *Mr. Pearson*,—Will you please answer the above query ?—G.E., 7/8/89. Certainly not. The gentlemen in my Branch are above suspicion.—*J.P. Paymaster* ?—G.E., 7/8/89. Emphatically, no.—*J.D.C. Examiner* ?—G.E., 9/8/89. The above statement does not in any way apply to the officers of my Branch.—*S.R.C.*, 10/8/89. The Correspondence and Registry Rooms being under my daily observation, I can personally vouch for the falsity of the statements as to the officers employed therein.—G.E., 10/8/89.”

2. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. McMillan*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt of 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 authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd August, 1889.

3. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (2.) Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
4. **PAPERS** :—
- Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return respecting the Case of Gunner John Foster.
 - (2.) Statement of Moneys paid to Mr. Oscar Meyer in connection with Melbourne Centennial International Exhibition.
 - (3.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Grenfell, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
 - (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Casino, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
 - (5.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell.
 - (6.) Preliminary Statement (*in part, No. 2*) of Australasian Statistics, 1888-9.
 - (7.) Report of J. E. F. Coyle on the River Murray.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return of Persons Convicted of Gambling by means of Totalizators, Consultation Sweeps, &c., in the Metropolitan District, since 1st January, 1889.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1889, 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 eleven minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Travelling Expenses, &c., of the Judges of the District Court:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How much money was provided for in each of the Appropriation Acts for the years 1885 1886, 1887, and 1888, as travelling expenses for the Judges of the District Courts for each of those years?
 (2.) What is the daily allowance for each Judge whilst going to, attending at, and returning from, his Circuit?
 (3.) How many Courts of Quarter Sessions has each of the present Judges attended in each of the years mentioned, and which of such Courts?
 (4.) How many days was each Judge absent at the Courts of Quarter Sessions attended by him?
 (5.) What sum was paid to each Judge for each Court attended?
 (6.) Do the Judges of the District Court furnish vouchers for their expenses when on Circuit?
 (7.) Are the Judges of the District Court on Circuit furnished with free railway passes to and from their Circuits?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will cause a Return to be prepared and laid upon the Table, giving the information required, both in this question and that which follows.

(2.) Forfeited Conditional Purchase of *D. Thompson, Grafton*:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Lands,—is he prepared to delay final action in case C.P. 87-123, Grafton, *D. Thompson*, 360 acres, 21st July, 1887, declared forfeited, pending further inquiry?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Final action has already been taken in this case by the forfeiture of the land.

2. APPLICATION OF *ROBERT LAMROCK* FOR A CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT *MUDGEE* (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wall* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and other documents in connection with the application of *Robert Lamrock* for a conditional purchase, applied for at *Mudgee* in June, 1871, and refused.
 Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the *Distress for Rent Abolition Bill* postponed until Tuesday next.
4. FRIDAY SITTINGS:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional Order appointing Friday as a Sitting Day, agreed to on 9th May, 1889, be rescinded.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

<i>Mr. McMillan,</i>	<i>Mr. Scaver,</i>
<i>Mr. Brunner,</i>	<i>Mr. Lees,</i>
<i>Mr. Gould,</i>	<i>Mr. Waddell,</i>
<i>Mr. Carruthers,</i>	<i>Mr. Street,</i>
<i>Mr. Tonkin,</i>	<i>Mr. Scobie,</i>
<i>Sir Henry Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>
<i>Mr. Crick,</i>	<i>(Canterbury),</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Dale,</i>
<i>Mr. Torpy,</i>	<i>Mr. Bowman,</i>
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>	<i>Mr. Teece,</i>
<i>(Glen Innes),</i>	<i>Mr. Fuller,</i>
<i>Mr. Copland,</i>	<i>Mr. Hugh Taylor.</i>
<i>Mr. Davis,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Lync,</i>	<i>Mr. Paul,</i>
<i>Mr. Black,</i>	<i>Mr. Cullen.</i>
<i>Mr. Wright,</i>	
<i>Mr. Creer,</i>	

Noes, 21.

<i>Mr. W. E. Abbott,</i>	<i>Mr. Melville,</i>
<i>Mr. Harold Stephen,</i>	<i>Mr. Dawson.</i>
<i>Mr. Schey,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan,</i>	<i>Mr. Stevenson,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Molesworth.</i>
<i>Mr. Levien,</i>	
<i>Mr. Wall,</i>	
<i>Mr. Wilshire,</i>	
<i>Mr. Cooke,</i>	
<i>Mr. Garrard,</i>	
<i>Mr. Chapman,</i>	
<i>Mr. Frank Smith,</i>	
<i>Mr. J. P. Abbott,</i>	
<i>Mr. William Stephen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Abigail,</i>	
<i>Mr. Gormly,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hawken,</i>	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND INVESTMENT COMPANY SALES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garrard, 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. Garrard, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Armaments and Garrisons for King George's Sound and Thursday Island.
Ordered to be printed.
7. OAKEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Smith 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. Smith, 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. Smith (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Probate Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
9. SHEEP DISTRICT BOARDS (POWERS RESTORATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tonkin proceeded to move, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Point of Order:—Mr. Abigail requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to the necessity for a Message from the Crown for this Bill, it being a Revenue Bill, exempting certain districts from the payment of assessment.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the Bill did not propose to give up revenue, nor did it increase the burdens of the people. He did not consider that it required a Message from the Crown, or to originate in Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Tonkin then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.
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Mr. Frank Smith.</p> | | |
- And so it passed in the negative.
On motion of Mr. Tonkin, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Teece 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. 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.
(2.) Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.

12. WINDSOR GASLIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bowman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Bowman, 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. Bowman, 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.) Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.
 (2.) Municipal Registration Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.
 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. Bowman, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Clubb, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hutchison (*Canterbury*), Mr. Nobbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Teece, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Wilshire,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes before Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Commission of Inquiry into Civil Service:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Government be in a position to lay upon the Table of this House the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the "Working of the Civil Service," in so far as it relates to the Customs Department, which was ordered by this House on 23rd July last?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Report will be laid upon the Table as soon as the evidence upon which it is based is supplied by the Public Service Inquiry Board. It is considered inexpedient to lay an incomplete document before Parliament.

- (2.) The *Dead Bird* Newspaper:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps (if any) are the Government taking in reference to a publication known as the *Dead Bird*?

Mr. Gould answered,—The opinion of the Attorney-General has been obtained as to whether this publication comes within the provisions of the "Obscene Publications Prevention Act of 1880," and has been forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.

- (3.) Mr. Oscar Meyer:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has a sum of £300, or any other sum, been recently paid to Mr. Oscar Meyer?
(2.) If so, on what account?
(3.) When will the return in reference to this gentleman be laid upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The sum of £300 has been placed at the credit of this gentleman to carry out the business of the representation of the Colony at Dunedin. It cannot be carried out without funds, and the course pursued is that pursued on other similar occasions. The return asked for was laid upon the Table last week.

- (4.) Tension of Signal Wires or Rods for Railway use:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, or documents of every kind relating to any apparatus or machinery which has been submitted to the Railway Department at any time during the last three years, relating to any schemes or proposals for maintaining the tension of signal wires or rods automatically or by any other means, or for taking up the slack of such wires or rods, or for any other purpose connected therewith; also, copies of any tenders which may have been received for such apparatus or machinery, and copies of any indents or orders which may have been at any time made for any such apparatus or machinery, or for any part or parts thereof?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Honorable Member will see that a compliance with such a comprehensive question must entail a large amount of copying work and printing, the greater portion of which would probably be of little or no value. I shall be glad, however, to arrange that the Honorable Member may peruse all papers bearing upon the matters in question at any time.

- (5.) Mr. J. C. Neild, Executive Commissioner, Adelaide Exhibition:—Mr. Torpy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has Mr. John Cash Neild furnished the Government with a full and final statement in connection with his accounts as Executive Commissioner at the late Adelaide Exhibition?
(2.) If so, will he lay it upon the Table of the House?
(3.) If not, will he take immediate steps to compel Mr. John Cash Neild to furnish such a statement?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. Neild has furnished a statement; but it was not accepted by the Auditor-General as meeting the adjustment of the advances made on account of the Adelaide Exhibition. Mr. Neild has again been asked for full particulars.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

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 August or following month of the year 1889, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th August, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Memorandum by Sir Henry Parkes on the Defence of the Australian Colonies by Imperial Troops.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 22nd May, 1889—"Mineral Leases, County of Gough, Parish of Highland Home."

(2.) Return respecting Bores put down for Water in the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 22nd May, 1889—"Opening of Macnamara's Road, Parish of Kembla, County of Camden."

Ordered to be printed.

4. WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT:—Mr. Frank Farnell, 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 21st May, 1889, together with Appendices.

Ordered to be printed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—

(1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 10 postponed until to-morrow.

(2.) Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all Liquor Licenses;—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Toronto Tramway Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading;—until Tuesday next.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER:—Mr. J. P. Abbott (by consent), moved, without Notice, That Standing Order No. 29 be suspended to allow Orders of the Day of General Business to take precedence of Notices of Motions on this day only.

Question put and passed.

7. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce."

Question put and passed.

Mr. Abbott 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 to amend and extend the Law of Divorce,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th August, 1889.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Garran,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Seobie,
Mr. Greer,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Alexander Brown.
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Perry,	Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Dalton,	Tellers,
Mr. Hutchison	
(Glen Innes),	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Lamb,	
Mr. Ritchie,	
Mr. Wheeler,	
Mr. Rytic,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Hurley*, moved, That this Bill be “now” read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Walker moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word “now,” with a view to adding the words “this day six months.”

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 19.	
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Abigail</i> ,	<i>Mr. Ferguson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Fuller</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gould</i> ,	<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lyne</i> ,	<i>Mr. Traill</i> .
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<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Perry</i> ,	<i>(Glen Innes)</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Barbour</i> ,	<i>Mr. Bruncker</i> ,	<i>Mr. Tonkin</i> ,
<i>Mr. Davis</i> ,	<i>Mr. Waddell</i> ,	<i>Mr. Alexander Brown</i> ,	<i>Mr. Playfair</i> .
<i>Mr. Gormly</i> ,	<i>Mr. Leas</i> ,	<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Nicoll</i> ,	<i>Mr. Chapman</i> ,	<i>Mr. H. H. Brown</i> ,	
<i>Mr. W. E. Abbott</i> ,	<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,	<i>Mr. Melville</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dawson</i> ,	<i>Dr. Ross</i> ,	
<i>(Canterbury)</i> ,	<i>Mr. Kidd</i> .	<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Cullen</i> ,		<i>Mr. Forpy</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Scobie</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Schey</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Harold Stephen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lee</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hawken</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Haynes</i> ,	<i>Mr. Edmunds</i> .	<i>Mr. Frank Smith</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Stevenson</i> ,		<i>Mr. Bowman</i> ,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 20.*	
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Chapman</i> ,	<i>Mr. Ferguson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Fuller</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gould</i> ,	<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lyne</i> ,	<i>Mr. Traill</i> .
<i>Mr. O'Connor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dawson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Kidd</i> ,	<i>(Glen Innes)</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stevenson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Bruncker</i> ,	<i>Mr. H. H. Brown</i> ,
<i>Mr. Davis</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lee</i> ,	<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,	<i>Mr. Alexander Brown</i> .
<i>Mr. Gormly</i> ,	<i>Mr. Edmunds</i> ,	<i>Mr. Walker</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Nicoll</i> ,	<i>Mr. Haynes</i> ,	<i>Mr. Melville</i> ,	
<i>Mr. W. E. Abbott</i> ,	<i>Mr. Harold Stephen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Playfair</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Abigail</i> ,	<i>Mr. Scobie</i> .	<i>Mr. Tonkin</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,	<i>Dr. Ross</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Wyman Brown</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>	<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Perry</i> ,	<i>(Canterbury)</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hawken</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Barbour</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cullen</i> .	<i>Mr. Schey</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Waddell</i> ,		<i>Mr. Frank Smith</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Leas</i> ,		<i>Mr. Bowman</i> ,	

* So in Tellers' Lists.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Abigail then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.*”

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Title be amended by adding the words, “*for the purpose of taking away a right long enjoyed by the people.*”

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 33.	
<i>Dr. Ross</i> ,		<i>Mr. Nicoll</i> ,	<i>Mr. Howe</i> ,
<i>Mr. Tonkin</i> ,		<i>Mr. O'Connor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Schey</i> ,
<i>Mr. Playfair</i> ,		<i>Mr. Gould</i> ,	<i>Mr. Barbour</i> ,
<i>Mr. Ferguson</i> ,		<i>Mr. Abigail</i> ,	<i>Mr. Chapman</i> ,
<i>Mr. Walker</i> ,		<i>Mr. H. H. Brown</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cullen</i> ,
<i>Mr. Melville</i> .		<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Kidd</i> ,
<i>Tellers</i> ,		<i>Mr. Bruce Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dawson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>		<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stevenson</i> ,
<i>(Glen Innes)</i> ,		<i>Mr. W. E. Abbott</i> ,	<i>Mr. Gormly</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> .		<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Leas</i> ,
		<i>Mr. Wyman Brown</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lee</i> ,
		<i>Mr. Harold Stephen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Scobie</i> ,
		<i>Mr. Hutchison</i>	<i>Mr. Edmunds</i> ,
		<i>(Canterbury)</i> ,	<i>Mr. Haynes</i> .
		<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
		<i>Mr. Hawken</i> ,	
		<i>Mr. Frank Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Fuller</i> ,
		<i>Mr. Perry</i> ,	<i>Mr. Waddell</i> .

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.*”—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 Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th August, 1889.

9. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Chapman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1889, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Bruce Smith,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicoll.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Paul,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Traill.
Mr. Tonkin,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Howe,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Frank Smith.
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Financial Institutions:—*Mr. Kidd*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Do all the financial institutions in Sydney receiving money on deposit comply with section 7 of the Act 4 Victoria No. 13?
 (2.) If not, will he take steps to enforce compliance with section 7 of said Act?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not prepared to say that all financial institutions in Sydney receiving money on deposit comply with section 7 of the Act 4 Victoria No. 13, as some of these institutions are registered under the "Friendly Societies Act," and are without the operation of the Statute referred to. The whole question will be considered by me during the recess, with a view to the further protection, if required, of the public interests.

- (2.) Tramway, Jerilderie to Berrigan:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Referring to the petition and various communications from residents of Berrigan and district, praying for the construction of a tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan,—has this line been surveyed?
 (2.) If not, will he cause a survey to be made at once, and obtain a report from the Railway Commissioners concerning the desirability of constructing the said tramway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) No survey of the line has yet been made.
 (2.) It is my intention to obtain a report on the subject.

- (3.) Diamond-drill hired for Clarence Siding:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The name of the person who hired No. A diamond-drill for Clarence Siding, date of agreement, and if hired to be paid for by the foot for boring or by the week, and amount paid to the Department towards expenses previous to date the drill was sent from Sydney?
 (2.) Did the Under Secretary receive, on 27th May, 1886, cheque for £300, signed by Mulholland and Garsed, trustees for six persons who purchased for £1,400 the allotments at Dargin's Creek; and did the Under Secretary, by letter addressed to the Local Land Board Office, state the expenditure in mining operations in connection with Lithgow M.C.P. 81-67, John M. Gardiner, for No. 164, parish Clwydd, county Cook, was £300?
 (3.) Is it a fact that he instructed the Attorney-General to take action in the Supreme Court to recover payment of £1,086, said to be balance of account for boring with said diamond-drill on said John M. Gardiner's 40 acres mineral conditional purchase, against Wm. Turnbull, James Russell, John Garsed, J. B. Turnbull, and Walter Christie (and not against John Hy. Mulholland)?
 (4.) Did the four first-named defendants, in equal parts, pay the Department the said £1,086, making in all £1,386 the Department received for boring with No. A and No. 7 drills?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the Department on or about 1st May, 1885, consented to put down a bore at Dargin's Creek, near Clarence Siding, to a depth of about 1,200 feet, to intersect the coal seam known in that locality as the Vale of Clwydd Company's main seam; and have the Department, up to date, bored to a depth of 1,200 feet; and, if not, what is the total depth to date?
 (6.) What is the total depth bored with No. A. drill to 30th November, 1886, the percentage of core saved, and the sum received from the Treasury from commencement of bore to 30th November, 1886?

Mr.

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Information given in return ordered to be printed on the 7th February, 1888.
 - (2.) Same as above.
 - (3.) I understand Mr. Mulholland's name was omitted, as he was an uncertificated insolvent.
 - (4.) The company consented to the verdict to pay £1,086 16s. 7d., and the sum of £1,086 was paid to the Crown Solicitor.
 - (5.) Same as No. 1.
 - (6.) The cost of work to 30th November, 1886, was £1,130 14s. 4d.
- (4.) Tenders for Erection of Buildings on Garden Island :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Were tenders invited some time ago for the erection of certain buildings on Garden Island ?
 - (2.) Was one of such tenders accepted ?
 - (3.) Is the erection of such buildings being proceeded with by the contractor ; if not, for what reason ?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the foundations for these same buildings were put in by the Harbours and Rivers Department ?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that such foundations are now found to be defective ?
 - (6.) When will the work be proceeded with ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; for three buildings.
 - (2.) Tenders have been accepted for three buildings.
 - (3.) One building is being proceeded with. There is no reason why the others should not be proceeded with. The delay is with the contractors.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) I am having inquiry made into the matter.
 - (6.) There is nothing to prevent the contractors proceeding at once with the work.
- (5.) Zoological Society :—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who is the owner of the land and buildings occupied by the Zoological Society ?
 - (2.) On what tenure does the Zoological Society occupy their land and buildings ?
 - (3.) Who owns the animals in the Zoological Society's Gardens ?
 - (4.) To whom does the money received as charges for entrance into the Zoological Society's grounds belong ?
 - (5.) Has any request at any time been made to him, or to the Government collectively, to place a sum of money on the Estimates as a special grant, or to give any sum of money to pay a debt incurred by some members of the Zoological Society ?
 - (6.) Was any sum of money placed on the Estimates in consequence of such a request ?
 - (7.) On what representations was any sum of money placed on the Estimates as a special grant to the Zoological Society ?
 - (8.) What are the names of the gentlemen who are personally liable for the debt incurred by the Zoological Society ?

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

- (6.) Material ordered from Europe and America for Electric Telegraph Department :—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Has any material for the use of the Electric Telegraph Department been ordered from Europe or America since 1st January last ?
 - (2.) If so, what has been ordered, and on what date were the orders sent ?
 - (3.) What is the estimated cost of the material for each order respectively ?
 - (4.) Have the orders been sent through the Agent-General, or through whom have they been sent ?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; from England.
 - (2 and 3.) Electrical instruments, at an estimated cost of £300, ordered on 20th May ; and 3 miles of Tatham's patent cable, ordered on 5th August, at a cost of £420.
 - (4.) Yes ; sent through the Agent-General.
- (7.) Sale of Country Lots at Cargo :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to offer for sale by public auction, country lots at Cargo, county of Ashburnham ; if so, will he see that steps are taken to have such country lots sent up for sale at an early date at a reduced upset price or reasonable rate ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—There is at present no intention of submitting these lands for sale by auction. If it is shown that a demand exists for the purchase of the land, and that a reduction in price would be justified, action will be taken accordingly.

- (8.) Foxlow Road, near Bungendore :—Mr. Copland, for Mr. Harold Stephen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the road through Mr. Osborne's property at Foxlow, near Bungendore, be open for traffic ?
 - (2.) Of the four reserves at Bungendore, is any of them available for travelling stock and camping purposes ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Confirmation of the road from Foxlow towards Hoskingtown (now Osborne's) has been approved, and notification thereof will be published in the next issue of the *Government Gazette*. The formal opening will follow in due course.
- (2.) The only areas around Bungendore which can apply to the question are apparently three divisions or areas set apart for temporary commonage and the permanent common. These are not available for travelling stock in the same sense as travelling stock and camping reserves.

(9.) Parkes Land Board:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he, up to the present time, taken steps towards a reconstruction of the Parkes Land Board?

(2.) If not, will he give it his early consideration, and thus prevent possible local irritation?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes; the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Police Magistrate is being filled by the appointment of a local gentleman recommended by the Members for the district.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting the Zoological Society.

(2.) Regulations of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigades Act, 1884.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes.

(4.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries on Fisheries of the Colony to 31st December, 1888—
(To be substituted for similar Paper laid upon the Table on 15th August, 1889).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) 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.

(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.) 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 Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

3. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—
on motion of Mr. Cullen, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the 'Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)' to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company.*"

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 'Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)' to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the 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, 28th August, 1889.*

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. McMillan 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 1889," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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 there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £593,170, being £490,670 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of August or following month of the year 1889, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1888, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1889; £55,000 special grant to country and suburban Municipalities, equal to 5s. per £ of the total amount of the general rates collected for the Municipal year ended 4th February, 1889; £27,500 further special grant to country and suburban Municipalities, equal to 2s. 6d. per £ of the total amount of the general rates collected for the Municipal year ended 4th February, 1889, to make the amount equal to 7s. 6d. per £ for that year; and £20,000 to meet urgent claims in connection with roads, bridges, and other public works.

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

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6. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—
(12.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1889, the sum of £593,170 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. McMillan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5)**:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 12), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1889.
(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 1889*,”—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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, *passed*.
Mr. McMillan 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 1889*.”
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 1889*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th August, 1889.
8. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Blayney Volunteer Corps:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there any deferred pay due to any members of the late Blayney Volunteer Corps; if so, will it be paid, and when?

(2.) Is there any efficiency money due to any members of the said corps; if so, when will it be paid?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; which will be paid to-day.

(2.) No.

(2.) Bridge over the Murray, at Tocumwal:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any decision been arrived at regarding the necessity for the immediate construction of a bridge over the Murray River, at Tocumwal?

(2.) If so, has he any objection to stating when it is intended to call for tenders for the construction of said bridge?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No decision has been arrived at, as the Government are waiting the receipt of a communication from the Victorian Government on the subject. A sufficient sum, however, to cover a moiety of the estimated cost has been placed on the Loan Estimates, in anticipation of a favourable reply being received from the Government of Victoria.

(3.) Public School, Gulgong:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has the condition of the Public School at Gulgong been brought under his notice?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Department to make better provision for the accommodation of the scholars, by the erection of new buildings?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Department has recently caused repairs and improvements to the existing buildings to be effected, and further accommodation will be provided in due course by the erection of additional buildings.

(4.) Telegraphic Communication between Cathcart and Bombala:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has he taken into consideration the petition of the residents of the town of Cathcart, with reference to telegraphic or telephonic communication with Bombala?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the telegraph line runs within 200 yards of the post-office?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I approved, in April last, of the opening of a telegraphic station at Cathcart, on the guarantee principle; and so soon as the names of guarantors are submitted, and the necessary bond is executed, the office will be opened.

(5.) Court-house and Lock-up at Adaminaby:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Court-house, police quarters, and lock-up at Adaminaby are in a very dilapidated state?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect new buildings?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A report has been furnished on the subject by the Colonial Architect, which the Honorable the Minister of Justice has referred to the Police Magistrate at Cooma for further information. When this is received the matter will be further dealt with.

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(6.) Lock-up at Bombala:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the erection of a lock-up at Bombala? Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Plans for the lock-up are being prepared, together with an estimate of cost. As soon as these have been furnished by the Colonial Architect, the matter shall receive immediate attention.

(7.) Bridge over Bombala River at Bibbenluke:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the contractor for the erection of a bridge over Bombala River, at Bibbenluke, commenced work; if not, will he state the cause of delay?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No; the contractor has declined to carry out the work as specified, and fresh tenders will be invited immediately.

(8.) Reserve at Craigie:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he taken into consideration the petition of the residents of Craigie and vicinity, asking that the reserve at that place be surveyed into town allotments and sold?

(2.) Is it a fact that Craigie is on the main road to the Bonang Mines in Victoria?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the matter is not yet finally determined.

(2.) This is not known for certain.

(9.) Naval Artillery Volunteers:—Mr. Fuller asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Officer Commanding the Naval Forces to deprive the Naval Artillery Volunteers of one of their torpedo boats?

(2.) What facilities are available for the training of the Naval Artillery Volunteers on the water, independent of the two torpedo boats, which only require twenty men out of 250?

(3.) Do the Government intend to supply a gun-boat of the latest type to supply the place of the "Neptune" (hopper-berge), in order that the remaining 230 men may learn the practical work expected of them?

(4.) As it is alleged to be necessary for the proper defence of a port to use submarine mines, torpedoes, and floating batteries, what steps are being taken by the Government to provide for the two latter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) There are no facilities at the present time in Sydney for training the Naval Artillery Volunteers on the water otherwise than with the two torpedo boats and the "Wolvereno," when the latter-mentioned vessel is not being used by the Naval Brigade.

(3.) This matter will receive early consideration.

(4.) The two torpedo boats are frequently exercised in discharging torpedoes, and ten or twelve other boats are available and could be secured and armed with these weapons at short notice in the event of war. The Government have also made application to the Home Government lately to be supplied with an ironclad ship for defence purposes.

(10.) Delivery of Local Messages by Telegraph Department:—Mr. Wyman Brown asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has the Telegraph Department declined to accept for delivery local messages which do not require to be sent over the wires, but for which payment has been tendered at the usual tariff for telegraphic messages; if so, for what reason?

(2.) Will he, in the interest of the general revenue, and to meet what at times may prove a great public convenience, make arrangements for the future delivery of such local messages?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Yes; because it is considered that the Telegraph Department cannot be intended for the delivery of messages which are not transmitted by a telegraph wire; nor does such delivery come within the functions of such a Department. The conveyance of messages of this character is a work belonging rather to the Corps of Commissionaires or other kindred institutions.

(2.) It is not considered that the system would result in any advantage to the general revenue; because a large addition would of necessity have to be made in the staff of messengers, who would have to be quite distinct from the telegram delivery staff.

(11.) Parcels Post:—Mr. Clubb asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that serious complaints are being daily made by residents in the country, and by city firms, with regard to the non-delivery of parcels transmitted through the parcels post?

(2.) If so, will he take such measures as will remedy this defect in his Department?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—There is no inland parcel post properly so called, as the present Postal Act prevents the transmission of heavy parcels. Small packets, not exceeding 16 oz., are however transmissible by post; and I am informed that there has been no undue increase in the number of inquiries as to the supposed miscarriage of these packets.

(12.) Sydney Hospital:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of subsidy has been paid by the Government to the Sydney Hospital for the year 1888, exclusive of all sums paid for the maintenance and treatment of paupers?

(2.) What amount was paid by the Government for the maintenance and treatment of paupers in the Sydney Hospital for the year 1888, exclusive of the sum paid as subsidy?

(3.) The same information in both cases for the seven months ending 31st July, 1889?

(4.) What was the number of patients admitted for treatment at the public expense, under Government orders, to the Sydney Hospital during the year 1888?

(5.) The same information for the seven months ending 31st July, 1889?

(6.) What was the daily average number resident of patients treated at the public expense in the Sydney Hospital during the year 1888?

(7.) The same information for the seven months ending 31st July, 1889?

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- (8.) What was the daily average number resident of all patients treated in the Sydney Hospital during the year 1888?
- (9.) The same information for the seven months ending 31st July, 1889?
- (10.) What was the average length of residence in days of each patient treated at the public expense in the Sydney Hospital during the year 1888?
- (11.) The same information for the seven months ending 31st July, 1889?
- (12.) What is the rate per diem allowed by the Government for the maintenance and treatment of pauper patients in the Sydney Hospital?
- (13.) Similar information to the foregoing, in all its details, to be supplied with reference to the Prince Alfred Hospital?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return, giving the required information, upon the Table next week.

- (13.) Punt for Louth Crossing, Darling River:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide a punt for Louth crossing over the Darling River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes; a punt now in use at Brewarrina is to be sent to Louth as soon as the bridge over the Billabong, at Brewarrina, is completed, (say) in about six weeks time.

- (14.) Zoological Society:—Mr. W. E. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was the sum of £3,000, placed on the Estimates as a special grant to the Zoological Society, to pay a debt incurred by that Society?
- (2.) Was the debt due to Mr. Sydney Burdekin, or to whom was it due?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No.

2. SILTING OF HAWKESBURY RIVER:—Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from certain Freeholders, Farmers, and Residents of the Hawkesbury River, in and below Windsor, representing that a succession of floods have silted up the Hawkesbury River and rendered it unnavigable, except for vessels of small tonnage and very light draught of water; that the Petitioners are opposed to the contemplated expenditure of a large sum of money in dredging operations on the said river; that they favour the construction of a light Railway from the Windsor Railway Station to Sackville Reach; and praying the House to prevent the wasteful expenditure of public money in dredging operations.

Petition received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return showing Travelling Expenses, &c., of the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts during the years 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

4. COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND INVESTMENT COMPANY SALES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the 'Commercial Building and Investment Company (Limited)' to sell and deal with real estate belonging to them, and of validating past sales or other dealings by the said Company.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the 'Commercial Building and Investment Company (Limited)' to sell and deal with real estate belonging to them, and of validating past sales or other dealings by the said Company,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th August, 1889.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 10th September.*
- (2.) Silkestone Coal-mine Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Tuesday next.*

6. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT 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 declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the City of Sydney,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 29th August, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th August, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 13. After "Sydney" insert "a copy whereof is comprised in the Schedule
"to this Act."
- Page 1, clause 1, line 14. After "hereto" insert "and the said footways shall be of the width of
"ten feet."

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Page 1. *After clause 1 insert the following new clause:—*

2. Every person who shall sustain any loss or damage in consequence of any part of his land being taken by this Act for the formation of Essex-street, as by this Act aligned, shall be entitled to compensation for the land taken; and such compensation shall be ascertained in the same manner as is provided by section two hundred and forty-two of the "Sydney Corporation Act of 1879" in respect of the compensation therein provided for.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1889, A.M.

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

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—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 1889,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th August, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

CONSTITUTION FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Speaker of the Legislative Council of Western Australia a letter, transmitting a Resolution unanimously adopted by that Council, expressing its grateful thanks for the sympathy exhibited towards it by the other Colonies in its efforts to obtain Responsible Government, which Resolution Mr. Speaker read to the House as follows:—

“The Legislative Council of Western Australia, in Council assembled, desires to express to the Governments and Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, and New Zealand, its hearty appreciation of, and grateful thanks for, the sympathy exhibited towards this Colony in its efforts to obtain from the Imperial Parliament Responsible Government, with the full rights and privileges attaching to that form of Constitution enjoyed by all the other Colonies of Australasia.

“This Council believes that these able and well-directed efforts will prove of the greatest possible assistance to Western Australia; will tend to hasten the introduction of Responsible Government to this, the last remaining portion of Australasia not possessing the full benefits of autonomous institutions; and will expedite the advent of that period so ardently hoped for, which cannot be much longer delayed, when all these Colonies shall be united in one great free and prosperous Federation.”

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

*Message No. 48.**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 1889,*”—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, 2nd September, 1889.*

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Witnesses sent to Gaol for Drunkenness in Court at Tamworth:—Mr. Dowel asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he arrived at any decision concerning the two witnesses who were sent to gaol by Judge Windeyer for being drunk in Court at Tamworth?

(2.) Is it his intention to order their release; and, if so, when?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have pleasure in informing the Honorable Member that the matter has now been finally dealt with. In replying to his Question, I should like to point out that this matter is of a nature entirely different to those which ordinarily come before the Government where remission of sentences are applied for. In this case the Cabinet felt that the matter involved very careful and anxious consideration, in order that there might be no action taken on the part of the Government which would have the effect in any way of interfering with the proper administration of justice in this Colony, or which would have the effect of in any way lessening the power of the Judiciary in dealing with offences which might be committed before the face of the Court. Honorable Members will therefore see that it was a matter not to be lightly decided, and I may explain that it was under consideration upon several occasions. The Government have come to the conclusion that this is not a case in which they would be justified in advising any remission whatever of the sentence passed on these prisoners by Mr. Justice Windeyer for the contempt

contempt of Court alleged. In replying to this question, I should like to read a copy of a letter that has been addressed to me by the Chief Justice in reference to this particular matter, and which it is my intention to lay upon the Table of this House. It may be in the recollection of Honorable Members that a short time ago a paragraph appeared in one of the newspapers to the effect that there would probably be an announcement made in Parliament during the week as to the release of these particular men. I received a letter from His Honor the Chief Justice, in which he drew attention to this paragraph, and he then proceeds to write as follows:—

“These men, as you are aware, were not imprisoned merely ‘for appearing in the witness-box in a state of intoxication,’ but were imprisoned for deliberately getting drunk, or feigning drunkenness, and thus enabling a possibly guilty man to escape just punishment.

“Such a crime is as serious and as dangerous to the well-being of the community as can well be conceived.

“If I may be allowed to offer an opinion on the matter, and as to the length of the sentences, it is this, that Mr. Justice Windeyer is to be highly commended for what he did in the vindication of Justice; that the sentences are not one day too long; and that to let these men out one day sooner than the term of their sentence will be striking a blow at the proper and efficient administration of Justice, from which it will not easily recover.

“This is my deliberate opinion, formed after mature consideration.

“Believe me to remain,

“Very faithfully yours,

“FRED. M. DARLEY.”

I have taken the opportunity of reading this letter to Honorable Members for the purpose of showing the real case upon which these men were imprisoned, and not for the purpose simply of conveying the opinion of the Chief Justice with regard to the matter. His Honor pointed out clearly and distinctly that these men were imprisoned for an offence different from what appeared in the first instance to be the offences they had committed—that of appearing in the Court in a state of intoxication. The Judges have power to deal with contempts of Court, committed in the precincts of the Court and in the face of the Court. I am not aware that this is an offence for which these men could have been committed for trial, and for which they could have been tried before a Jury. Being an offence committed in the face of the Court, it was dealt with as contempt of Court. If these men felt that they were wronged by the decision of the Judge, their proper course was to have appealed to the Supreme Court. I take it that the function of Government in dealing with cases of remission of sentence is not to consider the legal question or legal aspect of the evidence, but their duty is to consider whether there are circumstances in connection with the case, apart from the evidence, which would justify them in interfering with the discretionary power that is unquestionably and undoubtedly in the hands of the Judges of the Court. It is represented to me that these men were imprisoned for deliberately getting drunk, with a view to enable a possibly guilty man to escape punishment. Under these circumstances, the Government do not purpose interfering by way of recommending any commutation of the sentence.

(2.) Tension of Signal Wires or Rods for Railway Use:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many systems or inventions for maintaining the tension of signal wires or rods have been brought under notice of the Railway Department during the last three years?

(2.) What are the names of the inventors or persons bringing same under notice?

(3.) Has any report been made on these various systems; if so, when, and by whom?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, a copy of such reports (if any)?

(5.) Have any such apparatuses been fixed on any portion of the Railway premises at any time for trial; if so, which, and where?

(6.) What was the duration of the trials in each case (if any), and the dates during which such trials were made?

(7.) Have prices been asked at any time for the manufacture or supply of such apparatuses; if so, what were the respective prices or terms offered or tendered for each apparatus, &c.?

(8.) Has any decision been arrived at as to whether any or either of such systems will be adopted?

(9.) If so, when was such decision given; which system has been adopted; what is the price for each complete apparatus; do the Department acquire the patent rights and manufacture for themselves, or will any firm supply same complete?

(10.) If the latter, will he name the firm?

(11.) What reasons and considerations guided the Department in coming to such decisions (if any)?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Four.

(2.) Messrs. Wilkin & Forwood, Mr. W. J. Cotton, and Messrs. Thornley & Rowe.

(3.) Yes; by the Signal Engineer and others.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Messrs. Wilkin & Forwood's was fixed at Newtown about October, 1888, and is still in use. Mr. Cotton's was fixed at Summer Hill in February, 1889, and is still in use. Thornley & Rowe's was fixed and tried at Strathfield about March, 1889, but is not now in use.

(6.) No specified time. The patents are still in use, as stated in reply to Question No. 5.

(7.) Yes.

Machine.	Price complete, including Royalty.			Royalty only for each Apparatus.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Wilkin & Forwood	5	15	0	0	15	0
Mr. Cotton	4	17	4	0	16	0
Messrs. Thornley & Rowe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8.) Yes.

(9.) 17th June, 1889. Wilkin & Forwood's patent, to be fixed where considered necessary. None have been made up to the present, and it has not been determined where they will be made, but probably in the Government workshops; and, in the event of any being made, a royalty of 15s. for each machine is to be paid the patentee.

(10.) See No. 9.

(11.) Messrs. Wilkin & Forwood's model has been adopted because, after proper trial, it has been found to be the most suitable apparatus.

(3.) Kiama to Nowra Railway Extension:—*Mr. Hawken*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any correspondence been received by his Department, from landowners or their agents, concerning the extension of the Illawarra Railway to Shoalhaven; if so, will he produce such correspondence?

(2.) Have any proposals been made by any person or persons outside the Public Service, in effect that the temporary terminus of the Kiama-to-Nowra extension should remain on the north side of the Shoalhaven River, or have any inducements at all been made by landowners or their agents?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) There is no record in the Department of any such correspondence.

(2.) I am not aware of any. It is proposed to make a temporary deviation in the line; so as to bring it within three-quarters of a mile of Nowra. Until the extension of the line to Jervis Bay is recommended, it is clearly undesirable to incur the expense of £100,000, which would be involved in the construction of a bridge across the Shoalhaven River. The position of the contemplated terminus has been approved on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief.

(4.) Roads between Bungendore and Captain's Flat:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Upon what date, within the last three months, did *Mr. O'Sullivan*, M.P., report the defective state of the roads between Bungendore and Captain's Flat?

(2.) Upon what date did *Mr. Bundock*, Road Inspector, receive notice of that report?

(3.) On what date did *Mr. Bundock* visit Captain's Flat for the purpose of inspecting these roads?

(4.) Upon what date did *Mr. Bundock* order the repairs to be carried out?

(5.) What was the cause of the delay that occurred between the report of *Mr. O'Sullivan*, M.P., and the initiation of the work of repairing the roads by *Mr. Bundock*?

(6.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of appointing an assistant to *Mr. Bundock*, in order that the roads at the Queanbeyan end of his district may meet with more prompt attention?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) On the 17th June.

(2.) On the 19th June.

(3.) On the 15th July.

(4.) *Mr. Bundock* invited tenders for three contracts on his return from Captain's Flat. One has been accepted, another will be at once, and the third has been returned for fresh tenders to be invited.

(5.) Because *Mr. Bundock* was engaged at the time on more pressing duties.

(6.) An assistant has already been provided.

(5.) Salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions, Central and Water Police Courts:—*Mr. Howe* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has provision been made on the Estimates-in-Chief for increases in the salaries of the Clerks of Petty Sessions at the Central and Water Police Courts?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to make provision on the Supplementary Estimates for an increase in the salaries of those suburban Clerks of Petty Sessions who are affected by the passing of the "Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Act of 1887"?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The question of compensating Clerks of Petty Sessions generally for loss of fees is now under consideration.

(6.) Fatal Accident on board Tug "Orestes" at Newcastle:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any inquiry been held *in re* the late fatal accident on board the tug "Orestes" at Newcastle?

(2.) If not, will he cause an inquiry to be held?

(3.) Will he call for a report from the Masters of all the Government tug-boats as to whether they consider the boats carry a sufficient number of hands?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) The accident has been inquired into and reported upon by the officers of the Department?

(3.) The subject of manning the Government steamers has been fully investigated, and the number of men employed found to be sufficient. Special inquiry has been made as to the number of hands employed on private tugs, and it has been clearly proved, as the result, that the Government tugs are more fully manned than private vessels of the same class and power.

(7.) American Life Assurance Offices:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that an American Life Assurance Office (the Equitable, of the United States) recently resisted an action brought against it in the District Court, Sydney, and nonsuited the plaintiff in the action, on the plea that, being a foreign corporation, it could not be sued in New South Wales?

(2.)

(2.) Is it a fact that the American Life Offices doing business in this Colony have received, and are receiving, large sums of money from the public in connection with life assurance?

(3.) Is it a fact that these companies have absolutely no assets in the Colony to meet claims upon them, and that such claims, if resisted, would probably have to be enforced in America through the Courts of that country?

(4.) Is it a fact that all the Australian Colonies, except New South Wales, have Acts of Parliament in force which make all foreign Life Companies equally amenable to the jurisdiction of the Colonial Courts as are local offices, and which compel such companies to invest funds in those Colonies for the security of their local policy-holders?

(5.) Do the Government propose to introduce a similar Act for New South Wales; and, if so, when?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The whole question connected with the status and transactions of these societies will be considered by the Government during recess, in view of legislation, if necessary.

(8.) Steam Punt for Spit, at Middle Harbour:—*Mr. Lync* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the new steam punt for Middle Harbour, at the spit, be ready and in use?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is hoped within three weeks.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Letter from Crown Solicitor, and Statement showing the Actions in which Costs have been recovered, the amount of such Costs, and how accounted for.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Letter from Sir F. M. Darley, Chief Justice, respecting Witnesses sent to Gaol for Drunkenness in Court at Tamworth.

Mr. Gould moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Collection and Delivery of Goods, Great Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways *re* Messrs. McMahon & Co.'s Contract.

(2.) Reports respecting Wilkin & Cotton's Railway Signal-wire Tighteners.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 9th August, 1889—"Mrs. Ann Rouse's Conditional Purchase at Kahibah."

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 11th July, 1889—"Sale of Township Allotments, Tocumwal." Ordered to be printed.

5. BLACKFRIARS AND SHEPHERDS NURSERY ESTATES 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 remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Streets and Lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate and on portion of the Shepherd's Nursery Estate*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. OAKEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Frank Smith*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a line of Railway from land near Lithgow, belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a line of Railway from land near Lithgow, belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1889.

OAKEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd September, 1889.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 1, line 21. Omit "five" insert "two"

Page 10. After clause 37 insert new clauses 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43:—

38. The Railway Commissioners may from time to time appoint any person to be Inspector, for the purpose of inspecting the railway and of making any inquiry with respect to the condition of the works, or into the cause of any accident, provided that no person so appointed shall exercise any powers of interference in the affairs of the Company.

39. Every Inspector under this Act shall, for the purpose of any inspection or inquiry which he is directed by the Railway Commissioners to make or conduct, have the following powers, that is to say:—

- (i) He may enter and inspect the railway and all the stations, works, buildings, offices, stock, plant, and machinery belonging thereto.
- (ii) He may, by summons under his hand, require the attendance of any person who is engaged in the management, service, or employment of the Company, and whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for the said purpose, and may require answers or returns to such inquiries for the said purpose as he thinks fit to make.
- (iii) He may require and enforce the production of all books, papers, and documents of the Company which he considers important for the said purpose.

40. Where, in or about the railway, or any of the works or buildings connected with such railway, or any building or place, whether open or enclosed, in connection with such railway, any of the following accidents take place in the course of working, that is to say—

- (i) Any accident attended with loss of life or personal injury to any person whomsoever;
- (ii) Any collision, where one of the trains is a passenger train;
- (iii) Any passenger train, or any part of a passenger train, accidentally leaving the rails;
- (iv) Any accident of a kind not comprised in the foregoing descriptions, but which is of such a kind as to have caused, or to be likely to cause, loss of life or personal injury, and which may be specified in that behalf by any order to be made from time to time by the Railway Commissioners;—

the Company working such railway shall send notice of such accident, and of the loss of life or personal injury (if any) occasioned thereby, to the Railway Commissioners.

41. Such notice shall be in such form, and shall contain such particulars, as the Railway Commissioners may from time to time direct, and shall be sent by the earliest practicable post after the accident takes place.

42. The Railway Commissioners may from time to time by order direct that notice of any class of accidents shall be sent to them by telegraph, and may revoke any such order. While such order is in force, notice of every accident of the class to which the order relates shall be sent to the Railway Commissioners by telegraph immediately after the accident takes place. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall render the Company liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

43. At any time the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may, if he think fit, purchase such railway, upon giving to the said Company three months notice in writing of his intention to do so. If the amount tendered for the purchase of the property be considered inadequate by the Company, the amount shall be ascertained by assessment, in terms of the "Public Lands Acquisition Act," before a Judge or jury.

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.
8. MANLY DRAINAGE WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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. Smith, 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 sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works at Manly, in the County of Cumberland.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1889.
9. WOMENS COLLEGE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT 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 with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
10. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES' REMUNERATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Nocs*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Smith, 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. Smith (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Narrabri, Moree, Walgett, and Coonabarabran Roads:—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the necessary reports been obtained, as promised, on the state of the Narrabri, Moree, Walgett, and Coonabarabran Roads; and is it intended to grant a special Vote (outside of the ordinary Road Vote) to repair and place these roads in travelling order?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The local officer has been requested to furnish a report upon the condition of the three first-named roads, and a special grant has been given to effect repairs to the last-named.

- (2.) Sites for Agricultural College and Model Farms:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take immediate steps to acquire sites for Agricultural College and Model Farms, and to set those institutions into immediate working order?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.

- (3.) Sydney Mechanics School of Arts:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts is competing with establishments conducted by private enterprise as a place of theatrical and other amusement, and charging the public admission?

(2.) Does the said institution receive a subsidy of over £1,000 per year from the Government as an aid to its educational purposes?

(3.) Does he consider that, in view of the fact that comic operas, minstrel entertainments, mesmeric performances, at which people are induced to eat tallow candles and drink disgusting mixtures, are being held at the said institution, that the said subsidy should be continued?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House, copies of all correspondence between the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts and the Board of Technical Education, relative to the efforts of the latter to obtain a lease of the large hall of the School of Arts as a School of Design?

(5.) Will this be done before any further payment is made to the School of Arts?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts is used for the purposes of theatrical and other amusements.

(2.) Yes; the institution receives aid in the same proportion as is granted to other kindred institutions, which aid for the preceding three years has averaged £1,363 per annum.

(3.) As to the expediency of continuing the subsidy in view of certain facts, I can see no connection between the two points. The Government subsidy is not given for the purpose of encouraging the institution to do other than carry on its legitimate functions. The entertainments and proceedings mentioned in this question are not part and parcel of the functions of the institution. If the trustees continue to carry them out, it may become a question whether the general public will continue their subscriptions to the institution; and it is on the basis of the general public subscriptions that the Government subsidy is given.

(4.) There will be no objection to this being done.

(5.) Yes; if the House is in session when the claim becomes due, this paper will be laid upon the Table.

(4.)

- (4.) Survey Fee for Gold Lease:—Mr. Scaver asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Is it the case that a mining surveyor received, for the survey of a 5-acre gold lease, £1 10s., while an applicant for a gold lease of such an area has to lodge a survey fee of £2?
 (2.) If such be the case, what becomes of the 10s. difference?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) It is not known that any such case has occurred. The rule is to charge the applicant £1 10s., and to pay the same amount to the surveyor.
 (2.) If in any case an applicant deposits £2, the 10s. excess is refunded to him.

- (5.) Rents raised of Conditional Leases:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) In how many conditional leases, under the various sections of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, have the rents been raised by the Minister for the time being over the rents determined by the Land Boards?
 (2.) The amount under each section?
 (3.) The aggregate amount?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Without referring to the original papers in each case, it would be impossible to furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member; and, as many of these are now in course of action at the Head Office, and many others are with the Local Board Officers, it is impossible to answer the question within anything like a reasonable period.

- (6.) American Life Assurance Offices:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that an American Life Assurance Office (The Equitable, of the United States) recently resisted an action brought against it in the District Court, Sydney, and non-suited the plaintiff in the action, on the plea that, being a foreign corporation, it could not be sued in New South Wales?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the American Life Offices doing business in this Colony have received, and are receiving, large sums of money from the public in connection with life assurance?
 (3.) Is it a fact that these companies have absolutely no assets in the Colony to meet claims upon them, and that such claims, if resisted, would probably have to be enforced in America through the Courts of that country?
 (4.) Is it a fact that all the Australian Colonies, except New South Wales, have Acts of Parliament in force which make all foreign Life Companies equally amenable to the jurisdiction of the Colonial Courts as are local offices, and which compel such companies to invest funds in those Colonies for the security of their local policy-holders?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) I have no official knowledge.
 (4.) I understand there has been special legislation on this matter in all the other Colonies.

- (7.) Telephone Office at Southgate, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Postmaster General,—
 What officer reported against the establishment of a telephone office at Southgate, Clarence River?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Mr. Inspector Tucker.

- (8.) Nautical School Ship "Vernon":—*Mr. Wilshire*, for *Mr. Martin*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—How far has he proceeded in his efforts to secure a suitable vessel to replace the "Vernon"?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In reference to this matter, the Government some time ago, at the instance of my honorable friend the Minister for Public Instruction, caused communication to be made to the Imperial Government, asking them for an ironclad of a certain class—that is to say, a sound ship, but one of slow speed, which has been, as it were, shot ahead of by the ships of faster speed and more important capacity. It was represented to the Imperial Government that if this ship was given to the Colony the Colony would incur the expense (which would be considerable) of bringing her out, and that she would be used as a floating battery. In ordinary times she would be used for the purpose of training the naval branch of our Forces, and it was thought that she would be a very valuable battery if a time of war arrived. I received yesterday from His Excellency a reply to this application, declining to present the ship to the Colony for certain reasons which may be summed up to this effect—that there are only some three ironclads of this description laid aside, and it is considered that if a time of trouble arose those ships will be wanted to take part in the defence of England.

- (9.) Private Bars in Hotels:—Mr. Colls asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that private bars in hotels in the city are being sub-let to persons of questionable character?
 (2.) If so, will he take the necessary steps to prevent a continuation of the practice?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) It is so reported.
 (2.) I will have this matter referred to the Inspector-General of Police, with the view of taking the necessary action should he be enabled to obtain the requisite proof of such sub-letting. From previous action taken in reference to these cases, I have ascertained that convictions could not be obtained owing to the difficulty of proof. The Licensing Act would not appear to prevent the licensees from having more than one bar on their licensed premises, though the sub-letting of such bars is clearly illegal.

2. WOMENS COLLEGE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to establish and endow a College for Women within the University 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 establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th September, 1889.*

3. PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY COMMONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving the area of each common (either permanent or temporary) in the Colony, and the name and the population of the towns (according to last Census Returns) to which commons have been granted, such Return to be in schedule form, showing the permanent and temporary commons separately.
Question put and passed.
4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE UPON BARRATTA RUN:—Mr. Barbour, 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 2nd April, 1889, together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
5. SUPPLY:—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 the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
6. FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1888 AND PREVIOUS YEARS, ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1889, AND LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1889:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

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 Further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1888 and previous years, Additional Estimates for the year 1889, and an Estimate of Expenditure on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1889, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1889.*

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) School of Arts, Nowra:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who are the trustees of the land dedicated for School of Arts at Nowra?
 - (2.) Have they the power to let or lease the ground for any other purpose than that for which it is dedicated?
 - (3.) Have the trustees received any moneys for rent of ground or buildings; and, if so, how much?
 - (4.) Has any account of these moneys been rendered to the Government?
 - (5.) If such account has not been rendered, will he have an inquiry made into the matter, and endeavour to ascertain what has become of these moneys?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Municipal Council of Nowra and their successors.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) It is understood that the Council have “charged themselves” a rental, in consideration of the use of the premises for municipal purposes. The exact amount paid is not known in the Department of Public Instruction.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The Government does not as a rule concern itself with the management of institutions of this kind, though it reserves to itself the right of inspection, with the view of seeing that the funds voted by Parliament are applied to the purposes for which they are voted. In this case, reference has been made to the Lands Department, who issued the grant.

- (2.) Crookhaven River Entrance:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Crookhaven River entrance (the port of Shoalhaven) is again shoaling?
- (2.) Will he ascertain if the tug-boat, at present in service along with the dredge “Pluto,” is fully sufficient for the work in which she is engaged?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that the Crookhaven River entrance is again shoaling, and have not received any complaints from masters of vessels trading there.
 - (2.) I find, on inquiry, that the “Pluto” is occasionally delayed, owing to the very long distance the punts have to be towed by the tug “Cyclops”; but there is no more powerful tug at present available.
- (3.) Public Tank at Little Bumble—Tycannah Lagoon:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it intended (and when) to invite tenders for a public tank and watering-place at Little Bumble, and for cleaning out Tycannah Lagoon, on the road from Narrabri to Moree?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This matter is under consideration, and I shall be able to inform the Honorable Member some day next week.

- (4.) Reserve for Stock-trucking Purposes, Cooma Railway Station:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to the reservation of a portion of land for stock-trucking purposes at the Cooma railway station?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No. The Honorable Member’s letter of 24th ultimo, addressed to Works Department, did not reach the Lands Department until yesterday.

(5.)

- (5.) Access to Michelago Railway Station :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that certain complaints have been made as to the inadequacy of access to the railway station at Michelago?
 - (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to redressing the grievance (if any)?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am not quite clear as to the exact meaning of the Honorable Member's question. If he will give me further particulars, I shall cause inquiries to be made at once in regard to the matter.
- (6.) Road, Cooma to Bombala :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount of money is it proposed to devote for expenditure on the road from Cooma to Bombala during the current year?
 - (2.) Will he state what sum the Road Superintendent thinks will be necessary to put that road in good order?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The local officer has recommended that a special grant be made available for this road; and, as soon as I know the requirements of the Department in connection with other urgent roads, I will come to a decision as to what amount can be fairly given from the funds placed at my disposal for roads generally. The sum of £2,550 has already been granted for this year, and there is still a balance of £950 to be expended out of that amount. The further grant will be additional.
- (7.) Access to Cooma Railway Station :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any arrangements been made for another access to the Cooma railway station?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—To enable me to give a satisfactory reply to this question, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will furnish me with more explicit information on the subject, concerning which nothing seems to be known in my Department.
- (8.) Conditional Lease of John McDonald, Parish of Barragin :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he state what (if any) decision has been arrived at in the case of the conditional lease No. 2,625, parish of Barragin, county of Ashburnham, now belonging to John McDonald (formerly to John Cassidy), correspondence No. 88-7,238, Lands Department?
 - (2.) If not, what is the cause of delay in replying to Dr. Ross' communication of 9th May, 1889, on the above case?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Dr. Ross, M.P., was this day informed of the determination arrived at in regard to Mr. McDonald's claim.
- (9.) Potts' Hill Reservoir :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the stone-work in connection with the Potts' Hill Reservoir?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders have already been invited for this work, to be opened on the 25th instant.
- (10.) Water Supply to Gladesville :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the supply of water to Gladesville as well as Ryde and Hunter's Hill?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Gladesville is embraced in the water supply works now being carried out for districts north of the Parramatta River.
2. WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company.
- And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
3. ENCROACHMENTS UPON J. PETERS' LAND, URINGALLA, COUNTY OF ARGYLE (*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 any encroachments, by sale and lease, upon J. Peters' 300 acres of land, in the parish of Uringalla, county of Argyle, granted in 1833.
- Question put and passed.
4. MR. JOHN GARSEED (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report by Mr. Healey, Barrister-at-Law, on the case submitted to him by Mr. Clarke, late Minister of Justice, having regard to the sad miscarriage of justice on the part of the Crown against one John Garsed.
- Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Tuesday next :—
- (1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Chapman, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
 - (2.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
 - (3.) Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

6. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting Surrender of Fugitive Criminals—England and Spain.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Surrender of Fugitive Criminals—England and Mexico.

Ordered to be printed.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes made a Statement respecting the exact legal position of this Colony in relation to the River Murray, and what the Government proposed to do in asserting the authority of the Colony to the control of the River.

8. OBJECTIONS TO FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that any Member desiring to object to any Motion or Order of the Day being taken as a *Formal Motion* or Order of the Day, must rise in his place for the purpose.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO, *via* AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU:—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 following Resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of the continuance of the Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), for a further term of twelve months from November next, on the following terms, namely:—The subsidy to be reduced to £33,500, and the Government of New South Wales to be responsible therefor, with the proviso that if the Government of New Zealand should hereafter join in this extension of contract, or should contribute, either in the shape of postages or by direct subsidy, any sum in excess of £6,000, such excess to the extent of £3,500 shall be allowed to the Company in consideration of the abatement of £3,500 they have agreed to make in the amount of present subsidy of £37,000. Duration of voyage to be 600 hours, as at present; but no penalties to be imposed provided voyage does not exceed 648 hours. No premiums to be paid for early arrival. Any contribution from the United States to be divided between the contractors and the Government of New South Wales, the former taking one-third and the latter two-thirds thereof. All postages from other Colonies to be retained by the New South Wales Government, subject to adjustment of a share thereof with the New Zealand Government, should that Colony agree to occupy a similar position in this extended contract to that which it now occupies in regard to the existing service. The spirit of the existing contract, in regard to the size of the vessels employed, and in all other respects, to be adhered to in the extended contract, and only European crews to be employed.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. 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,—

(1.) That this House approves of the continuance of the Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), for a further term of twelve months from November next, on the following terms, namely:—The subsidy to be reduced to £33,500, and the Government of New South Wales to be responsible therefor, with the proviso that if the Government of New Zealand should hereafter join in this extension of contract, or should contribute, either in the shape of postages or by direct subsidy, any sum in excess of £6,000, such excess to the extent of £3,500 shall be allowed to the Company in consideration of the abatement of £3,500 they have agreed to make in the amount of present subsidy of £37,000. Duration of voyage to be 600 hours, as at present; but no penalties to be imposed provided voyage does not exceed 648 hours. No premiums to be paid for early arrival. Any contribution from the United States to be divided between the contractors and the Government of New South Wales, the former taking one-third and the latter two-thirds thereof. All postages from other Colonies to be retained by the New South Wales Government, subject to adjustment of a share thereof with the New Zealand Government, should that Colony agree to occupy a similar position in this extended contract to that which it now occupies in regard to the existing service. The spirit of the existing contract, in regard to the size of the vessels employed, and in all other respects, to be adhered to in the extended contract, and only European crews to be employed.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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

The House adjourned, at six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Expenditure in Electorates of the Richmond, Grafton, Clarence, Macleay, and Manning:—

Mr. Barbour, for *Mr. O. O. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amounts were expended for national and local public works in the Electorates of the Richmond, Grafton, Clarence, Macleay, and Manning during the years 1860 to 1886 inclusive?

(2.) What was the rate per head of the expenditure in proportion to the population in the respective districts during these years, distinguishing between the expenditure for national works and those of a local public character?

(3.) What was the population of the respective Electorates in 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1886?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I find the information required by the Honorable Member will take some time to obtain. I have, however, given directions for the preparation of a Return embodying it, which will be laid upon the Table of the House at the earliest possible date.

- (2.) Purchase of Blue-metal Quarry, Kiama:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Fuller*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Government purchased an area of land in the district of Kiama for the purpose of opening and working a basaltic or blue-metal quarry?

(2.) If so, where is the land so purchased situated, what is the extent of it, what was the price paid by the Government for it, and from whom was it purchased?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to open up the quarries (if any) on the purchased land; when do the Government intend to do so; in what manner; and under what terms and conditions—*i.e.*, by tender or otherwise?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed the Railway Commissioners have purchased 30 acres of land at Kiama for the sum of £4,000, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of ballast therefrom for railway purposes. The land was purchased from *Mr. Cameron*, and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made the land will be opened up and ballast quarried therefrom. Tenders have been called for the working.

- (3.) Revocation of Reserves:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the reserves which he promised during the passage of the Land Bill should be revoked, be so revoked?

Mr. Brunker answered,—One hundred and one reserves, comprising an area of 111,092 acres, have been revoked and thrown open to selection since the date on which this House went into Committee on the Land Bill (5 June last); and sixty-two more, for an area of 34,367 acres, will be similarly dealt with during the present month. All this is exclusive of reserves revoked and re-notified.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, together with Minutes of Evidence Appendices and Plans, relating to the Proposed Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs.
Ordered to be printed.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF JETTIES AT COFF'S HARBOUR AND WOOLGOOLGA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, petitions, minutes, and all other papers relating to the construction of jetties at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga.

Question put and passed.

4. WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company.
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Burns 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 confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company,*"—read a first time.
5. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Schey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 Question put and passed.
6. PRE-LEASE BY JOHN McINNES, PARISH OF TUCKERIMBA, COUNTY OF ROSS (*Formal Motion*):—
 Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all papers and correspondence with reference to pre-lease No. 64-1, gazetted 24th February, 1865, of 594 acres, by John McInnes, parish of Tuckerimba, county of Ross.
 Question put and passed.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That Standing Order No. 29 be suspended to allow Orders of the Day of General Business to take precedence of Notices of Motions for this day only.
 Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 9, postponed until to-morrow.
9. ABOLITION OF PUNISHMENT BY WHIPPING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. McMillan,
 Mr. Traill,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Garran,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Harold Stephen,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Plumb,
 Mr. Hawken,
 Mr. Cooke,
 Mr. Shephard,
 Mr. Hutchison
 (Canterbury),
 Tellers,

Mr. Crick,
 Mr. Paul.

Noes, 40.

Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. McKac,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. King,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hutchison (Glen Innes),	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O. O. Dungar,
Mr. Scarer,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. See,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Wynan Brown.
Mr. Lees,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stephen, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

10. LLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Chapman, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

And the Question being again proposed,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Want submitted that certain provisions of the Bill were not authorized by the Order of Leave or the notices in the *Gazette* specifying the general objects of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker ruled that clause 4 was open to the objection taken, and that the Bill was not properly before the House.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Chapman, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hand Fire-pump for Town of Moama:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the hand fire-pump be forwarded, as promised some time since by letter, for the protection of public buildings at Moama?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government will be prepared to supply this fire-engine, and it will be sent to its destination with the least avoidable delay.

- (2.) Mining Leases, County of Gough:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did *Clarth* surrender his lease for portion No. 533, parish of Herbert, county of Gough; if so, on what date?
- (2.) On what date was the application made for the new lease?
- (3.) Was the difference of rent between the old lease and the new lease paid when the application was made according to the Mining Act?
- (4.) Was the block pegged and trenched afresh when the application was made for the new lease, and on what date?
- (5.) What number of mineral leases are in force in the parish of Clive, county of Gough?
- (6.) How much rent is due on the said leases?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; 15th November, 1887.
- (2.) 5th September, 1887. *Clarth* asked permission to surrender his lease, with a view to obtain a lease of the same land free of royalty.
- (3.) Rent was paid on the issue of new lease.
- (4.) No; the old lease was surrendered with the view to obtain one without royalty, therefore there was no need to re-peg.
- (5.) Forty-two leases in force in parish of Clive.
- (6.) Rents, amounting in the aggregate to £104, have recently fallen due in respect of the forty-two leases, but steps are being taken towards enforcing payments.

- (3.) Selection of Land at Deniliquin:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the local Deniliquin Press complain bitterly of the great loss of time to the public who go to select a piece of land (520 acres), and find that it had been withdrawn from sale only one day before selecting day?
- (2.) Is it not possible for the Department to give a reasonable notice when forfeited conditional purchases are to be withdrawn from selection, seeing that the forfeiture is advertised at least thirty days?
- (3.) In the case of *Martin's* forfeited conditional purchase, No. 80-58, Deniliquin, has any decision been given to the effect that lands on the resumed area may be reserved pending legislation, when the Land Law already says that Crown lands on the resumed area may be conditionally purchased?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; except in rare instances, where information as to the necessity for such withdrawal is only available at a late hour. Under the existing law, reserves of forfeited selections cannot be made until thirty days after forfeiture is notified.
- (3.) I do not quite understand the Honorable Member's question. No general decision was given in *Martin's* case. As the Land Board recommended the sale of the land by auction at £2 10s. per acre, exclusive of the value of improvements, and an offer of £2 an acre was made for it, the portion was reserved from sale pending legislation as to the extent of special area selections, and with a view to the land being made a special area.

(4.)

(4.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases, &c., County of Cooper, Parish of Willimbong:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) On whose recommendation were the lots 5 and 6, county of Cooper, parish of Willimbong, being forfeited conditional purchase 2,427 of 640 acres, and forfeited conditional lease 8,530 of 1,920 acres, reserved from sale for water supply?

(2.) What was the value of improvements on lot 5, and of what did the improvements consist?

(3.) Will the question—Is the land required for water supply?—be referred to the Local Land Board to take evidence and report?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Mr. District-Surveyor Orr, who reported that the land is worth £3 an acre, but is not suitable for special area selection under the limitation of 160 acres allowed by the existing law. Mr. Orr therefore suggested the temporary reservation of the land, pending the passing of the Land Bill now before Parliament.

(2.) £700 5s.; house, ringbarking, scrub-cutting (stacked and partially burnt off), tanks, drains, drafting yards, and fencing.

(3.) In view of the District Surveyor's report, I see no necessity for this.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Sydney and Prince Alfred Hospitals.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 5th September, 1889—"Mr. John Garsed."
Ordered to be printed.

3. ROAD FROM HOSKINGTON TO THE BUNGENDORE ROAD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, plans, petitions, and reports in reference to a road from Hoskington to the Bungendore Road.
Question put and passed.

4. THE LATE PRISONER MORRISON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Edmunds 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 correspondence and other communications received by His Excellency with reference to the respite of the late prisoner Morrison, pending such prisoner's petition for leave to appeal to Her Majesty the Queen in Council.
Question put and passed.

5. COMPLAINTS AGAINST CONSTABLE MURDOCH, MURRUMBURRAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Mackinnon, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence *in re* inquiry held at Murrumburrah, in April last, by Sub-Inspector Walker, with reference to complaints made by Hung Foot, storekeeper, against Constable Murdoch.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Tuesday next*.

(2.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.

(3.) Leconfield Coal-mine Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.

(4.) Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all Liquor Licenses;—*until Tuesday, 24th September*.

(5.) Toronto Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.

(6.) Essex-street Alignment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Tuesday next*.

(7.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday next*.

7. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick drew attention to clauses 35 and 38 of the Bill, which he considered were beyond the Order of Leave.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the objection taken was not fatal to the Bill, the clauses referred to being, in his opinion, within the Order of Leave.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

9. ANJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Stock Route from Five-day Creek, on Macleay River, to Tableland of New England:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any application been made to the Department of Lands for a stock route from Five-day Creek, on the Macleay River, to the Tableland of New England?

(2.) What reasons are assigned for making such request?

(3.) Is it a fact that the public deprecate such reservation?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No such application can be traced in either Lands or Mines Departments.

(2.) Water Supply, Town of Lismore:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total cost of the works for the water supply of the town of Lismore up to the present?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—£7,072 5s. 6d.

(3.) Silt Punt for Dredging at Tweed River:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that a silt-punt is urgently required for the dredge working at the Tweed River; if so, will he give instructions to have one sent as soon as possible to the Tweed River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes.

(4.) Over-bridge at Bathurst:—*Mr. Paul* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The cost of the over-bridge at Bathurst?

(2.) The name and amount of each tenderer?

(3.) Was the lowest tender accepted; if not, for what reason?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the cost of over-bridge at Bathurst was £6,060.

(2.) When tenders for this work were first invited, in July, 1887, the contract was for the whole work (ironwork and erection complete) and the following tenders were received:—*J. G. Gatty & Co.*, £6,749 4s. 2½d.; *Walker, Willis, & Durack*, £6,976 4s.; *J. F. Carson*, £7,453 3s. 6d.; *Ring & Spouncer*, £7,484 5s. 6d.; *McSwency & Kirwan*, £7,520 4s. 10d.; *Ostermeyer, Dewez, & Co.*, £7,607 12s. 9d.; *H. Taylor & Co.*, £7,679 19s.; *Hudson Brothers (Limited)*, £8,473 6s. 6d.; *C. E. Mayes*, £8,873 16s. 6d.; *R. F. Ritchie*, £8,956 7s. 3d.; *J. & J. Scrimgeour*, £8,957 0s. 9d.; *Loveridge & Hudson*, £10,073 11s.(3.) After consideration, the lowest tenderers, *Gatty & Co.*, were requested to submit an amended tender for erection only. The tender submitted, £3,421 4s. 3d., was accepted. Fresh tenders were then invited for the supply of ironwork, with the following result, and the lowest tender, *Messrs. D. & W. Robertson's*, was accepted:—*D. and W. Robertson*, £3,264 10s.; *Mort's Dock*, £3,422 10s.; *R. F. Ritchie*, £3,556; *Atlas Engineering Co.*, £4,247 10s. The amounts of final certificates were:—*J. G. Gatty & Co.*, £2,814 11s. 3d.; *D. & W. Robertson*, £3,245 5s. 5d.(5.) Site for Noxious Trades:—*Mr. Lees* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Government considered the question of fixing a site for noxious trades?

(2.) If so, has he any objection to inform the public of the result?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Government have not as yet come to any definite decision; but the matter is under consideration.

(6.) Racecourse at Canowindra:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is the land applied for as a racecourse at Canowindra, county of Ashburnham, likely to be dedicated; and what is the cause of the delay in having the same dedicated?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The papers are under reference to the District Surveyor at Orange. In their absence I cannot reply to the Honorable Member's question. A reminder is being sent to the District Surveyor to-day. (7.)

- (7.) Road from Leader's Lane into Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the road leading from Leader's Lane into Eugowra is at present in a dangerous condition; if so, will he see that steps are taken to have it put into a proper state of repair without delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have directed that a report be obtained on the matter at once.

- (8.) Tax on Bank-notes and Cheques:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) On the issue of every £100 in the shape of bank-notes by the banks, does the revenue receive the sum of £2 by way of tax?
 (2.) When cheques are used in the transaction of business in place of bank-notes, is the revenue made to suffer a loss in consequence; and will he take into consideration whether a tax should be placed on cheques as well as on bank-notes?
 (3.) Are cheques often drawn for a smaller sum than £1; and is it a fact that certain banks are in the habit of paying such cheques when presented?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) All cheques bear a stamp duty of 1d. each.
 (3.) I am not aware that such a practice prevails.

- (9.) Selection of Amos Batty, of Barragin, County of Ashburnham:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the certificate of conformity be issued in the selection of Amos Batty, 19th April, 1883-4, 87/55, 830 D. (since transferred to William Shield, of Cudal), of Barragin, county of Ashburnham?

(2.) Is there any cause for delay?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) To-morrow.
 (2.) The delay is chiefly the result of the selector's own act in not residing upon the land he applied for. This necessitated a reference to Parliament, with a view to validation by special enactment, and afterwards a re-survey of the land became necessary.

- (10.) Selection of Daniel Ryan, of Cheeseman's Creek, County of Ashburnham:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he state what decision (if any) has been arrived at in the selection taken up by one Daniel Ryan, of Cheeseman's Creek, parish of Boree Cabonne, county of Ashburnham, 121 acres, No. 85/1, Correspondence No. 89/2,988; and is there any cause for delaying the furnishing of an answer and decision to the selector?

(2.) Will he see that some decision is arrived at as early a date as possible, and the selector informed of the nature and result of the decision?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Ryan's case is being held over, pending legislation as to power being given to the Boards to grant further extension of time for fencing. If a decision be now given, Ryan's selection must be forfeited. I may say, in explanation, that this case is an illustration of several others, the dealing with which has been intentionally delayed. I say intentionally delayed because, since I have administered the Lands Department, while I have had due regard to the letter of the law, I have also acted up to the spirit of it. If I were to exercise the right which I have of giving a decision in such cases as this, I know it would involve loss and injury to hundreds of families whose losses will, I anticipate, be alleviated by the passing of the Land Bill.

- (11.) Removal of Mrs. Doyle from Public School at Branxton:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence, &c., relative to the removal of Mrs. Doyle from the Public School at Branxton?

(2.) Will he do nothing further in the matter until such correspondence is so laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have here a copy of all the papers to which the question refers, and if the Honorable Member for West Macquarie desires, he can peruse the correspondence. I am of opinion that it will be better for the efficiency of the Service, and in the interests of Mrs. Doyle herself, that this correspondence should not be laid upon the Table; but I should like the Honorable Member for West Macquarie to peruse the correspondence for himself, when I think it is probable that his judgment will concur with mine.

- (12.) Accidents to Gunners, Permanent Artillery:—Mr. Greene asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was any other soldier injured when on duty, with the same team of horses, at the same time as Gunner Foster, on 16th March, 1888; if so, whom?

(2.) What were his injuries?

(3.) Under what circumstances did the two accidents happen?

(4.) Were the horses fit for the work, and what was done with the soldier referred to immediately after the occurrence?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Yes; Gunner Whitton.

(2.) Compound fracture of both bones of the right leg.

(3 and 4.) Accidents caused by the restiveness of the horses, which at that time were supplied by the contractor, and not being trained to field battery work, could not be depended upon. Gunner Whitton was immediately taken to the garrison hospital, under supervision of the Surgeon-Major, who was present.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Manly Drainage Works Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works at Manly, in the County of Cumberland,*"—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, 12th September, 1889.

(2.) Blackfriars and Shepherds Nursery Estates Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Streets and Lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate and on portion of the Shepherd's Nursery Estate,*"—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, 12th September, 1889.

(3.) Commercial Building and Investment Company Sales Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the 'Commercial Building and Investment Company (Limited)' to sell and deal with real estate belonging to them, and of validating past sales or other dealings by 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, 12th September, 1889.

3. PAPER :—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on the Accident at Newtown on 7th September, 1889.
Ordered to be printed.

4. CROWN LANDS BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884,' and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the Public Lands, and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 12th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,

President.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th September, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "November" insert "December"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 13. After line 13 insert "'Board' or 'Land Board' means the Local Land Board of the District in question"
 Page 2, clause 4. After interpretation of "Conditional Purchase" insert "'Governor' means the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council"
 Page 2, clause 4. After interpretation of "Land Court," insert "'Oath' means affirmation, promise, and declaration in every case where an affirmation, promise, or declaration is by law allowed instead of an oath."
 Page 2, clause 4, line 35. After "thereof" omit remainder of clause.
 Page 3, clause 6, line 3. Omit "when" insert "if"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 5. Omit "ultimate"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 6. After "Court" insert "thereupon"
 Page 3, clause 6. At end of clause add "and conclusive"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 16. Omit "with the advice of the Executive Council"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 21. After "and" insert "the Executive"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 23. Omit "such salary or allowances as the Governor may approve"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 45. After "may" insert "without having lodged a caveat, appeared before the Local Land Board, given notice of appeal, or taken any preliminary step other than may be prescribed by the regulations or by rules of the Land Court"

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- Page 4, clause 8, line 29. *Omit* "which decision shall be conclusive"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 32. *After* "appeal" *insert* "reference or other proceeding"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 50. *After* "Court" *insert* "Any warrant to apprehend and to detain and
"bring before the Land Court, or to keep in any gaol, prison, lock-up, or other place of
"detention, any person liable upon the order of the Land Court to be so dealt with,
"shall be valid and sufficient if it be in the form appropriate thereto contained in the
"Third Schedule to this Act or to the effect thereof, and the Sheriff, his deputy and
"assistants, and all officers of the police force, and gaolers, to whom the same shall be
"addressed shall obey the same. Provided that no such warrant shall be issued against a
"person who fails to appear as a witness when called, unless it be proved to the satisfaction
"of the Land Court that he has been duly served with a summons or subpoena, and that
"payment or tender of his reasonable expenses has been made to him"
- Page 5, clause 8, subsection (VIII), line 5. *After* "do" *insert* "Any duties imposed or powers
"conferred upon the Registrar as aforesaid may, in his absence or inability to act, be
"discharged or exercised by any person provisionally appointed as Deputy Registrar,
"by the President or Acting President of the Land Court"
- Page 5, clause 8, line 8. *Omit* "or" *insert* "Acting President"
- Page 5, clause 8, line 8. *After* "Registrar" *insert* "or Deputy Registrar"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 10. *After* "President" *insert* "or in his absence any Member"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 15. *After* "document" *insert* "relating to the matter in question"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 21. *Omit* "s" from "proceedings"
- Page 5, clause 9, lines 21 and 22. *Omit* "for an offence against the provisions of this or the
"principal or any repealed Act"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 23. *Omit* "on"
- Page 5, clause 9. At end of clause *add* "or for giving false answers or making false declarations.
"If any person who has been summoned as aforesaid by the Chairman of the Local Land
"Board, or subpoenaed as a witness in any proceeding before such Board, and who has
"had payment or tender of his reasonable expenses made to him, shall neglect to appear,
"or if any person summoned, subpoenaed, or examined as a witness in any such
"proceeding refuses to be sworn or to make affirmation, promise, or declaration in lieu
"of an oath, or prevaricates in his evidence, or refuses to answer any lawful question,
"or to produce any document in his possession or control relating to the matter in
"question, which he has been summoned or subpoenaed to produce, or which is then in
"his possession or control, or to sign his examination when reduced into writing, it shall
"be lawful for the Chairman to commit such offender to gaol for any time not exceeding
"three months or to impose on any such offender a fine not exceeding one hundred
"pounds; and in default of immediate payment thereof to commit the offender to gaol
"for any time not exceeding three months unless the fine be sooner paid. And in any
"of the cases aforesaid, a warrant in the form contained in the Fourth Schedule (A)
"hereto shall and may be issued by such Chairman, and shall be good and valid in
"law without any other warrant, order, or process whatsoever; and the Sheriff, his
"deputy, and all officers of the police force, and gaolers, to whom the same shall be
"addressed, shall obey the same. Where any person who has been duly summoned or
"subpoenaed to attend as a witness before the Local Land Board, and who has had
"payment or tender of his reasonable expenses made to him, shall fail to appear in
"obedience to his summons or subpoena, the Chairman, upon proof of such person
"having been duly served with such summons or subpoena, and upon proof also that such
"person's non-appearance was without just cause or reasonable excuse, may issue a
"warrant in the form or to the effect of the Fourth Schedule (B) hereto to bring such
"person before the Local Land Board to give evidence."
- Page 5, clause 10, line 26. *Omit* "four" *insert* "five"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 35. *After* "within" *insert* "the boundaries of"
- Page 5, clause 11, line 37. *Omit* "to conditionally purchase or lease land" *insert* "for conditional
"purchases or conditional or homestead leases"
- Page 5, clause 12, line 57. *Omit* "Provided that"
- Page 6, clause 12, lines 4 to 6. *Omit* "in the case of a conditional purchase or conditional lease,
"until four weeks after the date of such application; and in the case of a homestead
"lease for" *insert* "until the expiration of"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 7. *Omit* "granted" *insert* "allotted"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 9. *Omit* "granted" *insert* "allotted"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 12. *Omit* "reverter" *insert* "reversion"
- Page 6, clause 13, line 30. *After* "for" *insert* "any allotted lands which are not described in the
"original application shall so far as the withdrawal of the same and the right of
"impounding in respect thereof under the provisions of section twelve of this Act are
"concerned be deemed to have been applied for on the date of the confirmation"
- Page 6, clause 13, line 31. *Omit* "then"
- Page 6, clause 13, line 36. *After* "deposit" *insert* "The Chairman shall within the prescribed
"time thereafter issue a certificate of such confirmation"
- Page 6, clause 13, lines 38 and 39. *Omit* "confirm or"
- Page 6, clause 13. At end of clause *add* "The provisions of this section shall, so far as procedure
"is concerned apply to applications made before but not finally disposed of at the
"commencement of this Act"
- Page 6, clause 14, line 51. *After* "applications" *insert* "and declarations"
- Page 6, clause 15, line 56. *Omit* "six" *insert* "nine"
- Page 6, clause 15, line 57. *Omit* "three months" *insert* "one month"
- Page 6, clause 15, line 58. *Omit* "six" *insert* "nine"
- Page 7, clause 15, line 8. *After* "any" *omit* "such"
- Page 7, clause 15, line 8. *After* "case" *insert* "of withdrawal"

- Page 7, clause 16, line 21. *Omit* "made after the land was measured" *insert* "valid"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 32. *Omit* "application if made after or"
- Page 7, clause 16, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "if made before the commencement of this Act"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 44. *After* "ring-fence" *insert* "of a character to be prescribed by such Board"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 46. *After* "Principal" *insert* "or any of the amending Acts"
- Page 7, clause 17 line 46. *Omit* "or any amending"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 48. *After* "term" *insert* "(and may upon application as prescribed extend the term)"
- Page 7, clause 18, line 59. *After* "proclaim" *insert* "by notice in the Gazette"
- Page 7, clause 18, line 59. *Omit* "in"
- Page 8, clause 18, line 1. *After* "purchase" *insert* "in"
- Page 8, clause 18, lines 4 to 16. *Omit* "It shall also be lawful for the Governor, by notification in the Government Gazette, to proclaim and set apart as special areas any lands within the suburban or population boundaries or population areas of any cities, towns, or villages, and such lands (without cancellation or revocation of such boundaries or areas) shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Principal Act, be open to conditional purchase on or after such dates, and in such areas, and subject to the payment of such deposits, and such instalments, and subject to the fulfilment of such conditions as to residence, improvements, fencing or otherwise, as may be specified in the proclamation. Any conditions so set forth shall have the force of law, and any breach thereof shall render the conditional purchase liable to forfeiture in accordance with this Act or the Principal Act."
- Page 8, clause 18, line 17. *Omit* "by notification in the Gazette"
- Page 8, clause 18, line 19. *After* "thereto" *insert* "and any such revocation or modification shall take effect on proclamation in the Gazette"
- Page 8, clause 18, line 21. *After* "shall" *omit* "remainder of clause" *insert* "subject to the provisions of section twenty-seven of this Act to be taken in portions as measured"
- Page 8, clause 19, line 23. *After* "before" *insert* "at or after"
- Page 8, clause 20, line 37. *After* "corporation" first occurring *insert* "company or partnership"
- Page 8, clause 20, line 37. *After* "corporation" second occurring *insert* "or Company or any officer or member of such company or partnership"
- Page 8, clause 20, line 53. *Omit* "or his lawful successor in title"
- Page 8, clause 20. At end of clause *add* "where a conditional purchase is held absolutely or by way of mortgage or security by a corporation, company or partnership, any application for an additional conditional purchase or for any conditional lease or any prescribed declaration in respect thereof may be made by any officer of such corporation or company or officer or member of such company or partnership duly authorized for the purpose"
- Pages 8 and 9, clause 21, lines 59 to 1. *Omit* "under the Principal Act (whether the application shall have been made before, or shall be made after, the commencement of this Act)" *insert* "since the commencement of the Principal Act"
- Page 9, clause 21, line 8. *After* "term" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "Any holder of a conditional purchase or conditional lease, the application for which may have been confirmed before the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, may, within two years from the date of confirmation of such application, apply, under the provisions of section two of the 'Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act,' for permission to substitute improvements in lieu of fencing. Holders of conditional leases under the fifty-second section of the Principal Act shall, within two years from the commencement of this Act, or within such extended term as may be granted by the Local Land Board upon application as prescribed, fence the boundaries of the land held thereunder, or may, within the two years aforesaid, make an application, under section four of the 'Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act' to substitute other improvements in lieu of fencing; the period prescribed by the last-mentioned Act for the making or completion of such improvements shall be computed from the commencement of this Act. The mere fact that forfeiture of a conditional purchase has, before or after the commencement of this Act, been notified, shall not bar the issue of the certificate of abandonment referred to in section twenty-two of the Principal Act."
- Page 9, clause 22, line 24. *After* "Amendment Act" *insert* "or this Act"
- Page 9, clause 22, line 28. *Omit* "application instead of from the date of its confirmation" *insert* "the confirmation of the application"
- Page 9, clause 23, line 55. *After* "reference to" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "the erection, completion, or repair of fencing, or to contributions towards the cost or maintenance of fencing upon or between adjoining lands or lands on opposite sides of roads or creeks, the Board shall on application as prescribed by any party concerned determine, subject to appeal, all questions in dispute and make any order necessary or incidental to the settlement thereof; and any such order shall be a sufficient authority and justification for entering upon any of the said lands, and doing such acts as may be necessary for carrying the same into effect. The provisions of section eleven of the 'Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act' shall be deemed to extend to cases where a fence, although not erected upon the actual boundary-line of any conditional purchase or conditional lease, is, in the opinion of the Local Land Board, subject to appeal, a sufficient boundary-fence. The provisions of this section and of section one hundred and forty-one of the Principal Act shall be deemed to apply to fences whether erected before or after the commencement of that Act, upon or between lands other than lands both or all of which may have been granted in fee, and to fences which may under sections eleven or fourteen of the 'Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act' have been or may be made or treated as boundary-fences"

- Page 10, clause 24, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "extended term" *insert* "term extended as aforesaid
"or otherwise"
- Page 10, clause 24. At end of clause *add* "Nothing in the Principal or this Act shall be held to
"prevent or to have prevented a Local Land Board from extending for more than one
"year the term for the erection of fencing in respect of any conditional purchase or
"conditional or homestead lease"
- Page 10, clause 25, line 44. *After* "leases" *insert* "whether granted before or after the
"commencement of this Act"
- Page 10, clause 26, line 47. *Omit* "under" first occurring *insert* "since the commencement of"
- Page 10, clause 26, line 49. *Before* "exceeding" *insert* "not"
- Page 10, clause 26, line 54. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 11, clause 26, line 13. *After* "holding" *omit* remainder of clause
- Page 12, clause 29, line 41. *Omit* "without any right of extension"
- Page 12, clause 29, lines 50 and 51. *Omit* "and for conditional leases" *insert* "and of license fees
"for resumed areas in the Central or Western Division"
- Page 12, clause 29, line 54. *Omit* "three months from the passing" *insert* "ninety days from the
"commencement"
- Page 12, clause 29, line 55. *After* "Western" *insert* "or Central"
- Page 13, clause 29, line 16. *After* "rent" *insert* "or license fee"
- Page 13, clause 29, line 19. *After* "lease" *insert* "or license"
- Page 13, clause 29, line 21. *After* "lessee" *insert* "or license"
- Page 13, clause 29, line 22. *After* "rent" *insert* "or fee"
- Page 13, clause 29, line 25. *After* "rent" first occurring *insert* "or fee"
- Page 13, clause 29, line 25. *After* "rent" second occurring *insert* "or fee"
- Page 13, clause 29, line 27. *Omit* "tenant" *insert* "lessee"
- Page 13, clause 32, line 43. *After* "situated" *insert* "wholly"
- Page 13, clause 32, line 49. *Omit* "or having taken"
- Page 13, clause 32, line 51. *Omit* "unimproved"
- Page 13, clause 32, lines 52 and 53. *Omit* "but if such land contains improvements the rate shall
"be determined by appraisalment in accordance with section six of this Act" *insert* "and
"in respect of any improvements which such lands may contain the provisions of section
"fourty-four of this Act shall apply"
- Page 13, clause 32, line 54. *After* "situated" *insert* "wholly"
- Page 13, clause 32, line 55. *After* "sale" *insert* "or lease or license"
- Page 13, clause 32, line 56. *Before* "population" *insert* "of any"
- Page 13, clause 32, line 56. *After* "area" *insert* "or special area"
- Page 14, clause 32, line 1. *After* "Act" second occurring *insert* "provided that where lands
"reserved or set apart as aforesaid are held under lease or license, any lands so added
"shall be also included under the lease or license, subject to payment as hereinbefore
"provided. The non-payment within the prescribed time of any sums due as aforesaid
"shall involve the forfeiture of the lease or license"
- Page 14, clause 32, line 2. *After* "license" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "under one notifica-
"tion for any public purpose, it shall be lawful for the Governor, by notification in the
"Gazette, to revoke any such reservation, or to limit, vary, or modify the same in respect
"of its extent, character, or effect"
- Page 14, clause 33, line 11. *Omit* "without more"
- Page 14, clause 33, line 20. *After* "him" *insert* "and shall commence from the date of such
"expiration"
- Page 14, clause 33, line 35. *Omit* "and all" *insert* "or the Lands may be otherwise dealt with
"under the provisions of the Principal Act and this Act"
- Page 14, clause 33, line 36. *After* "Lands" *insert* "in the Eastern Division"
- Page 14, clause 33, line 39. *After* "for" *insert* "(subject to modification by the Board)"
- Page 14, clause 33, line 40. *After* "Act" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "Any such annual lease
"shall commence from the date of allotment or approval by the Board, and shall be
"subject to the provisions of section eighty-five of the Principal Act: Provided that no
"such application made after any of the land applied for shall have been notified in the
"Gazette for lease by auction or tender shall prevent the land from being let as so
"notified"
- Page 14, clause 34, line 43. *After* "not" *insert* "except as provided in section thirty-two hereof"
- Page 14, clause 34, line 50. *Omit* "s" from "additional"
- Page 14, clause 34, line 50. *After* "additional" *insert* "leases"
- Page 15, clause 34, line 1. *Omit* "the forfeiture or surrender of the one" *insert* "the surrender
"or the forfeiture (otherwise than for non-payment of rent) of the original"
- Page 15, clause 34, line 2. *Omit* "the other" *insert* "all additional leases"
- Page 15, clause 34, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "original applicant therefor" *insert* "owner subject
"to such mortgage or security"
- Page 15, clause 34, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "the expiration of seven days after"
- Page 15, clause 34, line 25. *After* "Gazette" *insert* "Any allotted lands which are not described
"in the original application shall, for the purposes of withdrawal and right of impounding
"in respect of the same under the provisions of section twelve of this Act, be deemed to
"have been applied for on the date of notification in the Gazette of approval of the
"lease."
- Page 15, clause 34, lines 33 to 36. *Omit* "and on any determination of any homestead lease the
"land comprised therein may be leased as a homestead lease by auction or tender or
"otherwise disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Principal and this Act"
- Page 15, clause 35, line 56. *After* "scrub lands" *insert* "shall not"
- Page 15, clause 35, line 57. *Omit* "shall not"
- Page 16, clause 35, lines 2 to 4. *Omit* "in which case such scrub lease shall not be for a longer
"term than the unexpired term of such pastoral or homestead lease"

- Page 16, clause 35, line 4. *Omit* "may be divided into" *insert* "shall be for"
- Page 16, clause 35, line 5. *Omit* "s" from "periods"
- Page 16, clause 35, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* "for the second or any succeeding period"
- Page 16, clause 35, lines 26 and 27. *Omit* "hereinbefore contained" *insert* "contained in section
"seventy-eight subsection (vii) of the Principal Act which shall be held to apply to
"scrub leases"
- Page 17, clause 35, lines 1 to 3. *Omit* subsection (v)
- Page 17, clause 36, line 16. *After* "Gazette" *insert* "No right of impounding any stock of the
"outgoing licensee or lessee shall vest in the holder of a lease under this section until
"one month after the commencement of such lease"
- Page 17, clause 36, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "not being less than the annual rental of the preceding
"term"
- Page 18, clause 39, line 31. *Omit* "cancel" *insert* "revoke"
- Page 18, clause 39, line 32. *Omit* "cancellation" *insert* "revocation"
- Page 18, clause 40, lines 49 and 50. *Omit* "of such Divisions or Land Districts" *insert* "Division
"or Land District"
- Page 19, clause 41, line 2. *Omit* "revested" *insert* "vested"
- Page 19, clause 41, line 2. *After* "successors" *insert* "freed and discharged from any rights of the
"public created by such dedication"
- Page 19, clause 42, line 6. *Omit* "railway"
- Page 19, clause 42, line 10. *Omit* "thereafter"
- Page 19, clause 42, line 11. *Omit* "as a road"
- Page 19, clause 42, line 12. *Omit* "one month" *insert* "three months"
- Page 19, clause 42, line 12. *After* "Gazette" *insert* "and in one or more newspapers published or
"circulated in the Land District wherein is situated the land, as well as notice to the
"proprietors or occupiers of the said land"
- Page 19, clause 42, lines 15 to 23. *Omit* "a refund shall be granted of any moneys paid on account
"of the land so resumed; but in any case where the resumed land shall have been held
"in fee simple, or be a conditional purchase or conditional lease, the value thereof shall
"be appraised by the Local Land Board, subject to appeal and the provisions of the sixth
"section hereof; and such value, or if any land shall be granted in part satisfaction as
"herein provided, the difference between such value and the value of the granted land to
"be appraised in the like manner shall be paid by the Crown" *insert* "if the land resumed
"shall have been held in fee simple compensation therefor shall be paid by the Crown
"(unless a right authorizing such resumption shall have been reserved in the grant thereof
"and shall be existing), or if such resumed lands shall have been held under conditional
"or any incomplete purchase or any lease a refund shall be made of any deposit, instal-
"ments, or interest, or of any rent paid in advance thereon. In any case compensation
"shall be made for any improvements upon such resumed land; and any compensation
"payable under this section shall be appraised by the Land Board subject to appeal and
"the provisions of section six of this Act"
- Page 19, clause 42. At end of clause *add* "No land shall be resumed under the provisions of this
"section which may be situated within two hundred yards of any dwelling-house if
"attached thereto and used in connection therewith as a yard, garden, orchard, planta-
"tion, park, or avenue, unless the owner of such lands consent to the same being so
"resumed, or the purposes of the resumption cannot be otherwise secured. Any surveyor
"or other person duly authorized in that behalf may for all purposes of this section enter
"upon any lands proposed or liable to be resumed thereunder, and do all things necessary
"thereon without obstruction or resistance"
- Page 19, clause 43, line 40. *Before* "last" *insert* "commencement of the"
- Page 19, clause 43, line 42. *After* "shall" *insert* "before the commencement of the last year of
"such lease"
- Page 19, clause 43, line 50. *After* "granted" *insert* "and, if so, for what term"
- Page 20, clause 43, line 14. *After* "lessee" *insert* "provided, however, that if an extension of
"any pastoral lease in the Central Division shall not be applied for, or, if applied for,
"shall not be granted, or shall have been withdrawn within thirty days from the date of
"the publication of the report of the said Board, the holder of such lease shall, upon
"application within the prescribed time, accompanied by such provisional license fee as
"is required by section thirty-three of this Act, and subject to the general provisions of
"that section, be entitled to a preferential occupation license of the land theretofore
"held under lease, and if such license be obtained, any improvements on the land, other
"than such as may have been forfeited or forfeitable to or vested in the Crown, shall be
"dealt with under the provisions of section forty-four of this Act, in the same manner
"as improvements on lands in the Eastern Division held under occupation license in
"pursuance of section thirty-three of this Act."
- Page 20, clause 43, line 16. *After* "thereunder" *insert* "if not subject to and applied for under
"preferential occupation license"
- Page 20, clause 43, lines 24 to 32. *Omit* "but no pastoral or homestead lessee whose lease
"shall after the commencement of this Act have been forfeited or surrendered shall be
"competent to hold any pastoral or homestead lease, or occupation license, or any
"under-lease or other interest in or under any such lease or license of any of the lands
"comprised in the said forfeited or surrendered lease; and any lease, under-lease,
"transfer, assignment, contract, trust, or dealing made in contravention hereof shall be
"void and of no effect at law or in equity, and shall render the pastoral or homestead
"lease liable to forfeiture"
- Page 20, clause 43, line 33. *After* "not" *insert* "except for the purposes of pastoral lease or
"reservation or dedication"
- Page 20, clause 43, line 34. *Omit* "vacant" *insert* "Crown"

- Page 20, clause 44, line 36. *Omit* "during the currency or situated"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 37. *Omit* "subject of any"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 37. *After* "license" *insert* "of which has become"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 38. *Before* "expired" *insert* "has"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 39. *After* "or" *insert* "have been"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 40. *Omit* "expired" *insert* "withdrawn"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 40. *After* "shall" *insert* "(except as provided in section forty-seven of this Act)"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 44. *Omit* "to him"
- Page 20, clause 44, line 54. *After* "their" *insert* "capital or annual"
- Page 21, clause 44, line 1. *Omit* "in either case"
- Page 21, clause 44, line 5. *After* "thereof" *insert* "such of them as are of a removable nature"
- Page 21, clause 44, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "leased or licensed" *insert* "held under lease or license"
- Page 21, clause 44, line 22. *Omit* "Government"
- Page 21, clause 44. At end of clause *add* "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to vest in the Crown any improvements upon land held under a pastoral lease in the Eastern Division, which having expired by effluxion of time, shall under the provisions of section thirty-three of this Act be converted into an occupation license if the said improvements shall not at the date of such expiration have been forfeited or forfeitable to or vested in the Crown. No lease or license which may be renewed or extended shall whilst any renewal or extension continues be deemed to have expired within the meaning of this section"
- Page 21. *After* clause 44 *insert* the following new clause:—
45. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act or the Principal Act, it shall not be lawful for any person to make, after the commencement of this Act, more than one original conditional purchase; but additional conditional purchases may be made, by virtue of the original conditional purchase, to the full extent allowed by law; and any conditional purchase made in contravention of this section shall be void, and any improvements made thereon, and all moneys paid thereon shall be forfeited to the Crown: Provided that no land shall be deemed to be a conditional purchase under this section, the application for which may have been withdrawn or disallowed: And provided also, that any person who may have acquired or who may acquire any original conditional purchase other than under application made by himself, shall not be deemed to have made such conditional purchase within the meaning of this section.
- Page 21, clause 45, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "and some paper circulating in the District"
- Page 21, clause 45, line 29. *Omit* "five thousand seven hundred and sixty" *insert* "ten thousand two hundred and forty"
- Page 21, clause 45, line 34. *Omit* "twenty-eight" *insert* "sixty"
- Page 21, clause 45, line 35. *After* "water" *insert* "on such land"
- Page 21, clause 45, line 44. *After* "term" first occurring *insert* "as may be determined"
- Page 21, clause 45, line 45. *After* "lease" *insert* "of the leasehold area of the pastoral holding"
- Page 21, clause 45, lines 53 and 54. *Omit* "and any paper circulating in the District"
- Page 22, clause 45, line 4. *Omit* "passing" *insert* "commencement"
- Page 22, clause 46, line 12. *After* "this Act" *insert* "and may by notice in the Gazette be added to any adjacent land held under lease or license, subject to the provisions of section thirty-two of this Act"
- Page 22, clause 46, lines 14 to 16. *Omit* "and thereafter be dealt with and treated as if they were improvements made with the permission of the Local Land Board upon such Crown lands" *insert* "subject to the provisions of section forty-four of this Act"
- Page 22, clause 47, lines 53 and 54. *Omit* "such original conditional purchase" *insert* "any such conditional purchase or purchases"
- Page 23, clause 47. At end of clause *add* "For the purposes of this section, the word 'adjoining' shall be deemed to include lands separated by roads or creeks, or by conditional purchases or leases held by any child of the same parent"
- Page 23, clause 48. *Omit* clause 48.
- Page 23, clause 50, line 53. *Omit* "the Principal Act" *insert* "any repealed Act, or the Principal Act, or any amending Act"
- Page 24. *After* clause 52 *insert* the following new clause:—

Persons allowed to select only once.

Survey of leasehold and resumed area and settlement of disputed boundaries.

53. The Minister may direct the survey of the boundaries, or portions of the boundaries, of any land held under pastoral lease or occupation license; and, if such survey be made at the request of the lessee or licensee, may demand from the lessee or licensee the whole or any part of the cost thereof; and, in default of payment of such sum within sixty days after notification of the demand in the *Gazette*, such lessee or licensee shall become liable to the same penalties as attach to non-payment of his rent or license fee. And if, at any inquiry or proceeding before a Local Land Board concerning any application to purchase or lease Crown lands, any question or dispute shall arise as to the extent or boundary or boundaries of any land comprised in any lease or license, it shall be competent for such Board thereupon to inquire into the matter, and recommend for the approval of the Minister (subject to appeal) any adjustment of such boundary or boundaries which may appear reasonable; or such adjustment of boundaries may, subject to the ultimate approval of the Minister, be determined by agreement between the parties; and for this purpose the description of any land applied for as aforesaid may be modified to conform with the boundary or boundaries so determined; and any such boundary or boundaries approved by the Minister as aforesaid shall, for the purposes of the Principal Act, or this Act, or of any repealed Act, be held to be the boundary or boundaries of such pastoral lease, or occupation license, or other lands applied for. And the Minister may refer to the Local Land Board for inquiry any question or dispute which may have arisen, or may arise, in respect of the boundaries of any land held under lease or license, and the Board shall in due course deal therewith; provided that in any case the Board may make such order as it may deem fit touching the cost of such inquiry, and of any survey which may be deemed necessary, which shall be borne by such persons and in such proportions as the Board may direct.

- Page 25, First Schedule. *After* line 13 *insert* "The Crown Lands Act of 1884, section 27—the words 'but if more than one application and deposit for the same land, or any part thereof, be tendered to the Land Agent at the same time, he shall, unless all the applications but one be forthwith withdrawn, proceed to determine by lot in the proscribed manner which application shall be received'"
- Page 25, First Schedule, line 23. *Omit* "s" from "subsections"
- Page 25, First Schedule, line 23. *Omit* "(vi) and"
- Page 25, First Schedule. *After* line 41 *insert* "The Crown Lands Act of 1884, section 135—the words 'Provided also that the Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, reserve such forfeited land from sale or lease or may annex it to the holding (if any) within the boundaries of which it may be situated at the time of forfeiture, and in such case rent therefor shall be payable thereafter at the same rate as is charged for the holding to which it is annexed,'"
- Page 26, Second Schedule. *After* line 4 *insert*—
"Section 14, subsection (vii)—the words 'Land Court' are substituted for the word 'Minister'"
"Section 25—the words 'reasonable distance' are substituted for the words 'distance of at least sixty chains'"
- Page 26, Second Schedule. *After* line 11 *insert* "Section 39—the words 'or are not being' are added after the word 'been'; the words 'or lessee' are added after the word 'purchaser'; the words 'or lease' are added after the word 'purchase'"
- Page 26, Second Schedule, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "Section 47, subsections (iv) and (v)—the words 'commencement of the purchase' are substituted for the words 'survey of the land so purchased'"
- Page 26, Second Schedule, line 17. *After* "leasehold" *insert* "land"
- Page 26, Second Schedule. *After* line 25 *insert* "Section 125—the words 'with the approval of the Local Land Board' are omitted."
- Page 26. *After* the Second Schedule *insert* the following new Schedules:—

" THIRD SCHEDULE.

" In the Land Court of New South Wales.

" To the Sheriff of New South Wales, his deputy and assistants, and to all officers of the Police Force of New South Wales [and to the keeper of the gaol, prison, or lock-up at]].

" It having this day appeared to the Land Court sitting at that A.B. of having been duly served with a subpoena or summons to attend and give evidence before the said Court in the matter of [here state the nature of the proceedings], and having had tender or payment of his reasonable expenses duly made to him has failed to appear when called, These are therefore to command you forthwith to apprehend the said A.B. and to detain him in custody and bring him before the said Court to abide the further order of the said Court.

" Given under my hand this day of at aforesaid.

" C.D., President.

" (or) E.F., Acting President.

" (or) It having this day appeared to the Land Court sitting at that A.B. of has on the hearing of a certain matter [here state the nature of the proceedings] refused to make oath or affirmation before the said Court (or) to answer a certain question (or) to produce a certain document within his possession or control (or) to sign his examination reduced into writing (or) &c., &c., being lawfully required by the said Court so to do and such refusal being without lawful cause or excuse (or) that A.B. of has obstructed the business of the said Court (or) has committed a contempt in face of the said Court (or) &c., &c., These are therefore to command you the said Sheriff and all the said officers as aforesaid to apprehend the said A.B., and to detain and convey him to the said gaol, &c., and to deliver him to the said keeper thereof, together with this warrant; and you the said keeper to receive him into your custody in the said gaol, &c., and him there safely to keep until the said A.B. shall have signified to the Land Court his submission to make the said oath or affirmation (or) &c., and the further order of the said Court in the premises shall have been made known to you under my hand (or) until the term of days from the date hereof shall have expired (or) until a fine of £ shall have been paid (or) until the said A.B. shall have been otherwise discharged in due course of law.

" Given under my hand this day of at aforesaid.

" C.D., President

" (or) E.F., Acting-President."

" FOURTH SCHEDULE.

" (A.)

" In the matter of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' and the 'Crown Lands Act of 1880.'

" To the Sheriff of New South Wales, his deputy and assistants, and to all officers of the Police Force of New South Wales [and to the keeper of the gaol, prison, or lock-up at]].

" These are to command you, the said Sheriff and all officers as aforesaid, to apprehend A.B. of and to convey him to the said gaol, &c., and to deliver him to the said keeper, together with this warrant; and you the said keeper to receive him into your custody in the said gaol, &c., and him there safely to keep for the term of [or unless the sum of shall be sooner paid], I, the undersigned, Chairman of the Local Land Board, sitting at

" having

"having now here adjudged the said A.B. [to pay a fine of _____ and in default of immediate payment thereof] to be imprisoned for the said term, for that he the said A.B. [*here state the offence to the following effect as the case may require*] having been duly served with a summons or subpoena to attend and give evidence before the said Board in the matter of [*here state the nature of the proceedings*], and having had payment or tender of his reasonable expenses duly made to him has neglected to appear, such neglect having been without just cause or reasonable excuse (or) having been duly summoned or subpoenaed (or) examined as a witness on the hearing of a certain matter [*here state the nature of the proceedings*] has refused to make oath, affirmation, promise, or declaration in lieu of an oath before the said Board (or) has refused to answer a certain lawful question, that is to say [*here state the nature of the question*] (or) has refused to produce a certain document within his possession or control, that is to say [*here state the nature of the document*] (or) to sign his examination reduced into writing, &c., &c., being lawfully required by me the said Chairman so to do, and such refusal being without lawful cause or excuse (or) has prevaricated in his evidence.

"Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ 18 _____ at _____ aforesaid.
"C.D., Chairman of the _____ Local Land Board."

"(B.)

"In the matter of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' and the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"

"To the Sheriff of New South Wales, his deputy and assistants, and to all officers of the Police Force of New South Wales.

"Whereas it has this day appeared to me, the Chairman of the Local Land Board, sitting at _____ that A.B. of _____ having been duly served with a subpoena or summons to attend and give evidence before the said Board in the matter of [*here state the nature of the proceedings*], and having had tender or payment of his reasonable expenses duly made to him, has failed to appear when called, these are to command you forthwith to apprehend the said A.B., and to detain him in custody and bring him before the said Board to give evidence in the said matter.

"Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ at _____ aforesaid.
"C.D., Chairman of the _____ Local Land Board."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

5. APPLICATION OF SAMUEL AND MARY LEMON FOR COMPENSATION (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Application of Samuel and Mary Lemon for Compensation," laid upon the Table of this House on 21st June, 1889, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Burns*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for papers and persons, to inquire into and report upon the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) Bill.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Alexander Brown*, *Mr. Colls*, *Mr. Creer*, *Mr. Davis*, *Mr. Ewing*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, *Mr. Scobie*, *Mr. Waddell*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); postponed until Tuesday next.
8. OAKEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a line of Railway from land near Lithgow, belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. 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 "to draw attention to the unsatisfactory nature of the Railway Policy of the Government."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Ryrie moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1889, A.M.

Question put and negatived.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McMillan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Passenger Traffic by Rail between Sydney and Newcastle :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of first and second class passengers who travelled by each of the [trains from Sydney to Newcastle and from Newcastle to Sydney during each of the months of May, June, July, and August ?
- (2.) The earnings from each of the said trains for first and second class passengers respectively for each of the said months, distinguishing the passenger traffic north of Newcastle from the earnings for passenger traffic between Newcastle and Sydney ?
- (3.) The total earnings for first-class and second-class passenger traffic between Sydney and Newcastle and Newcastle and Sydney only for each of the said periods ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am desired to ask the Honorable Member to be good enough to again postpone this question, until (say) the 24th instant, by which date a return will be ready.

- (2.) Free Pupils attending Schools within the Mudgee Electorate :—*Mr. Wall* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The number of children in the Mudgee School District holding exemption papers, authorizing them to be taught free, as shown by the returns last quarter ?
- (2.) The number that have since applied for exemption papers ?
- (3.) The number of free pupils attending other schools within the Mudgee Electorate, not included within the Mudgee School District ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) The number of school children in the Mudgee School District, which includes the Mudgee and Wellington Electorates, holding exemption papers is 415.
- (2.) Two hundred and one have since applied for exemption papers. These were, for the most part, applications for *renewal* of exemption from payment of fees.
- (3.) There are eight free pupils in such of these schools as are under the supervision of this Department. From the latest returns received, it appears that there are, at the present time, 396 free pupils in the whole of the Department's schools within the Mudgee Electorate. In regard to that, I may explain that the officers of the Department, from investigations made by them in thirteen schools, have found that out of 177 free pupils there were ninety-seven cases which were considered undeserving of the exemption, the parents themselves being, for the most part, land-owners, occupying from 1 to 388 acres, and possessing farming plant and cattle. The officers of the Department ascertained from many of the people themselves that they regarded the present embarrassment as being merely temporary, and that in a good season like this they anticipated they would be in a position to pay the school fees.

- (3.) Produce Depôt at Darling Harbour :—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners for Railways have taken possession of the produce depôt and sale-shed at Darling Harbour for other than farm produce ?
- (2.) If so, what provision has been made for the same ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the want of accommodation at Redfern necessitates the use of the shed for general goods traffic.
- (2.) Plans are being prepared for suitable accommodation for a produce depôt at Redfern.

(4.)

- (4.) Transaction of Business, Equity Office:—Mr. Hurley asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that large sums of money are annually received by the clerks in the Equity Office for copying?
 - (2.) If so, will he cause a return to be laid upon the Table of this House, giving the amount so received by each clerk since the 1st January, 1888?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that two persons are employed by the clerks in the Equity Office to do such copying during office hours, and that office accommodation, pens, ink, paper, &c., are supplied to these persons at the expense of the Government?
 - (4.) Will he take such steps as may be necessary to secure the payment to the Government of such copying fees, by the appointment of an engrossing clerk or otherwise?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that, owing to insufficient assistance being granted to the Accountant in the Equity Office, the payment of moneys out of Court is oftentimes unreasonably delayed?
 - (6.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the conduct of business generally in the Equity Department, with a view to offering the public better facilities for the transaction of their business?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Master-in-Equity:—

- (1.) That the sum of £316 12s. has been received by the clerks in the Equity Office for copying since the 1st January, 1888, to the end of last month.
 - (2.) That no record is kept of the amount paid to each clerk.
 - (3.) And that pens, ink, and paper are supplied to engrossing clerks, sometimes at the expense of the Government, and at other times at the expense of the clerks entrusted with the copying.
 - (4.) The expediency of appointing a permanent engrossing clerk, in substitution of the present practice, will be considered when the Estimates for next year are being dealt with.
- I am further informed by the Master-in-Equity:—
- (5.) That no case of unnecessary delay has occurred.
 - (6.) And that this matter is engaging the attention of His Honor the Primary Judge and the Master-in-Equity.

- (5.) Local Land Board, Deniliquin—Mr. Henry Ricketson, Lessee, Barratta Holding:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Local Land Board at Deniliquin, within the last few months, recommended some five or six portions of land on Barratta Holding (Henry Ricketson, lessee) to be sold to him as improvement purchases, and in consequence the Lands Department has ordered the survey thereof and preparation for sale?
- (2.) Has he any objection to lay the papers (including the evidence taken at the hearing before the Board) upon the Table of the House for perusal?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but as the papers are with the Local Land Board, I cannot at present give detailed particulars of the lands referred to.
- (2.) No.

- (6.) Travelling Dairy in connection with Agricultural College:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Martin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take into consideration the advisability of establishing a travelling dairy in connection with the proposed Agricultural College?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question has not been considered, but it shall have consideration.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, Papers, and Minutes relating to Advertising on the backs of Postage and Duty Stamps.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Additional and Amended Regulations, under the "Public Instruction Act of 1880."

Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Women College University Endowment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.
(3.)

(3.) Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the laying of a second pipe, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts' Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the City of Sydney, county of Cumberland,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 17th September, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause add "and shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and sixty-five thousand pounds."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That Standing Order No. 29 be suspended, to allow Orders of the Day of General Business to take precedence of Notices of Motions for this day only.
Question put and passed.
5. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST 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 provide for the improvement, management, and regulation of the Port of Wollongong and certain portions of the Tom Thumb Lagoon, 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 provide for the improvement, management, and regulation of the Port of Wollongong and certain portions of the Tom Thumb Lagoon, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th September, 1889.
- MUMULGEN RESERVE, CASINO LAND DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, reports, &c., in connection with Mumulgen reserve, in Casino Land District.
Question put and passed.
7. WOOROOWOOLGEN RUN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, &c., in connection with Wooroowoolgen run exchange.
Question put and passed.
8. HIGH SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alexander Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving the following particulars:—
(1.) The names of the pupils attending the various High Schools throughout the Colony, both boys and girls.
(2.) The course of education, and the scale of fees charged at such schools.
(3.) The names and occupation or calling of the parents of the children attending such schools.
Question put and passed.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—*Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs*:—Mr. McMillan, for Mr. Bruce Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in view of the report on the subject from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient that the work of constructing a system of Sewerage for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney should be carried out.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill postponed until to-morrow.

11. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES' REMUNERATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. King,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. See,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Melville.
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Haynes.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hawken.

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Harold Stephen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *passed*.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.*"
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 remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th September, 1889.

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow:—
- (1.) Land, Crops, and Stock Returns Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
 - (2.) Metropolitan Magistrates Act Further Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the power of appointing Stipendiary Magistrates conferred by the "*Metropolitan Magistrates Act, 1881,*" and to make provision for the temporary exercise of the jurisdiction given by the said Act in cases of emergency.
 - (3.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
 - (4.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
 - (5.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1889, A.M.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Passenger and Goods Traffic, Sydney to Wellington—Newcastle to Narrabri:—Mr. Turner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the actual cost of conveying (a) a ton of goods, (b) a passenger, by rail, from Newcastle to Narrabri, under the head of (a) working expenses, (b) interest on capital invested?
- (2.) What is the actual cost, as above, for a like distance along the Western line?
- (3.) What amount of through traffic (passenger and goods) passed along the Western line from Sydney to Wellington during 1888?
- (4.) What amount of similar traffic passed along the line from Newcastle to Narrabri during 1888?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed that the Railway accounts are not compiled in such a way as to admit of this information being readily given, and it would take much time and labour to arrive at even approximate answers to the first questions raised.

- (2.) Railway Route between Guyra and South Grafton, or Coff's Harbour:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has an inspection of the country between Guyra and South Grafton, or Coff's Harbour, been made, with a view to obtaining a railway route?
- (2.) If so, will he say whether the result of such inspection shows a practical grade, and whether the natural resources of the soil, the minerals, and the timber are reported to be such as to warrant the construction of a railway by this route?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The result of the exploration is of a satisfactory character, and a trial survey of the route has been authorized. The question of the construction of a railway will be considered after the completion of the survey.

- (3.) Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, on the 31st December, 1888, the sum of £30,816 9s. 4d., of the Assurance Fund created by the "Real Property Act," was, by a Return made to this House on 23rd July, 1889, uninvested?
- (2.) Will he give instructions that the amount be forthwith invested, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This matter shall have my early attention.

- (4.) Repairs to Telegraph-line, Kiama to Moruya:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Has there been any contract let for repairs to telegraph-line, Kiama to Moruya; if so, to whom?
- (2.) Has the successful tender been gazetted; if so, when?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the contract was let to Mr. Thos. Potts, at 9s. 6d. per pole, 21s. per mile for clearing scrub, and struts 2s. 6d. each.
- (2.) The tenders were called for locally, and in such cases it is not usual to gazette the name of the successful tenderer.

2. AUBURN RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. McMillan*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain level crossing near Auburn Railway Station. Question put and passed.
3. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Bruce Smith*, 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 further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes. Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—
 (1.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—*until to-morrow*.
 (2.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
 (3.) Leonfield Coal-mine Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
 (4.) Toronto Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
 (5.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee;—*until to-morrow*.
 (6.) Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
 (7.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
 (8.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
 (9.) Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday next*.
5. SELECT COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS:—*Mr. Barbour* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That it be a Sessional Order of this House, that Members serving upon Select Committees on Private Bills be paid by the promoters of such Bills a fee of "three" guineas each for each sitting for services so rendered.
 (2.) That, upon the initiation of all such Bills, there shall be paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £50 (in lieu of the £25 now provided for), to be applied to disbursements in connection with the Bill.
 Debate ensued.
Mr. Abigail moved, That the Question 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 Question.
 Debate continued.
 Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
 Question then put,—
 (1.) That it be a Sessional Order of this House, that Members serving upon Select Committees on Private Bills be paid by the promoters of such Bills a fee of two guineas each for each sitting for services so rendered.
 (2.) That, upon the initiation of all such Bills, there shall be paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £50 (in lieu of the £25 now provided for), to be applied to disbursements in connection with the Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Woodward,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Abigail,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	

Noes, 48.*

Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Garran,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Holborow,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. King,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Molesworth,	Dr. Roes,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Copland.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Greene,	

* So in Tellers' Lists.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (No. 2) :—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 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,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th September, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 15. After "serving" insert "from the date of the passing of this Act"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

7. AUBURN RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING CLOSING BILL :—Mr. McMillan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain Level Crossing near Auburn Railway Station,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statistical Register for 1888—Part VIII—Miscellaneous.
(2.) Return to an Order made on the 11th September, 1889—"Complaints against Constable Murdock, Murrumburrah."
Ordered to be printed.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill,—

Mr. Speaker, referring to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, stated that this Bill was not primarily a "Money Bill" any more than was that of 1884; but, at the same time, some of its clauses incidentally affected the collection of revenue, and some dealt with expenditure, and this House had been at all times jealous of any interference by the other Chamber with any such clauses. It was therefore his duty as Speaker to point out that such interference had taken place in the following instances :—

Page 1, clause 1, line 9.
Page 3, clause 8, line 23.
Page 8, clause 18, lines 4 to 16.
Page 12, clause 29, lines 50 and 51.
Page 17, clause 36, lines 22 and 23.
Page 19, clause 42, lines 15 to 23.

These were the only amendments to which he thought it necessary to call attention; and the House could easily perceive whether its peculiar rights, as representing the people, were encroached upon. He quoted from page 642 of the 9th edition of May; and stated his belief that this Bill should not be classed as one confined to aid and taxation, and that the Council's amendments having been made incidentally, the House would do well to hold that its privileges had not been affected thereby, and might consider the amendments in the usual way, as was done with the Crown Lands Bill of 1884. Having fulfilled his duty in expressing his opinion, the responsibility of dealing with the amendments rested with the House itself.

Mr. Brunner 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 Legislative Council's amendments.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1889, A.M.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Brunner moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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 Frank Farnell, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

Whereupon Mr. McMillan moved, That the Seat of Frank Farnell, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Frank Farnell, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Men discharged from Public Works Department with Compensation:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men have been discharged from his Department with compensation during the last two years?

(2.) How many men so discharged have been reinstated on the temporary staff or otherwise?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall have the information prepared as quickly as possible, and forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(2.) Men Discharged from Lands Department with Compensation:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many men have been discharged from his Department with compensation during the last two years?

(2.) How many men so discharged have been reinstated on the temporary staff or otherwise?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) One hundred and eighty-six.

(2.) Four.

(3.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Can Crown lands, proclaimed special areas, be purchased in virtue of volunteer land orders?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have the law amended?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Crown lands within special areas, open to conditional purchase, are also available upon application by holders of volunteer land certificates for free grants.

(2.) My attention has only been drawn to this matter within the past few days, and I have not yet considered the question. In any case, as there are very few of these land certificates outstanding, it is doubtful whether the circumstances justify special legislation. The subject will, however, receive further consideration.

(4.) Fatal Accident on board Tug "Orestes," at Newcastle:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Schey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report of the inquiry into the late fatal accident on board the tug "Orestes," at Newcastle?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will endeavour to do so some day next week.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Wednesday next:—

(1.) Toronto Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(2.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee.

(3.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.

(4.)

- (4.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill ; second reading.
 (5.) Eight Hours Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 (6.) Essex-street Alignment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
 (7.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
 (8.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 (9.) Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 (10.) Katoomba Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

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

(1.) Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 19th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

(2.) General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office ; for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed ; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—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, 19th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th September, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. *After* "resumed" *insert* "together with part of the site of the Tank Stream"
 Page 1, Preamble, line 7. *After* "Street" *insert* "together with part of the site of the Tank
 "Stream"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 17. *After* "Act" *insert* "or of any estate or interest therein."
 Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *After* "for" *insert* "and in respect of"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 37. *After* "Act" *insert* "together with the portion of land mentioned in
 "sub-section (b) of this section"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 49. *Omit* "shall" *insert* "together with the portion of land situate between
 "the lands resumed by this Act and commonly known as the Tank Stream may"
 Page 4, clause 6, line 7. *After* "resumed" *insert* "or by this Act authorized to be sold"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Roads within Municipal Boundaries.
 Ordered to be printed.

6. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment in this Bill,—

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had carefully considered the amendment, which only made clear, and apparently was made with the object of making more clear, the intention of this House ; and under these circumstances he suggested that it might be accepted, and a special entry made on the Votes and Proceedings that it was merely verbal, and in furtherance of the intention of the Assembly.

Mr. O'Connor 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 Legislative Council's amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Gould,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Greene,
Sir Henry Parke,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Abigail,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. W. E. Abbott,	
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Stroet,
Mr. Scobie,	Dr. Ross.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Copland,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Wheeler.

Tellers,

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Seaver.

And so it was resolved 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 that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the report was adopted.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House thereon.

Point of Order:—The Chairman explained that the Council's amendments in clause 43 were under consideration, when the Honorable Member for the Hume, Mr. Hayes, proposed to amend one of such amendments, by inserting therein the words "if notice is given under section " 78, subsection (4) of the Principal Act, that an extension of a lease shall not be granted or," which amendment was objected to, on the ground that it was beyond the scope of the Council's amendment, and not relevant thereto. He (the Chairman) had given an opinion in favour of the objection taken.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled, in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman, that the proposed amendment was not admissible.

On motion of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1889, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended others of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Gould moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Brunner 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 Council's amendments " be recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering the amendment in line 40 of section 44 " inserting '(except as provided in section forty-seven of this Act)'."

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

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the following words be added to the proposed amendment, "and the " amendment in clause 26, line 49, inserting 'not'."

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Turner,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.

Tellers,

Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Alison.

Noes, 31.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Gough,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Dawson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Dickens,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Council's amendments be recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering the amendment in line 40 of section 44.—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Brunker, 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 amended another of the Council's amendments.

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

8. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (No. 2):—Ordered, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, that the 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 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,*"—such amendment being only explanatory and to make the intention of the law clear,—but desires that its agreement may not be drawn into a precedent, so as to warrant any supposition that the Assembly has waived any of its undoubted rights and privileges.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th September, 1889, a.m.*

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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.) Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 53.

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,*"—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, 21st September, 1889.

- (2.) Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the remuneration of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,*"—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, 21st September, 1889.

- (3.) Womens College University Endowment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish and endow a College for Women within the University of Sydney,*"—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, 21st September, 1889.

- (4.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years,*"—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, 21st September, 1889.

(5.)

(5.) Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 57.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a line of Railway from land near Lithgow belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 21st September, 1889.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Passenger Traffic by Railway between Sydney and Newcastle:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of first and second class passengers who travelled by each of the trains from Sydney to Newcastle and from Newcastle to Sydney during each of the months of May, June, July, and August?

(2.) The earnings from each of the said trains for first and second class passengers respectively for each of the said months, distinguishing the passenger traffic north of Newcastle from the earnings for passenger traffic between Newcastle and Sydney?

(3.) The total earnings for first-class and second-class passenger traffic between Sydney and Newcastle and Newcastle and Sydney only for each of the said periods?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be supplied in the form of a Return, which I hope to lay upon the Table in the course of an hour or so.

(2.) Railway from Cooma to Bombala:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What progress has been made with the trial survey of the proposed railway from Cooma to Bombala?

(2.) Is the work completed?

(3.) Is any work now being done in connection with the said survey?

(4.) Has any survey been made, or will any survey be made, of the proposed route through Bobundarah?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) One line, *via* Boco Gap, has been completed.

(2.) No; a trial survey is being made *via* Nimitybelle.

(3.) Yes; two survey parties are in the district, working respectively from Cooma and Bombala towards Nimitybelle.

(4.) As the report on the exploration of the proposed route *via* Bobundarah was unfavourable, it was not considered necessary to make a survey.

(3.) Pymont Bridge:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Playfair*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to consider the present state and inconvenience to the traffic across the Pymont Bridge?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to replace the present bridge by a more modern structure?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The whole matter is now being carefully investigated, and cannot be finally dealt with until the recess.

(4.) School Fees in arrears, Mudgee District:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What was the amount of school fees in arrears, as shown by the return for the Mudgee District, last quarter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—£55. 3s. 4½d.

(5.) Removal of Quarantine Station:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps during the ensuing recess to expedite the removal of the Quarantine Station?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government will lose no means of expediting the removal of the Quarantine Station; but, as I have explained on other occasions, it is a matter which cannot be easily done.

(6.) Dock Strike in London:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he despatch a cablegram to England, authorizing the Agent-General to express the Colony's congratulations at the termination of the dock labourers strike and victory for labour?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am afraid I cannot undertake to despatch this telegram to London.

(7.) Cavalry Corps:—*Mr. Wilshire*, for *Mr. Fuller*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to put the Cavalry on the partially-paid system, the same as the Mounted Infantry?

(2.) Has General Edwards recommended the Government to do so?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(8.) Selection of Stephen Bourke, County of Arawatta:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the selection (No. 88-10, of 320 acres), made by Stephen Bourke, in the county of Arawatta, parish of Wyndham, yet been confirmed?

(2.) Did Stephen Bourke make improvements on a portion of an adjoining reserve after it was surveyed as part of his selection, and has Bourke been since informed that the land could not be granted?

(3.) If so, has he arrived at a decision as to whether compensation will be allowed or not?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; I have already approved of Bourke receiving £20 compensation when he removes his improvements from the reserve.

(9.) Veterinary School of Medicine:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, during the recess, see that some steps are taken with the view to the establishment of a Veterinary School of Medicine in connection with our University?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—All I can say is that the matter shall receive serious consideration.

(10.) Public Health Bill and Food and Liquor Adulteration Bill:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the Government disposed to deal, at an early date, with the question of public health, by the introduction of a Public Health Bill, and a Food and Liquor Adulteration Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—These subjects shall receive the consideration of the Government, and I think it very desirable that a Bill regulating the public health should be introduced at an early date.

(11.) Inspection of Oyster Leases at George's River by Mr. Saville Kent:—*Mr. Gough* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true, as stated by the Secretary of Fisheries in the recent inquiry into the working of the Fisheries Act (Question 3250)—that Mr. Saville Kent visited George's River to inspect oyster leases; that he never made any report, and went for his own information; that the Commissioners of Fisheries paid his expenses?

(2.) What was the amount paid to Mr. Kent by the Fisheries Department?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; to inspect oyster beds.

(2.) The cost of the visit was £3 4s., but no money was paid to Mr. Kent personally.

3. WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—*Mr. Burns*, 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 12th September 1889, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in Town of Wollongong, County of Camden, in connection with the construction of a Loop-line to connect the Harbour of Wollongong with the Illawarra Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 1st August, 1889—"Balances of Road Votes."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Committee of Management on Technological, Industrial, and Sanitary Museum for 1888—(*Supplement to the Australian Museum Report for 1888*).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting Salary of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

Ordered to be printed.

5. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Bruce Smith*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 58.

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 further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th September, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Leconfield Coal-mine Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Thursday next.

7. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 12th September, 1889, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 1, 4, 6, and 8, as far as line 21, page 3.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 8, line 23,—because it is desirable that the salaries and allowances of members of the Land Court should be approved by the Governor and Council, and receive the assent of Parliament.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 8, line 45.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 8, line 29,—because it is undesirable there should be protracted delay and increase of cost in the settlement of disputed questions under the land laws—results which must necessarily ensue from appeals to the Privy Council.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the clause, and to the amendments in clauses 9, 10, 11, and 12, as far as line 57, inclusive.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 12, lines 4 to 6,—because it has already been affirmed that a valid application for a conditional purchase or conditional lease shall withdraw from lease or license the land applied for, and that the title thereto shall commence from the date of the application. It is therefore desirable that applicants should be allowed to enter into free and undisturbed occupation without delay.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 12, and the amendments in clauses 13 and 14.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 15, lines 56 and 58,—because where, in any case, an application shall not have been confirmed within six months from the date thereof, the applicant should be entitled to withdraw it should he so desire.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 15, and in clauses 16, 17, and 18, as far as line 1, inclusive; but

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 18, lines 4 to 16,—because it is desirable, in the public interest, to provide for permanent settlement on vacant lands contiguous to towns, by means of conditional purchase, under conditions to be specially provided, and distinct from those applying to ordinary conditional purchases.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the clause, and in clauses 19 and 20, as far as line 53, inclusive; but

Disagrees to the amendment proposed to be added at the end of clause 20,—because it is not desirable that any corporation or company in the position of mortgagees should have privileges capable of being exercised independently and without due regard to the interest of the mortgagor.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 21 and 22.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 23; but proposes to amend it by omitting therefrom "upon or between lands other than lands both or all of which may have been granted in fee."

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 24, 25, and 26, as far as line 47, inclusive.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 26, line 49,—because the *bond fide* conditional purchaser, whose means may not admit of his applying at once for the maximum area under conditional purchase, should be allowed to secure, under conditional lease, such an area as he might wish to ultimately conditionally purchase; and, also, because the right thus conceded will tend to utilize and render productive a large area of inferior land, which is at present unprofitably occupied.

Agrees to the amendment in line 54; but

Disagrees to the remaining amendment, which omits the remainder of the clause,—because such amendment being consequential to the amendment in line 49, and it being desirable that a fresh term of residence should be required where a conditional lease in excess of three times the area of the conditional purchase may be obtained.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 29 and 32, as far as line 43.

Disagrees to the amendments in lines 49 and 51,—because, where lands have already been notified as forfeited, and are situated in leasehold areas, &c., such lands should be deemed to have been under the occupation of the lessee or licensee from the date of forfeiture; and because the word "unimproved" is required, in consequence of an amendment proposed to the Council's amendment in lines 52 and 53.

Agrees to the amendment in lines 52 and 53; but proposes to amend it by inserting, after "any," the words "land which may contain"; omitting, after "improvements," "which such lands may contain," and inserting "the rent or license fee shall be determined in accordance with"; omitting, after "section," "forty-four" and inserting "six"; and omitting, after "Act," "shall apply."

Agrees to remaining amendments in the clause.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 33, as far as line 35, inclusive.

Disagrees to the amendment in line 36,—because the principle embodied in the latter part of the clause should not be limited to land in the Eastern Division.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the clause, and in clause 34, as far as line 25, inclusive.

Disagrees to the amendment in lines 33 to 36,—because it is desirable that, on the determination of a homestead lease, the land may be let under homestead lease by auction or tender, or otherwise disposed of.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 35, lines 56 and 57.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 35, lines 2 to 6,—because it is not desirable that a scrub lease of land within a pastoral or homestead leasehold should extend beyond the term of the pastoral or homestead lease; and because a scrub lease may have a possible term of twenty-one years, and it is desirable that, during so long a term, periodical appraisements should be made.

Agrees

Agrees to the amendments in lines 26 and 27; but

Disagrees to the omission of subsection (v),—because the omission would enable a scrub lease to be transferred without restriction after it was granted, and would thus admit of the defeat of an earlier part of the clause, which provides that a scrub lease within a leasehold shall not be granted to any person but the holder of such leasehold.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 36, 39, 40, and 41, as far as line 2; but

Disagrees to the second amendment in line 2, which inserts, after "successors," "freed and discharged from any rights of the public created by such dedication,"—because those words are not required.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 42, as far as line 11, inclusive.

Disagrees to the amendment in line 12,—because it is considered that one month's notice is sufficiently long.

Agrees to the second amendment in line 12; but proposes to amend it by inserting, after "notice," the words "by letter"; before "proprietors"; the word "reputed," and adding, at the end the words "addressed to their last-known abode or place of business."

Disagrees to the amendments in lines 15 to 23,—because it is desirable that the value of any land resumed for roads or other purposes from lands held under conditional purchase or conditional lease shall be determined by appraisalment.

Agrees to the remaining amendment in clause 42.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 43, as far as line 50.

Agrees to the amendment in line 14; but proposes to amend it by inserting, after the second "or," the words "if the application"

Agrees to the amendments in lines 16 to 32.

Disagrees to the amendment in line 33,—because it is desirable that, after the forfeiture or surrender of any pastoral lease, the land should forthwith become Crown land.

Agrees to the remaining amendment in the clause, and in clause 44, as far as line 40; but proposes to amend the second amendment in that line by omitting "forty-seven" and inserting "forty-six."

Disagrees to the amendment in line 44,—because, the purchaser or lessee of land containing improvements should not be compelled to pay for such improvement other than at their value to himself, subject to the provisions made for determining such value by agreement or appraisalment.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the clause.

Disagrees to the insertion of new clause 45,—because it is not desirable that the fact of an original conditional purchase having been made by any person should debar such person from making another such conditional purchase.

Agrees to the first amendment in clause 45; but

Disagrees to the amendment in line 29,—because it is not desirable that the area to be set apart for the protection of any artesian well should exceed five thousand seven hundred and sixty acres.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 45, and to the amendments in clauses 46 and 47.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 48,—because it is desirable that the provisions contained in section 45 of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," in respect of searching for gold on alienated lands within gold-fields, should be extended to alienated and conditionally leased lands outside the boundaries of gold-fields, and should extend to the searching for other minerals beside gold.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 50, and to the insertion of new clause 53.

Agrees to the amendments in the First Schedule.

Agrees to the amendments in Second Schedule; but proposes to amend them by inserting, after "Court," the word "which"; after "Minister," the word "who"; and adding thereto, "and the word 'it' is substituted for 'him.'"

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Schedule.

Agrees to the insertion of new Third and Fourth Schedules.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th September, 1889.*

Question put and passed.

8. AUBURN RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

9. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) 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 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. O'Connor, 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 authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office; for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th September, 1889.

10. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*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 further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880"; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880'; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the power of appointing Stipendiary Magistrates conferred by the "Metropolitan Magistrates Act, 1881," and to make provision for the temporary exercise of the jurisdiction given by the said Act in cases of emergency,—postponed until to-morrow.

12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—*Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs*:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McMillan, for Mr. Bruce Smith, "That, in view of the report on the subject "from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, it is expedient that the work "of constructing a system of Sewerage for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney should "be carried out,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Question put and passed.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow:—

(1.) Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

(2.) Land, Crops, and Stock Returns Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

14. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, discharged. Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Coal Mines Regulation Bill postponed until to-morrow.

16. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1889, A.M.

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

17. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hamilton Coal-mine Disaster:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true, as reported, that one of the miners in the Hamilton coal-mine disaster, viz., Hodson, dug a distance of 45 yards in trying to extricate himself from the mine before he died?
 (2.) How many yards did the rescue party have to cut, dig, or clear away, before they came upon the bodies of the last four miners that were found in the mine, the number of days they were so engaged in digging or cutting, and the number of hands that were so employed as a relief party?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to see that steps are taken to have a suitable monument erected over the graves of the miners (as was done in the case of Constable Sutherland, who was lately murdered in Macleay-street) who lost their lives in the Hamilton coal-mine disaster, especially Hodson, Beaumont, Grant, and Meadows, who tried so nobly to extricate themselves from the mine?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The obstruction in Murphy's heading, beyond where the body of Hodson was found, was caused by coal crushed from the pillar ends, but not quite closed to the roof. Over the top of this coal a passage had been made for a distance of about 20 yards. This work had evidently been performed by the late Deputy Hodson, and was done by raking the loose coal to one side or the other, and thus forming a channel about 14 inches in depth from the roof and about 18 inches in width.

(2.) The Australian Agricultural Company's relief party was ten days and a portion of another day in penetrating through the large fall on the cross-cut main road on to the cross-cut flat. There were five face-men in one shift of six hours, beside timber-cutters, patrols, and others to assist. There were four shifts in the twenty-four hours. The distance cut in this fall of coal and stone was about 60 yards. The distance from the cross-cut flat to where the body of Hodson was found in Murphy's heading is 55 yards. The other three bodies were found at different points between 20 and 40 yards beyond Hodson's body. The distance to where Hodson's body was found was cut, cleared, and timbered, and the other bodies reached by the miners' rescue party in about eight days. For the first four days there were five face men in each shift of six hours, and for the remaining four days there were three face men in each shift of six hours. There were also wheelers, patrols, and timber-cutters in each shift, and four shifts were wrought in the face during twenty-four hours.

(3.) No decision has yet been arrived at.

- (2.) Sericulture on Tweed River by Mr. Charles Brady:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that much attention has been devoted to sericulture on the Tweed River by Mr. Charles Brady?
 (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Brady is about to withdraw from the industry?
 (3.) Is it not a fact that this industry promised to become an important one to the Colony?
 (4.) Has he any objection to cause a special visit to be made by one of his officers, in order that arrangements, if possible, may be made with Mr. Brady to continue the enterprise?

Mr.

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A statement to that effect has been made.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Reports have already been received, but a further report will be obtained before the matter is finally dealt with.

- (3.) Receipts and Expenditure—Railway from Sydney to Wellington—Newcastle to Narrabri:—Mr. Turner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What are the totals for the year 1888 (a) receipts from all traffic, (b) working expenses, (c) horse-power of engines employed, (d) cost and tonnage of coal used, and (e) capital invested in connection with (1) the railway from Sydney to Wellington, and (2) that from Newcastle to Narrabri?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I regret to say that railway accounts are not kept in such a way as to admit of this information being given, and to endeavour to work out even approximate information would be a tedious and costly matter. I may also add that the system of keeping our railway accounts at the present time does not admit of that complete analysis, &c., which prevails among English railway companies; but I trust that this matter will shortly be remedied by the Commissioners.

- (4.) Case of Erwin v. Master-in-Equity:—*Mr. Street*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the appeal case of James Erwin against the report of the Master-in-Equity be dealt with by the Judge in Bankruptcy, to whom the matter was referred some time since for his decision?

Mr. Gould answered,—As the question affects private interests only, and as the information required is quite open to the parties who may ask for it in the proper way, it would not appear to me to be within the scope of my duties, as Minister of Justice, to inquire into or answer the same.

- (5.) Roads within Municipal Boundaries:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the fact that his Department saves but £13,010 yearly by causing municipalities to maintain scheduled roads within their boundaries,—will he cause—when the Schedules for year 1890 are being prepared—the present mileage to be increased, so as to include the lengths within municipal boundaries?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter will receive the fullest consideration when the Schedules for next year are being prepared.

- (6.) Railway Route, Goulburn to Crookwell—Tarago to Braidwood:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What are the altitudes of the city of Goulburn and the town of Crookwell, respectively, as ascertained by recent official surveys?
- (2.) The same with regard to the towns of Tarago and Braidwood?
- (3.) What are the various grades, and the lengths of these, and of the levels, as determined by recent authorized surveys—(1) on the proposed railway route from Goulburn to Crookwell, and (2) on the surveyed route from Tarago to Braidwood?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Goulburn, 2,088 feet; Crookwell, 2,920 feet.
- (2.) Tarago, 2,255 feet; Braidwood, 2,161 feet.
- (3.) The gradients on the surveyed line from Goulburn to Crookwell vary from 1 in 40 to 1 in 450 and level. The longest grade of 1 in 40 is 1 mile 56 chains, and the longest level 29 chains. The gradients on the line from Tarago to Braidwood vary from 1 in 40 to 1 in 440 and level. The longest grade of 1 in 40 is 1 mile 27 chains, and the longest level 71 chains.

- (7.) Cost of Working Expenses per Train Mile under present Railway Act:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the consumption of coal per mile on a grade of 1 in 40, and what the consumption per mile on easier grades and levels, quality being equal?
- (2.) What is the cost of working expenses per mile of running the trains of the Colony since the present Railways Act came into operation, as compared with the cost of the same under the previous management?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A complete answer cannot be given unless all the attendant circumstances are known, especially the weight of the train, the length of the gradient, the radii, length, number, and position of the curves, the position of stopping places, whether on the gradient or not, and last, not least, the existence of climatic or other causes rendering the rails slippery. All these features have an important influence in modifying the load that can be hauled by a given engine, and with other conditions affect the relative consumption of coal. It is usually found that a goods train which can be hauled by one engine on a gradient not steeper than 1 in 100, requires three engines on a gradient of 1 in 40, unless the gradient is very short and favourably situated or the train is light. Gradients of 1 in 40 may be taken under average conditions as doubling the locomotive expenses and considerably increasing the permanent-way expenses per train mile. The total train miles run on the railways for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1889, amounted to 7,641,769; the total working expenses amounted to 51·34d. per train mile, as against 54·91d. for the preceding year, showing a reduced cost of 3·57d. for year ending June last.

- (8.) Royal Commissions:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of public money has been expended during the last five years upon Royal Commissions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The total amount paid for Royal Commissions during the last five years—and that is exclusive of Boards—is £19,845 19s. 6d.

- (9.) Working of the Fisheries Act:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Government considered the Report of the Select Committee appointed by this House to inquire into the working of the Fisheries Act?
 - (2.) Have they arrived at any determination with regard to the same?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt the recommendations of the Committee, or any of the recommendations contained in the Report; and, if so, will they take steps to give effect to them without any unnecessary delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As the Report has not yet been adopted, it is difficult to see how any action can be taken at present.

- (10.) Case of Vardy v. Richards at Water Police Court:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to an alleged miscarriage of justice at the Water Police Court on the 17th instant in the case of Vardy v. Richards?
- (2.) If so, has he perused the depositions in the case; if not, will he do so and take such steps as he deems to be necessary in the interest of justice?

Mr. Gould answered,—My attention has been called to this case by a communication from Mr. Vardy, and the depositions have been forwarded me; but I have not yet been able to deal with the matter.

- (11.) Fitting Goods Trains with Automatic Brake:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners decided to commence fitting the goods rolling-stock with an automatic brake; if so, what particular form of brake?
- (2.) Are the express goods trains going to be run without being fitted with an automatic brake; if so, for how long?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are considering the question of fitting the goods stock with a continuous automatic brake, and the express goods train will be fitted with whatever brake it may be decided to adopt.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruncker 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.) 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.
 - (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st 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, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address adopted on the 11th September, 1889—"The late Prisoner Morrison."
 - (2.) Return respecting Expenses of Royal Commissions during the last five years.
 - (3.) By-laws, under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873 and Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Return to an Address adopted on the 13th August, 1889—"Case of Constable Otway, tried at Young."

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Passenger Traffic by Railway between Sydney and Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) through all its stages in one day.
- Question put and passed.

4. AUBURN RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING CLOSING BILL, (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McMillan, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain Level Crossing near Auburn Railway Station.*"

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 Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain Level Crossing near Auburn Railway Station,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th September, 1889.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER:—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That Standing Order No. 29 be suspended, to allow Orders of the Day of General Business to take precedence of Notices of Motions Nos. 3 to 77, for this day only.
- Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Nicoll,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Tece,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ryrice,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Torpy,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Molésworth,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. William Stephen,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Howe,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,

Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Lakeman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

G. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the improvement, management, and regulation of the Port of Wollongong and certain portions of the Tom Thumb Lagoon, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th September, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "between mean or the average high and low water marks"
- Page 2, clause 3, lines 29 to 34. *Omit* "as proclaimed and described in the *Gazette* of the "thirteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, together with the lands described in the second portion of the First Schedule hereto, and the lands on the margins thereof, as is included within the description in the First Schedule" *insert* "including the present harbour as well as the foreshore, extending two miles north and south respectively from a point in the harbour to be marked by an obelisk, together with the lands described in the First Schedule"
- Page 3, clause 10. At end of clause *add* "and such rolls when prepared shall be exposed to the public at the doors of the Custom House in Wollongong for one fortnight."
- Page 4, clause 11, lines 1 to 3. *Omit* "registered as owners of ships registered at Sydney or any other port in the Colony and trading to the port of Wollongong."
- Page 4, clause 11, line 3. *After* "rolls" *insert* "for owners of ships"
- Page 9, clause 35, line 41. *After* "officer" *insert* "on being so brought before such Justice and being required so to do"
- Page 10, clause 36, line 12. *After* "shall" *insert* "when acting"
- Page 11, clause 42, line 37. *Omit* "then" *insert* "and in all such cases"
- Page 20, clause 74, lines 19 to 21. *Omit* "accruing or arising from the said lands, bed, shores, encroachment, embankments, and enclosures"
- Page 20, clause 75, lines 32 to 36. *Omit* "the tolls and rates to be from time to time determined by Regulation under this Act; and until such Regulation be made, the tolls and rates to be demanded, collected, and received shall be the wharfage rates contained in the Third Schedule to this Act" *insert* "such tolls, rates, or dues, as shall from time to time be fixed by them, subject to the approval of the Governor"
- Page 20, clause 75, line 39. *After* "aforesaid" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 20, clause 76, line 47. *After* "1880" *insert* "Provided that such rates shall not be charged on vessels seeking shelter, and not breaking bulk"
- Page 21, clause 78, lines 16 and 17. *Omit* "contained in the Third Schedule to" *insert* "provided for in section seventy-five of"

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- Page 22, clause 84, line 18. *After* "Fund" *insert* "may be applied to the repayment into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds sterling previously advanced to the Wollongong Harbour Trust, as provided by section eighty-nine of this Act, and after such payment has been made, any surplus of the Harbour Trust Fund"
- Page 23, clause 89. At end of clause *add* "Provided that such annual endowment shall be discontinued at the close of any year during which the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds at least shall not have been borrowed by the Commissioners under the powers conferred in the next section."
- Page 24, clause 91. *Omit* clause 91.
- Page 24, clause 93, line 30. *After* "borrowed," second occurring, *insert* "in the form of inscribed stock or"
- Page 24, clause 93, line 31. *After* "debentures" *insert* "and such debentures shall be"
- Page 25, clause 93. At end of clause *add*—
 "(iv) No claim of any holder of debentures issued under this Act shall attach to or be paid out of the public revenues of New South Wales or by the Government thereof."
- Page 25, clauses 95 and 96. *Omit* clauses 95 and 96.
- Page 29, clause 105. *Omit* clause 105.
- Page 31, clause 121, line 48. *Before* "shall" *insert* "such highway"
- Page 31, clause 121, line 50. *Omit* "under"
- Page 32, clause 125. *Omit* clause 125.
- Page 32, First Schedule. *Omit* subsection (1).
- Page 32, First Schedule, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "area about nine hundred and seventy-six acres"
- Page 32, First Schedule, line 55. *Omit* "adjacent the southern boundary of the General Cemetery"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

7. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Smith, 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. Smith, 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. Smith, *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to make further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 25th September, 1889.

8. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment in this Bill,—

Mr. Speaker stated that this Bill, although not essentially a Money Bill, yet contained a clause dealing with expenditure, which had been interfered with by the Council in a material way, limiting the expenditure authorized by this House. He considered that the amendment should be disagreed to, and reasons given for taking that course.

On motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, 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 disagreed to the Council's amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 17th September, 1889, requesting its concurrence in an amendment made by the Council in the "Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill;"—Disagrees to that amendment,—because, for the reasons hereinafter set forth, the said amendment limits the expenditure already authorized by this House under the provisions of the said Bill, inasmuch as the Preamble of the said Bill sets forth an expenditure upon the works therein authorized of a sum of £165,000, and inasmuch as the 16th section of the "Public Works Act of 1888" authorizes a further expenditure of ten per centum on that amount; whereas the said amendment of the Legislative Council has the effect of restricting the expenditure under the said Bill to the amount set forth in the Schedule thereof.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September. 1889.*

9. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
10. **HEAD NAVAL DEPÔT OF H.M. SHIPS IN THE PACIFIC:**—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, documents, papers, minutes, &c., between Admiral Fairfax and His Excellency the Governor, during the past three years, in reference to the carrying out of the arrangement made by the Government of this Colony and the Imperial Government, with regard to the Port of Sydney being the Head Naval Depôt of H.M. ships in the Pacific.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
12. **TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stevenson 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. Stevenson, 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. Stevenson (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Teece (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until to-morrow :—
(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.
(2.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill; second reading.
15. **EIGHT HOURS BILL:**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Schey 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 declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
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 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 declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
On motion of Mr. Schey, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Schey presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. **ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Playfair, 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 disagreed to one and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Playfair, the report was adopted.

17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising to-day, do adjourn until two o'clock to-morrow.
Question put and passed.

18. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, 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. Stevenson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

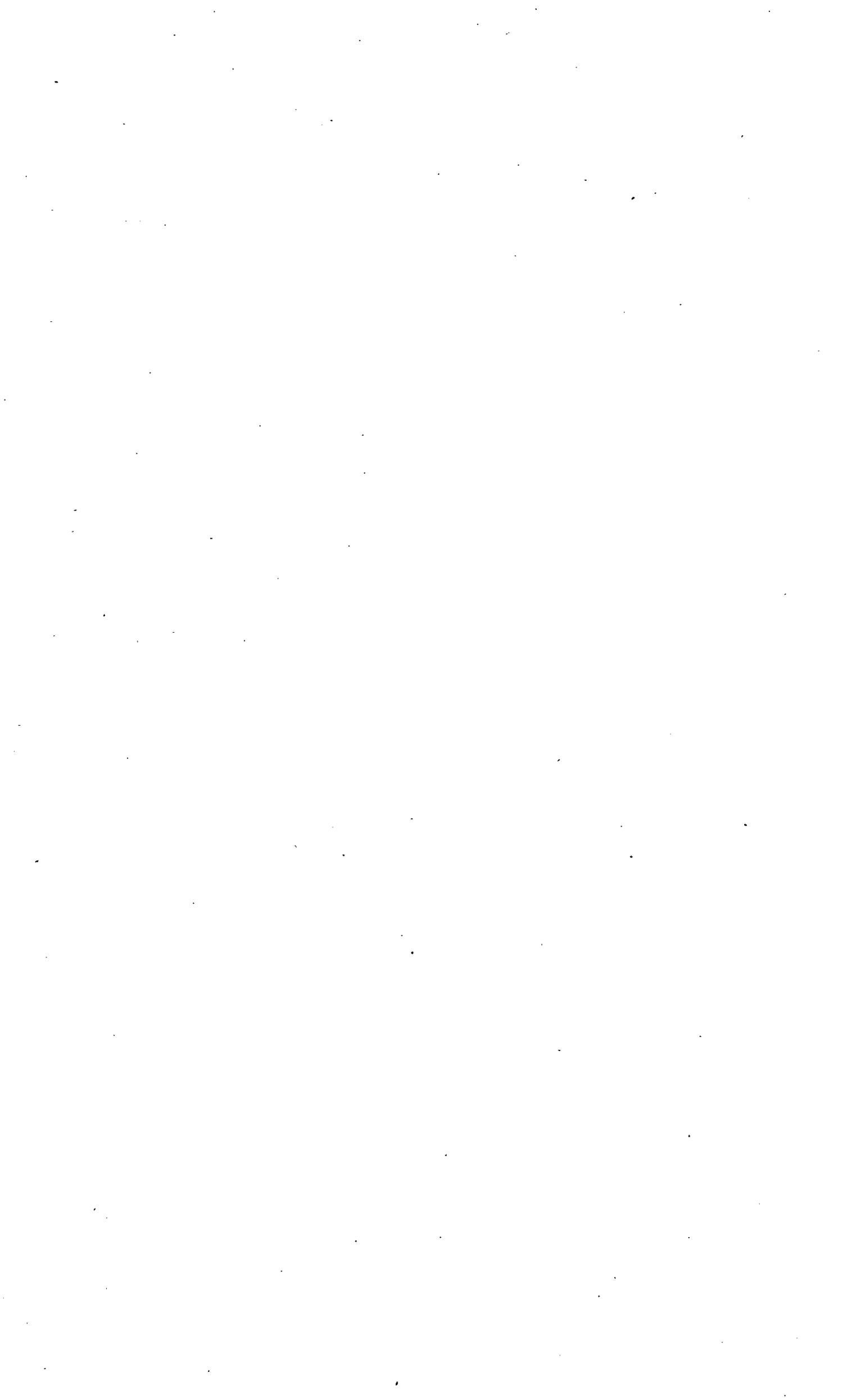
MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a Railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September, 1880.*

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reclamations, Careening Cove and Neutral Bay:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any (and, if any, what) decision in reference to the proposed reclamations by the Government at Neutral Bay and Careening Cove?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am not yet in a position to come to a decision; as the necessary plans have not been completed by the Survey Branch; but as soon as I am in possession of all the information required, I shall lose no time in arriving at a determination in the matter.

- (2.) Fees charged by Solicitors and Conveyancers:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he cause a Bill to be prepared during the recess to regulate the scale of fees to be charged by solicitors and conveyancers?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have received a minute from His Honor the Chief Justice, of which the following is a copy:—"I am of opinion that there is no necessity for any legislation on this subject; such legislation if attempted would probably be productive of more harm than good. A scale of fees for contentious business already exists; and it is evident that it would not be possible to provide a hard and fast scale of fees for non-contentious business, varying as this does so infinitely in its circumstances. It must be borne in mind that all costs, whether arising from contentious or non-contentious business, are subject to taxation by the proper officers of the Court, who are skilled in the subject, and who I am aware discharge their duty in an admirable manner. Judging from the very rare applications for a review from their decisions, I am of opinion that the taxing officers of the Court give marked satisfaction to the public." I may add that I quite concur in the opinion of His Honor the Chief Justice in the matter.

- (3.) Bill to amend the District Courts Act:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he, during next session of Parliament, introduce a Bill to amend the District Courts Act, so as to prevent any defence being entered in any action (instituted under the provisions of the District Courts Act Amending Bill of 1884) on dishonoured promissory-notes without an affidavit of the truth of such defence, as is now required under the Rules of the Supreme Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—I had a Bill drafted to amend the District Courts Act, which included the matters referred to in the question; but pressure of business has not permitted of its being submitted to the House this Session.

- (4.) Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of Justices:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. O. O. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take into consideration, during the recess, the advisability of introducing a Bill to extend the jurisdiction of Justices (acting under the powers of the Small Debts Act) to £30, and also to provide for an appeal to the District Court against all judgments over £5?

Mr. Gould answered,—This matter will be taken into consideration during the recess.

(5.)

(5.) Special Train hired by Mr. John McLaughlin :—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did Mr. John McLaughlin, or any one on his behalf, engage a special train from Sydney to Cootamundra on the night of Sunday, 3rd February last?
- (2.) What was the amount paid for such special train?
- (3.) What is the usual charge for a special train from Sydney to Cootamundra; and on what grounds was a difference in cost made (if there was one made) in Mr. McLaughlin's case?
- (4.) Will he lay before the House any official correspondence that may have passed in connection with the hiring of the special train in question?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that a special train was engaged for Mr. McLaughlin on the 3rd February last, and an amount of £40 was paid for such train. There is no specified rate for special trains for long distances. The matter was arranged verbally, and the only official document in the matter is the report of the Chief Traffic Manager to the Commissioners, intimating that the train had been run, &c., and the proposed charge.

(6.) Mr. Oakley, Draftsman, Locomotive Engineer's Office :—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he arrived at any decision in reference to the payment of salary to Mr. Oakley, draftsman in the Locomotive Engineer's Branch, for the period during his removal from the Service in 1886?
- (2.) If so, what has he decided to do?

Mr. McMillan answered,—It has been decided that Mr. Oakley is not entitled to any salary during the time he was out of the Service.

(7.) Travelling Stock Reserve, Parish of Barton :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to take any steps to cancel travelling stock reserve No. 660, parish of Barton, county of Ashburnham; if so, when?
- (2.) If this reserve is still to be retained, is it his intention to renew the annual lease, which was last gazetted on 14th March, 1889, registered S9-1,326, No. lease 7,868?
- (3.) Is it the only place available, with permanent water, for watering stock in time of drought?
- (4.) If so, will he see that a road is left on the south-east boundary before the annual lease is renewed?
- (5.) Has the amount of the annual lease been paid for 1890; if so, by whom, and the amount?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—In the absence of the papers, which were yesterday forwarded to the District Surveyor for report, I am unable to furnish a full answer to the Honorable Member's question.

(8.) Royal Commission on Tanks and Wells :—*Mr. Davis*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How long is it since the Report of the Royal Commission on Tanks and Wells has been completed?
- (2.) Have the Government considered the Report yet?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to place the work of constructing tanks and wells, and the supervision of them when constructed, entirely in the hands of one Department; and, if so, which Department, and when will the change be made?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The Report of the Commission is dated the 13th December last.

(2 and 3.) I can only repeat the answer I gave to a somewhat similar question asked by the Honorable Member on the 30th July last, to the effect that the matter referred to had engaged a great deal of the attention of the Government; but as it involved many important issues, which could not be hurriedly dealt with, I feared a final determination could not be arrived at until the recess.

(9.) Retirement of Colonel Maunsell from Civil Service :—*Mr. Traill* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Under what circumstances did Colonel Maunsell retire from the Public Service?
- (2.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers connected with this matter?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have no objection to produce the papers, giving the information required, so far as they immediately relate to the retirement of Colonel Maunsell from the Public Service. The papers connected with the official inquiry into certain charges preferred against Colonel Maunsell, which led to his removal from his position as Police Magistrate at Port Macquarie, being very voluminous, and only remotely affecting the question, it would appear to serve no useful purpose to publish them.

2. DUTIES ON IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS :—*Mr. Wall* presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Storekeepers, Producers, Labourers, and others directly or indirectly interested in the productions and manufactures of the Colony, praying that the House will take their Petition into consideration, and, with the view of assisting them and promoting the welfare of the Colony, will cause measures to be passed, imposing duties upon all agricultural and other products imported into New South Wales, as well as upon such manufactured articles as can be reasonably made within the Colony.
Petition received.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Bruce Smith* 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 sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the Resolution of the Committee of the Whole, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which it is come to by the said Committee.

Question put and passed.

4. LIGHT RAILWAYS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief on light railways, dated 1st February, 1888.
Question put and passed.

5. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Teece*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Teece then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited)' to construct works, and use the waters of the Speculation and Menindie Lakes and the Darling River, for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill and District with fresh water, and to give power to purchase land.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited)' to construct works, and use the waters of the Speculation and Menindie Lakes and the Darling River, for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill and District with fresh water, and to give power to purchase land,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.

BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th September, 1889.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

- Page 11, clause 46, line 39. After "estates" insert "terms of years"
Page 11, clause 47, line 54. Omit "fifty" insert "twenty-one"
Page 11, clause 47, line 54. Omit "not exceeding two-pence per acre per annum" insert "to be determined by the Minister of Lands, after appraisement by the Local Land Board, in the manner prescribed by the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884'"
Page 12, clause 48, line 7. After "owners" insert "tenants and lawful occupiers"
Page 12, clause 49, line 11. After "estate" insert "term"
Page 14, clause 59, line 2. After "estate" insert "term"
Page 14, clause 59, line 7. Omit "entail" insert "in tail or for any term"
Page 16, clause 62, line 7. Omit "which said" insert "with such"
Page 19, clause 79, line 15. Omit "twelve" insert "six"
Page 19, clause 79, line 16. Omit "three" insert "two"
Page 19, clause 80, line 19. After "years" insert "from the passing of this Act"
Page 19, clause 80, line 19. After "by" insert "giving six months"

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

6. TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Stevenson*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the platform or station known as Fassifern, on the Government line of railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate at Lake Macquarie.*"

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 platform or station known as Fassifern, on the Government line of railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate at Lake Macquarie,*"—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, 26th September, 1889.

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McMillan*, for *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.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 63.		Noes, 25.
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Copland,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bruce-Smith,	Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Wright,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. King,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,	(Glen Innes),
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. McRae,	Mr. See,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Alison,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Dowd,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Jones,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Gormly,
(Canterbury),	Mr. Tecce,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Colls.
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Alexander Brown.
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Turner.	
Mr. Gough,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Fuller.	
Mr. Davis,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. WESTERN SUBURBS OF SYDNEY DRAINAGE BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney.

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

(3.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

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 sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney.

Government House,

Sydney, 26th September, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(4.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney,"—which was read a first time.

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

(5.) Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time

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

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of 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 sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th September, 1889.

9. **ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL**:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Playfair, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 29th August, 1889, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Essex-street Alignment Bill.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 1, and

Disagrees to the insertion of new clause 2, because it is a violation of the principle already existing in cases of re-alignment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th September, 1889.

10. **WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments,—

Mr. Speaker drew special attention to two of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in clauses 84 and 89, both of which to some extent interfered with the appropriation of money made by this House. He also expressed regret that occasions for calling attention to such matters were growing in frequency.

Sir Henry Parkes 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 amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 80.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Hawthorne,	(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. King,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. See,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Leos,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Frank Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Wheeler.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Edmunds,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Torpy.

Tellers.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Howe.

And so it was resolved 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 that the Committee had agreed to some and disagreed to others of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 25th September, 1889, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Wollongong Harbour Trust Bill":—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 3 to 78 inclusive.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 84,—because it interferes with and alters an appropriation of public money made by the Legislative Assembly in the exercise of its undoubted rights.

Disagrees with the amendment in clause 89,—for the reasons stated in reference to clause 84.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th September, 1889.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 24th September, 1889, in reference to the "Crown Lands Bill,"—

Insists upon its amendment in clause 8, line 23,—because the Land Court, as constituted by the Bill, is entrusted with very large powers, and its decisions in effect are made final and conclusive in regard to great and important interests, and, except as regards its remuneration, is placed practically beyond Ministerial or party control, in the same manner as the District Courts, whose remuneration is fixed by Statute.

(2.) Because, as the Crown will, through the Minister for Lands, necessarily be a party in almost every proceeding before the Court, it is inconsistent with the constitution of the Court, and inimical to its independence of action and the confidence of the public in its decisions, that its remuneration should be dependent on the will of the Ministry for the time being, and subject annually to criticism and possible reduction at the hands of a Parliamentary majority.

Insists upon its amendments in page 6, clause 12, lines 4 to 6,—because, when such large areas may be taken up as conditional purchases and family selections, a longer term than four weeks should be allowed, to enable the pastoral lessee to make arrangement for the sale or disposal of his stock displaced by those taking up land.

Does not insist upon its amendment in clause 18, lines 4 to 16; but proposes to further amend the clause, by the insertion, in line 11, before the word "deposits," of the word "prices"; and, in the same line, by the omission of the word "such";—in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 20, which proposes an addition thereto; but proposes to modify the said amendment, by the omission of the words "or by way of mortgage or security,"—because it is desirable that corporations and partnerships holding lands absolutely should be enabled to extend their areas by additional conditional purchase; and because such bodies, being transferees should have all the rights of individual transferees.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 26, line 49,—because, by allowing conditional purchasers to take up such large areas as conditional leases, by virtue of such small original selections as 40 acres, the door would be open to unprincipled speculators to possess themselves of lands in a manner inimical to the best interests of the country, and would revive that unhappy strife between selectors and pastoral lessees which it was the aim of the Act of 1884 to set at rest; and

Insists upon the remaining amendment in this clause,—because it is consequential upon the amendment in line 49.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 44, line 44,—because the words "to him" were not in the Bill as originally introduced into the Assembly; and because it enacts something more than is provided in the Principal Act; and because it would enable selectors to secure, without cost to themselves, valuable improvements, by which, not only would the owners be unfairly treated, but the Crown, to whom, perhaps, many such improvements may also belong, would lose the value of the same.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 45, line 29,—because, in the Western Division, where alone artesian water has been proved to exist, the area of 5,760 acres will not allow of a sufficient quantity of live stock to be depastured to make it worth while expending such a large sum as that required to secure water by this means, and therefore no expenditure of this character will be made; and further, the object to be arrived at—the expenditure in and settlement of that part of the country—will not be secured.

Insists upon its amendment, by the omission of clause 48,—because provisions of this character should be made in a Mining Bill, and are properly not within the scope of a measure proposing to deal solely with Crown lands; and because the rights of owners of lands proposed to be dealt with are not protected against the certain damage that may be committed by miners searching for minerals.

Does not insist upon the Council's other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly; and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in the said Bill. †

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 26th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,

President.

Mr. Brunker moved, That the Council's Message be forthwith taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's Message.

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 does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments insisted on by the Council, and agrees to the Council's amendments upon its amendments in clauses 18 and 20.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 26th instant, in reference to the Council's amendments in the "Crown Lands Bill," disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council:—Does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments in clause 8, line 23; clause 12, lines 4 to 6; clause 26, lines 49 and 54; clause 44, line 44; clause 45, line 29; and to the omission of clause 48; agrees to the Council's amendment in clause 18; line 11 which inserts "prices" and omits "such" and agrees to the Council's amendment clause 20, which amends its previous amendment by omitting "or by way of mortgage or security."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th September, 1889, a.m.

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12. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 25th September, 1889—"Head Naval Depôt of H.M. ships in the Pacific."
Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Western Suburbs of Sydney Drainage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for carrying out and completing the Approved Scheme of Sewerage authorized by the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880'; to provide for the valuation and crediting of Sewerage Works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of Water Supply and Sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Auburn Railway Level Crossing Closing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain Level Crossing near Auburn Railway Station,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.) Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 25th September, 1889, in reference to the "Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill," does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(5.) Essex-street Alignment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 25th September, 1889, in reference to the "Essex-street Alignment Bill,"—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(6.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited) to construct works and use the waters of the Speculation and Menindie Lakes and the Darling River for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill and District with fresh water, and to give power to purchase land.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(7.) Wollongong Harbour Trust Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

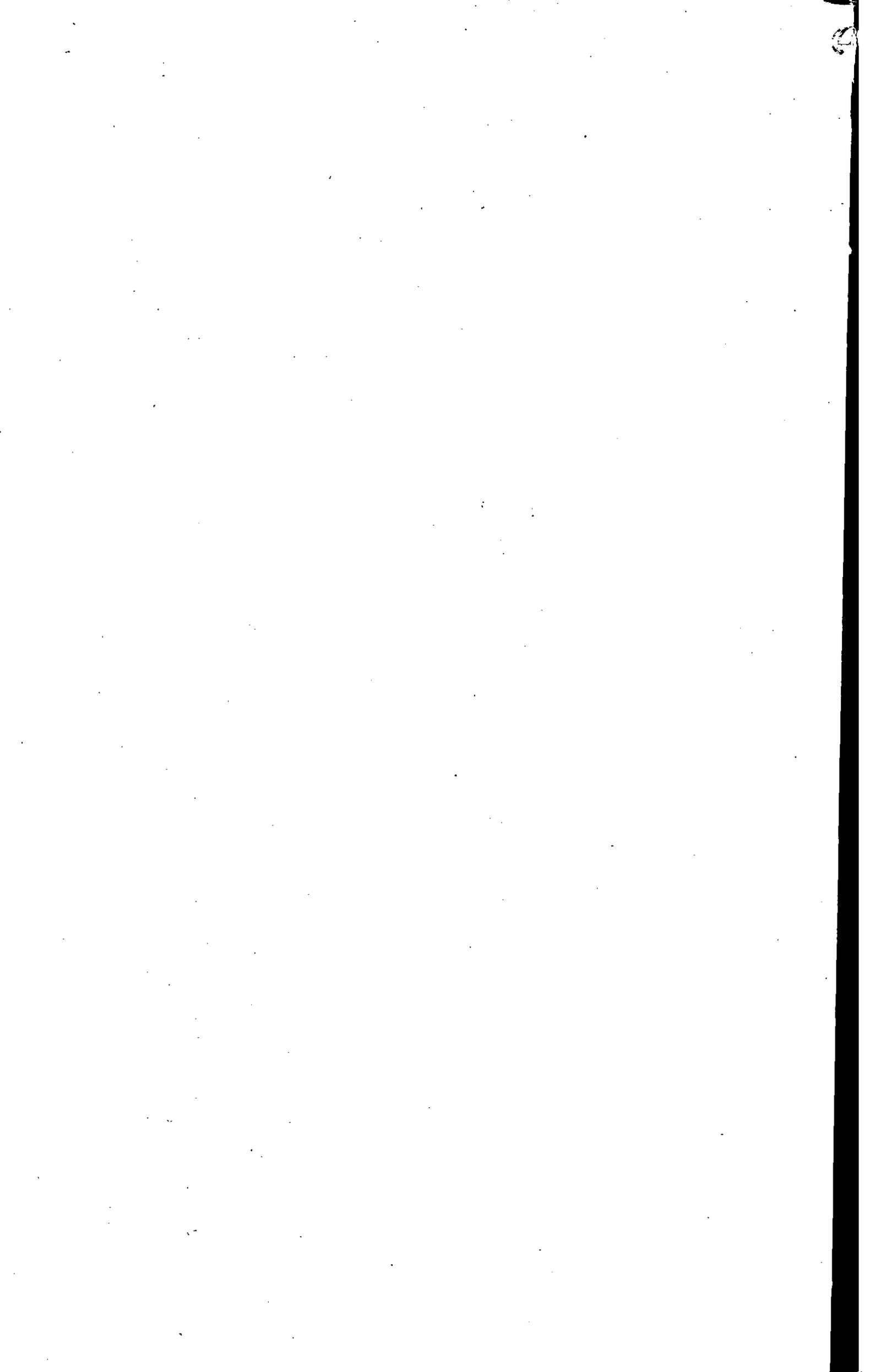
The Legislative Council, having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated this day, in reference to the "Wollongong Harbour Trust Bill,"—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill; but, at the same time, asserts that, in making them, it in no way exceeded its rights or infringed the privileges of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1889.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Seven o'clock, a.m., until *half-past Eleven* o'clock a.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

MINING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 60.

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 authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th September, 1889.

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

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Sydney Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that certain Standing Orders of this House be dispensed with, in order to authorize the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Smith then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith."

Question put and passed.

3. MINING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Smith, 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 search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, 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, that the report be now received.

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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 search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

- (3.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Smith moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Smith, *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, 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 authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th September, 1889.

4. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fitting Goods Trains with Automatic Brakes:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to answers given by him to Mr. Walker on 25th instant, will he please say—

(1.) Has any decision been yet arrived at as to the particular system of automatic brakes proposed to be fitted to railway goods stock?

(2.) If so, what system has been decided on?

(3.) If not, will all systems offering receive competent trial before any such decision is arrived at?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that no particular system has yet been decided upon.

- (2.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers, &c.:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—

(1.) The amount expended by the Government, during the years 1886, 1887, and 1888, on advertising in newspapers or periodicals published in the city of Sydney and suburbs?

(2.) The amount expended by the Government, during the years 1886, 1887, and 1888, on advertising in newspapers or periodicals published outside Sydney and suburbs, but within New South Wales?

(3.) The amount expended by the Government during the years 1886, 1887, and 1888, on advertising in newspapers or periodicals published outside the Colony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I will look into the matter, and hope to be able to give the Honorable Member an answer on Monday.

- (3.) Agriculture sent by Train from Glen Innes northward during the year 1888:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many bushels of oats, of barley, and of wheat, and how many tons of flour, of potatoes, of hay, and chaff, were sent by train from Glen Innes northward during the year 1888?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am informed that 3,360 bushels of oats, 360 bushels of wheat, 72 tons of flour, 30 tons of potatoes, and 150 tons of chaff were forwarded from Glen Innes to stations northward by rail during the year 1888.

5. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Howe, 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 5th July, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motions*):—

- (1.) Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for the year 1888 and previous years*," 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.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes," 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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Formal Motions*):—

(1.) *Railway from Grafton to The Tweed*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Grafton to The Tweed.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Cootamundra to Temora*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Cootamundra to Temora.
Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Mudgee to Gulgong*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Mudgee to Gulgong.
Question put and passed.

8. CONVICTIONS FOR GAROTTING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Harold Stephen 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 all convictions for garotting since the year 1864 up to date, giving in each instance, the sentence, the authority by whom the sentence was awarded, date of conviction, age of prisoner, previous and subsequent convictions (if any), nature of offence or offences (if any) of which he was so convicted, by what official the punishment (if whipping) was carried out, and the fee paid for his services.
Question put and passed.

9. PAPERS:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing Cost of Construction of Lines from Sydney to Waratah, Waratah to Armidale, and Armidale to Wallangarra, and Cost of Rolling Stock used thereon.

(2.) Despatch respecting Notification to terminate Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between Great Britain and Servia.

(3.) Despatch respecting extension of the provisions of the "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," to the United States of Mexico.

Ordered to be printed.

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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.

11. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of improving the approaches to the General Post Office; for the disposal of portion of the land so to be resumed, together with part of the site of the Tank Stream; 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, September, 1889.

12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising to-day, adjourn until Monday next at 4 o'clock p.m.; and that the House, at its rising on Monday next, adjourn until Tuesday at 11 o'clock a.m.

Question put and passed.

13. MINING 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 authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 27th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,

President.

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Monday next* at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1889.

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

ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 19th September, declaring the Seat of Frank Farnell, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Frank Farnell, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Frank Farnell to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Frank Farnell, 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 Central Cumberland.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Free Passes on Railways to Members of Naval Brigade and Reserve Rifle Companies:—*Mr. Ritchie*, for *Mr. Dale*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the members of the Naval Brigade allowed first-class passes on the railways?

(2.) Are the members of the Reserve Rifle Companies only allowed second-class passes?

(3.) If so, why are the Naval Brigade, who are paid, given first-class passes, as against the claim of the Reserves, who are volunteers and unpaid?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Yes; with the exception of the company officials, viz., President, Treasurer, and Secretary, who are allowed first-class passes when on duty. First-class passes will in future only be issued to officers in the Naval Brigade.

(2.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers, &c.:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—

(1.) The amount expended by the Government, during the years 1886, 1887, and 1888, on advertising in newspapers or periodicals published in the city of Sydney and suburbs?

(2.) The amount expended by the Government, during the years 1886, 1887, and 1888, on advertising in newspapers or periodicals published outside Sydney and suburbs, but within New South Wales?

(3.) The amount expended by the Government, during the years 1886, 1887, and 1888, on advertising in newspapers or periodicals published outside the Colony?

Mr. McMillan answered,—There is not time between this and the contemplated prorogation of Parliament to prepare the elaborate Return asked for, which extends over a period of three years. I will cause it to be prepared during the recess, and it will be laid upon the Table at the next meeting of Parliament.

(3.) Lismore and German Creek Reserve Cavalry Corps:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has provision been made on the Military Estimates for the acceptance of services of Lismore and German Creek Reserve Cavalry Corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think I can give a precise answer to this question; but there is no doubt that the service of this corps will be accepted.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 62.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for carrying out and completing the approved scheme of sewerage authorized by the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880'; to provide for the valuation and crediting of sewerage works constructed by Municipal Councils in certain cases; to make special provision in the case of the Municipality of Redfern; and to amend the said Act in certain respects, for the better carrying out of the approved and other schemes of water supply and sewerage thereby authorized; for the making of fresh assessments, and for providing for appeals therefrom in certain cases; for simplifying the recovery of rates and other moneys by the Board; for increasing the rate of remuneration paid to the Board; 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, 30th September, 1889.

(2.) Mining Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 63.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the search for minerals on lands sold conditionally or otherwise, or leased conditionally, and to cancel the sale or lease of such lands when they are found to contain minerals, and for the purpose of mining upon such lands after cancellation of the sale or lease, 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, 30th September, 1889.

(3.) Auburn Railway Level Crossing Closing Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 64.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close a certain Level Crossing near Auburn Railway Station,*"—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, 30th September, 1889.

(4.) Sydney Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 65.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, between Potts' Hill, in the parish of Liberty Plains, and Crown-street, in the City of Sydney, County of Cumberland,*"—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, 30th September, 1889.

(5.) Western Suburbs of Sydney Drainage Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 66.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney,*"—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, 30th September, 1889.

(6.) Essex-street Alignment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 67.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street in the City of Sydney,*"—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, 30th September, 1889.

(7.)

(7.) Wollongong Harbour Trust Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the improvement, management, and regulation of the Port of Wollongong and certain portions of the Tom Thumb Lagoon, 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, 30th September, 1889.

(8.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and John Thomas Mance, of Parramatta, in the said Colony, to construct a Railway from the Silkstone Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 30th September, 1889.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board for the year ended August, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 26th September, 1889—"Light Railways."

(2.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in Parish of Galong, County of Harden, for Extension of the Public Cemetery at Galong.

(3.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in Township of Narrandera, County of Cooper, for an Approach to the Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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, 1 OCTOBER, 1889, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the decision of the House had been given thereon.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee, Mr. Dibbs, having, in his speech in Committee, made use of language which the Honorable Member for Balmain, Mr. Garrard, took to be personally offensive, he asked that the words should be withdrawn and an apology made. The Chairman ruled that Mr. Dibbs having withdrawn the words, and he, the Chairman, not having requested an apology, in his opinion it was not needed. To this opinion exception was taken, and he was directed to submit the *Point of Order* to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that in such cases a great deal must be left to the discretion of the Chairman; and when he decided in the Committee that the withdrawal of the words complained of was a proper settlement of the matter, it was not in the power of any one Member to insist upon an apology.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

(1.) Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)' to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the Company,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.
(?)

(2.) Bathurst Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Bathurst,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Toronto 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 Platform or Station known as Fassifern, on the Government Line of Railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate at Lake Macquarie,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th September, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 27. Omit "Government" insert "Crown"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 27. After "Lands" insert "or"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 28. After "persons" insert "which are mentioned in the said Schedule"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 31. Omit "Government" insert "Crown"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 40. After "thereof" insert "and"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 43. After "the" insert "Railway"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 43. Omit "for Railways" insert "of New South Wales"
 Page 3, clause 2, line 36. After "them" omit remainder of clause.
 Page 6, clause 8, line 7. After "the" insert "said"
 Page 6, clause 8, line 7. Omit "for Railways"
 Page 6, clause 8, line 12. Omit "for Railways"
 Page 6, clause 8, line 13. Omit "for Railways"
 Page 6, clause 9. Omit clause 9, insert the following new clause:—
 9. The said Company, their successors, or assigns, shall be responsible for all injuries caused by the improper or negligent construction, maintenance, or working of the said tramway; and all claims in respect of such negligence or improper conduct may be enforced against the said Company, their successors, or assigns: Provided that the damages which may be recovered against the said Company, their successors, 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 and goods on the said tramway, and upon all property used in and upon and necessary for the working of the said tramway.
 Page 6, clause 13, line 44. Omit "other than provided for by section twenty-four of this Act"
 Page 10, clause 34, line 14. Before "Commissioners" insert "said"
 Page 10, clause 34, line 14. Omit "for Railways"
 Page 10, clause 34, line 18. Before "Commissioners" insert "said"
 Page 10, clause 34, line 18. Omit "for Railways"
 Page 10, clause 35, line 19. Before "Commissioners" insert "said"
 Page 10, clause 36, line 27. Before "Commissioners" insert "said"
 Page 10, clause 36, line 27. Omit "for Railways"
 Page 10, clause 37, line 30. After "Regulations" insert "or By-laws"
 Page 10, clause 37, line 56. Omit "to" insert "and may"
 Page 10, clause 37, line 59. Omit "Attorney-General of the Colony for the time being" insert "Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council"
 Page 11, clause 39, line 7. Omit "Railway" insert "said"
 Page 11, clause 40, line 13. Omit "Railway" insert "said"
 Page 11, clause 40, line 16. Omit "Railway" insert "Tramway"
 Page 11, clause 41, line 28. Omit "Railway" insert "Tramway"
 Page 11, clause 41, line 29. Omit "Railway" insert "Tramway"
 Page 11, clause 41, line 30. Omit "Railway" insert "Tramway"
 Page 11, clause 41, line 42. Omit "Railway" insert "said"
 Page 11, clause 41, line 43. Omit "Railway" insert "Tramway"
 Page 11, clause 41, line 45. Omit "Railway" insert "said"
 Page 11, clause 42, line 47. Omit "Railway" insert "said"
 Page 11, clause 43, line 50. Omit "Railway" insert "said"
 Page 11, clause 43, line 54. Omit "Railway" insert "said"
 Page 12, clause 44, lines 1 and 2. Omit "of the Executive Council" insert "aforesaid"
 Page 12, clause 44, line 2. Omit "Railway" insert "Tramway"
 Page 12, clause 44, line 6. After "Act" omit remainder of clause.
 Page 12, clause 48. Omit clause 48.
 Page 13, clause 49. Omit clause 49, insert the following new clause:—

All penalties and forfeitures imposed under this Act, or any By-laws or Regulations made in pursuance thereof, shall be recoverable in a summary way before a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, or any two Justices of the Peace.

Page 13, Schedule, line 35. Omit "(the property of Mr. E. G. C. Chapman)"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(4.)

Liability of
carriers.

Recovery of
penalties

(4.) Warwick Farm Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th September, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 14. Omit clause 14, insert following new clause:—

14. The said Edward Ernest Allan Oatley and John Thompson, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall be responsible for all injuries caused by the improper or negligent construction, maintenance, or working of the said railway; and all claims in respect of such negligence or improper conduct may be enforced against the said Edward Ernest Allan Oatley and John Thompson, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns: Provided that the damages which may be recovered against the said Edward Ernest Allan Oatley and John Thompson, 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 and goods on the said railway, and upon all property used in and upon and necessary for the working of the said railway.

Liability of
Company for
injuries.

Page 5, clause 16, line 4. After "Regulations" insert "or By-laws"

Page 5, clause 16, lines 29 and 30. Omit "Attorney-General of the Colony for the time being" insert "Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council"

Page 7, clause 32. Omit clause 32, insert the following new clauses:—

32. The Railway Commissioners may from time to time appoint any person to be Inspector, for the purpose of inspecting the railway and of making any inquiry with respect to the condition of the works, or into the cause of any accident: Provided that no person so appointed shall exercise any powers of interference in the affairs of the Company.

Railway
Commissioners
may appoint
Inspectors.

33. Every Inspector under this Act shall, for the purpose of any inspection or inquiry which he is directed by the Railway Commissioners to make or conduct, have the following powers, that is to say:—

Powers of
Inspectors.

- (i) He may enter and inspect the railway and all the stations, works, buildings, offices, stock, plant, and machinery belonging thereto.
- (ii) He may, by summons under his hand, require the attendance of any person who is engaged in the management, service, or employment of the Company, and whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for the said purpose, and may require answers or returns to such inquiries for the said purpose as he thinks fit to make
- (iii) He may require and enforce the production of all books, papers, and documents of the Company which he considers important for the said purpose.

34. Where, in or about the railway, or any of the works or buildings connected with such railway, or any building or place, whether open or enclosed in connection with such railway, any of the following accidents take place in the course of working, that is to say:—

Accidents.

- (i) Any accident attended with loss of life or personal injury to any person whomsoever;
- (ii) Any collision, where one of the trains is a passenger train;
- (iii) Any passenger train, or any part of a passenger train, accidentally leaving the rails;
- (iv) Any accident of a kind not comprised in the foregoing descriptions, but which is of such a kind as to have caused, or to be likely to cause, loss of life or personal injury, and which may be specified in that behalf by any order to be made from time to time by the Railway Commissioners;—

The Company working such railway shall send notice of such accident, and of the loss of life or personal injury (if any) occasioned thereby, to the Railway Commissioners.

35. Such notice shall be in such form and shall contain such particulars as the Railway Commissioners may from time to time direct, and shall be sent by the earliest practicable post after the accident takes place.

Form of notice
of accident.

36. The Railway Commissioners may from time to time, by order, direct that notice of any class of accidents shall be sent to them by telegraph, and may revoke any such order. While such order is in force, notice of every accident of the class to which the order relates shall be sent to the Railway Commissioners by telegraph immediately after the accident takes place. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall render the Company liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Notice of certain
accidents to be
sent by
telegraph.

37. At any time the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may, if he think fit, purchase such railway upon giving to the said Company three months notice in writing of his intention to do so. If the amount tendered for the purchase of the property be considered inadequate by the Company, the amount shall be ascertained by assessment in terms of the "Public Lands Acquisition Act."

Power of pur-
chase of railway
by Government.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Copeland, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans relating to the proposed Improvements to the Entrance of the Richmond River.
Ordered to be printed.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-three minutes before Seven o'clock a.m., until *Eleven o'clock* This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Telegraph Line from Wanaaring to Milparinka:—Mr. Dickens asked the Postmaster General,—
(1.) Have tenders been accepted for the construction of the telegraph line from Wanaaring to Milparinka?

(2.) In the event of such tenders not having been accepted, will he, in view of the recent reported rich and important discoveries of gold at Koorinberg, before accepting any such tenders, cause immediate inquiry to be made as to the advisability of constructing the line from Wilcannia to Milparinka, instead of from Wanaaring?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—A tender for the construction of the line in question was accepted yesterday.

(2.) Dam at Little Bumble—Tycannah Lagoon:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—
What decision has he arrived at, and when will tenders be invited for dam at Little Bumble, and cleaning Tycannah Lagoon (Moree Road)?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The question is under consideration.

(3.) Travelling Stock Route through Warrarah Estate:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that valuable stock have lately perished through the disgraceful state of the travelling stock reserve through the A.A. Company's Warrarah Estate?

(2.) Have this Company offered extra land to widen the lane, conditionally upon the Government fencing it in?

(3.) Has, or will, any provision (as promised) be made to do so, and to deviate the road on to a better track?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) I have no information officially with regard to this question; but I know from my own experience that considerable losses have been incurred in travelling through the Warrarah Estate, but they are now very likely to be prevented.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A sum of £1,300 is on Estimates to defray cost of fencing the road, which will be laid out to avoid that part of the track which has been scoured out by storm waters.

(4.) Stock Road from Tariaro to Boggabri Bridge:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that great inconvenience is caused to stock-owners for the want of the stock road from Tariaro to Boggabri Bridge (on north side of Namoi River) not being marked?

(2.) Have or will instructions issue to mark the road, so that the public may follow it, as requested by a petition of 500 people?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) I do not know.

(2.) The papers are under reference to the District Surveyor for report as to the necessity for keeping the stock route open. On receipt of that report, a decision will be given, and the Honorable Member duly apprised.

(5.) Sheep-skins, &c., exported to England:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The number of sheep-skins, hides, carcasses of frozen meat, and tons of tallow that were exported to England from the Colony during last year, and the value of each article respectively?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Time has not permitted information in reply to this question to be prepared. I will obtain it during the recess and hand it to the Honorable Member. (6.)

- (6.) Extension of Byrock-Brewarrina Line:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways approved of, or reported favourably on, the extension of the Byrock-Brewarrina line?
 - (2.) Will the Government carry out the necessary works upon a sufficient guarantee being forthcoming?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take this matter into their consideration for next Session?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Commissioners have reported on this proposed railway; but the nature of the report can neither be said to be distinctly favourable or unfavourable. A large amount of evidence is now lying in the Department, bearing upon this line; but the value of that evidence is very questionable, and it has been thought desirable by the Government to obtain some further and more trustworthy evidence. The question of guarantee will be considered in the event of the Government not being able to recommend the line to Parliament, and that decision will be arrived at next Session.

- (7.) New Dredge—Mr. D. S. Kirkwood:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the new dredge be ready for work now laying at Mort's Dock?
 - (2.) When will the new dredge be commissioned?
 - (3.) Is Mr. D. S. Kirkwood entitled to the position of Chief Engineer and Dredge-master to the new dredge on account of seniority?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1. and 2.) In about four weeks.

(3.) The question of Mr. Kirkwood's position in the Dredge Service is now under consideration. Pending a decision thereon, a temporary arrangement has been made to work the new dredge when ready.

- (8.) Noxious Weeds in Richmond River Electorate:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he yet taken any steps to deal with the spread of *Lantana*, *Sida retusa* and other noxious weeds in the Richmond River Electorate?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This matter is under the consideration of the Government.

2. ROADS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORT MACQUARIE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount of moneys paid to contractors for work done on the various roads within the boundaries of the Municipality of Port Macquarie, from the time Mr. Road-Superintendent Baker took charge of that district until the date of the incorporation of the town.
Question put and passed.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Crown Lands Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 70.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884,' and to make provision in other respects for the management and disposal of the Public Lands, 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, 1st October, 1889.

- (2.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 71.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited)' to construct works, and use the waters of the Speculation and Menindie Lakes and the Darling River, for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill and District with fresh water, and to give power to purchase land,*"—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 October, 1889.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

- (1.) *Railway from Moss Vale to Robertson*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Moss Vale to Robertson.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes*:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Harold Stephen 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, "inasmuch as there is a rival proposal for another route for the railway in question, of which this House has no proper cognizance, this House is of opinion that both proposals should be submitted at the same time for the consideration of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works."

Question

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

Point of Order :—Sir Henry Parkes submitted that the amendment was out of order, as it was in conflict with the provisions of the "Public Works Act."

Mr. Speaker said it was not the duty of the Chair to rule on legal points; but he had no hesitation in deciding that the proposed amendment was in order.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed. Original Question then put and passed.

- (3.) *Bridge over Tarban Creek, Parramatta River* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a Bridge over Tarban Creek, Parramatta River. Question put and passed.
- (4.) *Bridge over the Hunter River at Jerry's Plains* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a Bridge over the Hunter River at Jerry's Plains. Question put and passed.
- (5.) *Bridge to connect Bullock Island with the mainland at Newcastle* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a Bridge to connect Bullock Island with the mainland at Newcastle. Question put and passed.
- (6.) *Iron Bridge at Cowra* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting an Iron Bridge at Cowra. Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
- (8.) *Offices for Board of Water Supply and Sewerage* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting Offices for the accommodation of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. Question put and passed.
- (9.) *Reticulation of Western Suburbs Drainage Scheme* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out the work of reticulation of the first section of the works in connection with the scheme of sewerage for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney, and certain further works necessary to complete the said scheme. Question put and passed.
- (10.) *Extension of Sydney Water Supply to Southern Suburbs, Hurstville, Rockdale* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of extending the Sydney Water Supply to Southern Suburbs, Hurstville, Rockdale. Question put and passed.
- (11.) *Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, to Ocean-street* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, to Ocean-street. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
- (12.) *Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney* :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, in the City of Sydney. Question put and passed.
5. PAPER :—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Total Number of Miles of Railway open, in Course of Construction, and Cost of same. Ordered to be printed.
6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Receipts on Government Railways for Month of August:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount of receipts for first-class passengers, and the number carried, during the month ending 31st August, on the Government Railways?
- (2.) The same for second-class passengers during the same period?
- (3.) Amount received for parcels?
- (4.) Amount received for mails?
- (5.) Amount received for horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and dogs, and numbers?
- (6.) Amount received for goods?
- (7.) Amount received for minerals?
- (8.) The same information for the corresponding month of last year?
- (9.) Total number of miles run for same period, and amount of expenses incurred for coal, wages, wear-and-tear, &c.?
- (10.) Same information, corresponding number of miles, last year?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to withdraw these questions for the present. It will take a long time to prepare the information, which I will have ready next Session.

- (2.) Employment of *Mr. Martin*, Water Police Court Office:—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is there any person named *Martin* engaged in the Water Police Court Office; if so, what are his duties?

Mr. Gould answered,—There is no person named *Martin* engaged in the Water Police Office.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Sir Henry Parkes*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

- (1.) Bathurst Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 72.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Bathurst*,"—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, 2nd October 1889,

(2.)

(2.) Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited)' to extend the operations of the Company to the town of Richmond and the suburbs thereof, and to the roads connecting the said town and suburbs of Richmond with the town and suburbs of Windsor, and to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of preferential shares, and to borrow money on the security of the plant and uncalled capital of the 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, 2nd October, 1889.

3. RAILWAY LOAN REDEMPTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McMillan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 74.

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 for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd October, 1889.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Nobbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Working of the Fisheries Act," brought up on 27th August, 1889, be now adopted.
Question put and passed.5. RESCISSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER FOR LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS:—Mr. Frank Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional Order that no fresh business shall be taken after eleven o'clock, made in pursuance of Resolution dated the 9th April, 1889, be rescinded.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Traill moved, That the Question be amended, by the addition of the words "so far as such Sessional Order applies to other than Government Business."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Howe.

Tellers,

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Crick.

Noes, 64.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. King,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Garrard,	Tellers,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. See,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Melville,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Abigail,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. King,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. See,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. Wyman Brown	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Levick,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Dawson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1889, A.M.

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

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1889.

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 William Grahame, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of William Grahame, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said William Grahame.

Question put and passed.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. McMillan 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 provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the Resolution of the Committee of the Whole, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which it is come to by the said Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. McFarlane,	(Canterbury),
Mr. King,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Plumb,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. See,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Wynan Brown,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Greeno,
Mr. McRae,	Mr. Joseph Abbott.
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. W. E. Abbott.

Tellers

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Harold Stephen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1889, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given thereon.

Point of Order :—The Chairman explained that a motion, to refer to the House certain words which had been taken down by the Clerk, being under discussion, the Honorable Member for Eden, Mr. Garvan, claimed the right to discuss the import and meaning of such words; that he, the Chairman, had given the opinion that Mr. Garvan could not take that course; that exception to that opinion was taken by Mr. Garvan; and that he, the Chairman, was directed to submit the matter for the decision of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the opinion given by the Chairman was correct.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported certain words, taken down by the Clerk, as having been used by the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, the words so reported being—“You cannot blacken the character of the Devil; therefore, you cannot blacken the character of Parkes.”

Mr. Speaker called upon Mr. Crick to explain,—and that Honorable Member having addressed the House, and denied that he used the words, withdrew.

Mr. Speaker said that it was now for the House to take into consideration the explanation offered.

Whereupon Mr. McMillan moved, That Mr. Crick, the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, is guilty of having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of this House, wherefor this House adjudges him guilty of a contempt of this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick again heard in explanation outside the Bar.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. McMillan then, by leave, withdrew his motion.

Whereupon Mr. Crick entered the Chamber, and denied the words attributed to him; but apologised to the House for the words which he had actually used, and which the Speaker considered to be disorderly.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Disorder :—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that he had directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to request Mr. Speaker's presence, disorder having occurred in a Division taken in Committee, when the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, used the words “bloody Orange hounds and thieves.”

Point of Order :—Mr. Dibbs took exception to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair under present circumstances, no authority having been given to the Chairman to report or obtain leave to sit again.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that it was the right of the Speaker, and in accordance with precedents, to take the Chair to deal with urgent cases of disorder, whether upon the request of the Chairman or otherwise; and he declared the House to be properly constituted to deal with the matter reported by the Chairman.

Mr. McMillan moved, That Mr. Crick, the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, is guilty of having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of this House, wherefor this House adjudges him guilty of a contempt of this House.

Mr. Crick having entered the Chamber, was heard in explanation, and denied that he used the words reported by the Chairman.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker issued his Warrant (of which the following is a copy), committing the Honorable Member to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms:—

“To Laurence Joseph Harnett, Esquire, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

“WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales hath this day resolved that William Patrick Crick, Esquire, Member for West Macquarie, having been guilty of a contempt of this House, be committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House,—

“These are, therefore, to require you to take into your custody the body of the said William Patrick Crick, Esquire, and him safely to keep during the pleasure of this House, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant.

“Given under my Hand and Seal, this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord
“one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

(L.S.) “JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
“Speaker.”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1889, 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, That the report be now received.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1888 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1886.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £161 15s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1886."

Services of 1887.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,752 7s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1887."

Services of 1888.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £360,691 15s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1888."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1889.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1889, a sum not exceeding £2,001 10s., to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,128, for Executive Council, for the year 1889.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,875, for Legislative Council, for the year 1889.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,670, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1889.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,792, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1889.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,815, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1889.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,460, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1889.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,582, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1889.

(19.) 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 1889.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,490, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1889.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,505, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—General Staff, for the year 1889.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,963, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Military Instructors, for the year 1889.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54,999, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Artillery Force, for the year 1889.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £4,995, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Submarine Miners, for the year 1889.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,292, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent and Mounted Infantry, for the year 1889.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,519, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Volunteer Force, for the year 1889.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,900, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Works of Defence, for the year 1889.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £22,110, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1889.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,814, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1889.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £770, for Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1889.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for Training-ship "Wolverene" for the year 1889.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for Torpedo Defence, for the year 1889.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £287,552, for Police, for the year 1889.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,358, for Lunacy,
(35.)

- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,086, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1889.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1889.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,298, for Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1889.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,241, for Department of Audit, for the year 1889.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,955, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1889.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,940, for Department of Government Statistician, for the year 1889.
- (41.) 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 1889.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,000, for Immigration, for the year 1889.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £865, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1889.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,682, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1889.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,811, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1889.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,670, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1889.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,950, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1889.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,332, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1889.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £590, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1889.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,398, for Government Domains, for the year 1889.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1889.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38,608, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1889.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130,578, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1889.

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

- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,740, for Treasury, for the year 1889.
- (55.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,285, for Stamp Department, for the year 1889.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,440, for Customs, for the year 1889.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £235, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1889.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1889.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,106, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1889.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £113,094, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1889.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,767, for Board of Health, for the year 1889.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1889.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,647, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1889.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £582, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1889.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,416, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1889.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats, for the year 1889.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,685, for Public Wharves, for the year 1889.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £173,048, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1889.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

NO. IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,790,967, for Railways and Tramways, Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1889.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,280, for Railways and Tramways—Miscellaneous, for the year 1889.

No. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £592,788, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1889.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £780, for Public Schools Cadet Corps, for the year 1889.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,266, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1889.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,324, for Observatory, for the year 1889.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,270, for Museum, for the year 1889.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,500, for Technological Museum, for the year 1889.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,947, for Free Public Library, for the year 1889.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,170, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1889.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,100, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1889.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,374, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1889.

No. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,332, for Department of Justice, for the year 1889.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,964, for Department of Master-in-Equity, for the year 1889.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,602, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1889.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £100, for Divorce Court, for the year 1889.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,350, for Curator of Intestate Estates, for the year 1889.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,113, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1889.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,349, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1889.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,072, for District Courts, for the year 1889.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,295, for Coroners, for the year 1889.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,533, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1889.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107,106, for Prisons, for the year 1889.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £953, for the Shaftsbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1889.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,005, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1889.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,946, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1889.

No. VII.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,839, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1889.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,060, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1889.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,696, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1889.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,135, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1889.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,358, for Department of Lands, for the year 1889.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,120, for Rabbit Branch, for the year 1889.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,447, for Forests Conservancy Branch, for the year 1889.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,050 for Minor Roads, for the year 1889.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,275, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1889.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,373, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1889.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £246,157, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1889.

(107.)

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,837, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1889.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £253,000, for Special Charges, for the year 1889.

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,394, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1889.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,120, for Railway Construction Branch, for the year 1889.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,333, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation—Engineer's Department, for the year 1889.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,293, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation—Fitzroy Dock, for the year 1889.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,000, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation—Dredge Service, for the year 1889.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £75,687, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation—Public Works, for the year 1889.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,437, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1889.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £114,113, for Colonial Architect—Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1889.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,330, for Roads and Bridges—General Establishment, for the year 1889.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,384, for Roads and Bridges—Superintendents in Field, for the year 1889.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,051, for Sewerage Department—Construction and Maintenance, for the year 1889.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £660,606, for Roads and Bridges—Construction and Maintenance, for the year 1889.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,502, for Parliamentary Standing Committee, for the year 1889.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,800, for Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1889.

No. X.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £436,543, for Post Office, for the year 1889.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,630, for Money Order Office and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1889.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £158,467 for Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1889.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,452 for Telephone Branch, for the year 1889.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,348, for Electric Lights, for the year 1889.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,772, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1889.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83,050, for Department of Mines, for the year 1889.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,985, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1889.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,720, for Imported Stock, for the year 1889.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,330, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1889.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £590, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1889.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,177, for Public Watering Places and Reserves and Conservation of Water, for the year 1889.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1889.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1889.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1888 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1885.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1885."

Services of 1887.

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,646 14s. 10d., to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1887."

Services of 1888.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,835 18s. 7d., to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1888."

ADDITIONAL

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1889.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £315 10s. 10d., to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Assembly."
- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £870, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."
- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £245, to defray additional charge under the head "Parliamentary Library."
- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105 16s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Parliamentary Reporting Staff."

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,855, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Secretary's Department."
- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200 to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—General Staff."
- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107 15s. 9d., to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Chief Paymaster's Department."
- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £319 5s. 1d., to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Submarine Miners."
- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Partially-paid Submarine Miners."
- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,238, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Contingencies."
- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,820, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Works of Defence."
- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £134, to defray additional charge under the head "Naval Brigade."
- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,460, to defray additional charge under the head "Police."
- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £111 13s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Lunacy."
- (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £153, to defray additional charge under the head "Medical Adviser to the Government."
- (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Audit."
- (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £167 10s., to defray additional charge under the head "Registrar-General."
- (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £575, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Statistician."
- (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Institutions."
- (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,863 17s., to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
- (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,926 14s. 7d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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

- (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £213 6s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Treasury."
- (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140, to defray additional charge under the head "Stamp Duties Department."
- (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,034 6s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."
- (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £503 10s., to defray additional charge under the head "Stores and Stationery."
- (165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £345, to defray additional charge under the head "Shipping Masters."
- (166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £148 9s., to defray additional charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoirs."
- (167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £519, to defray additional charge under the head "Marine Board of New South Wales."
- (168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £801 10s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Public Wharves."
- (169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,189 9s. 11d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. V.—RAILWAYS.

- (170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Railways and Tramways, Existing Lines—Working Expenses."
- (171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,869, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VI.—

No. VI.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,520, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Instruction under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23."
 (173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £850, to defray additional charge under the head "Public School Cadet Corps."
 (174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110, to defray additional charge under the head "Nautical School Ship 'Vernon'.
 (175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, to defray additional charge under the head "Muscum."
 (176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,533 6s., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £651 19s. 5d., to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Justice."
 (178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge under the head "Master in Equity."
 (179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,990, to defray additional charge under the head "Prothonotary."
 (180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Divorce Court."
 (181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge under the head "Curator of Intestate Estates."
 (182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,350, to defray additional charge under the head "Sheriff."
 (183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £101 7s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Bankruptcy Court."
 (184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,056 12s. 11d., to defray additional charge under the head "District Courts."
 (185.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85, to defray additional charge under the head "Coroners."
 (186.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,866 1s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
 (187.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,170, to defray additional charge under the head "Prisons."
 (188.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £450, to defray additional charge under the head "Patents and Copyright."
 (189.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,467 3s. 7d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VIII.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (190.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Quarter Sessions."

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (191.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,075, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
 (192.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Rabbit Branch."
 (193.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £655, to defray additional charge under the head "Land Agents, Appraisers, and others."
 (194.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,034, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."
 (195.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £758, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."
 (196.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony."

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (197.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,849 13s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Public Works."
 (198.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £628 2s., to defray additional charge under the head "Railway Construction."
 (199.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,202, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Department."
 (200.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,161, to defray additional charge under the head "Fitzroy Dock."
 (201.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42, to defray additional charge under the head "Dredge Service."
 (202.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers—Public Works."
 (203.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £406, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Colonial Architect."
 (204.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,286, 16s. 5d., to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect—Public Works and Buildings."
 (205.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,243 10s. 1d., to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."

(206.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £897, to defray additional charge under the head "Sewerage Department."

(207.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,750 18s., to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges—Construction and Maintenance."

(208.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Sewerage Department—Construction and Maintenance."

(209.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,090, to defray additional charge under the head "Water Supply and Sewerage Board."

No. XI.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(210.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,841, to defray additional charge under the head "Post Office."

(211.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £353, to defray additional charge under the head "Money Order Office, and Government Savings Bank Department."

(212.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,564 3s. 10d., to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraph Department."

(213.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £182, to defray additional charge under the head "Telephones Branch."

(214.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Lights Branch."

No. XII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(215.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines—Geological Staff."

(216.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge under the head "Registration of Brands."

(217.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

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

4. MEMBER IN CUSTODY OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Warrant which he had issued upon the passing of the Resolution at this sitting of the House had been put into execution, and that Mr. Crick was now in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, awaiting the pleasure of this House.

5. PRIVILEGE—DISCHARGE OF MEMBER FROM CUSTODY OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, be discharged from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, upon his making due and suitable acknowledgment of his duty, and upon his making a humble apology to this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Cruickshank.	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Clubb,	Tellers,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. King,	Mr. Alexander Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—

(13.) Resolved,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1888 and previous years, the sum of £375,138 12s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(14.) Resolved,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1889, the sum of £7,287,427 0s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

7. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. (13) and (14), 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 1889 and for the year 1888 and previous years.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for the year 1888 and previous years,*"—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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, 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. McMillan, *passed*.

Mr. McMillan 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 1889, and for the year 1888 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 1889, and for the year 1888 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1889.*

8. DISCHARGE OF MEMBER FROM CUSTODY OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice; That the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, William Patrick Crick, Esquire, on his entering the House, and expressing his regret for his conduct, and offering a suitable apology, be discharged from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker thereupon directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring the Honorable Member, Mr. Crick, to the Bar of the House.

Mr. Crick, being admitted accordingly, was informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolution just adopted by the House; and Mr. Crick expressed his regret and apologised for his conduct.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the release of Mr. Crick from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before Five o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1889.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
QUESTION:—Light Railway from Wollombi to Annandale:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he state when the Railway Commissioners are likely to inspect and report upon the surveyed lines of light railway from Wollombi to Annandale?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I can scarcely inform the Honorable Member, as the matter has not yet reached the stage at which the Commissioners' report is to be called for.
2. PAPERS:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Regulations for the Issue of Gold-mining and Mineral Leases on Church and School Lands.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Grauville, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity.
(2.) Report of the Government Analyst respecting Quality and Composition of Spirituous Liquors for sale at Railway Refreshment Rooms.
Ordered to be printed.
3. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1889, 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, that the report be now received.

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

LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1889.

IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(218.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for resumption of Land for construction of Public Wharves.

(219.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,928,820 for Railways: being £80,000 to repay to certain Votes the expenditure therefrom on account of the erection, &c., of Darling Harbour Meat Market; £200,000 towards the duplication of the double line from Eveleigh to Homebush; £200,000 for additions, alterations, and improvements to roads, stations, and buildings, and for other purposes, including purchase of land required for extending works; £49,820 for erection of new workshops, Eveleigh, including resumption of land, further sum; £7,500 for purchase of Mount Keira Railway Line; £1,000,000 for reconstruction and improvement of Rolling Stock and Permanent-way; and for Duplicating Railway Lines—£219,000, Granville to Picton; £52,000, Hurstville and George's River, Sutherland and Waterfall; £35,500, Teralba to Adamstown; £25,000, Strathfield to Ryde; and £60,000 for widening Railway and other works in connection with the Darling Island Wharves.

(220.)

(220.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £90,323 for Tramways: being £11,623 for construction of Tramways, further sum; £15,000 for Rolling Stock; £22,000 for Wood-paving Elizabeth and George Streets; £700 for cost of Surveys for Tramway Lines; £11,000 for Duplication of Botany Line as far as the Sir Joseph Banks' grounds; and £30,000 for Wood-paving portion of Tramway Lines.

V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(221.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £280,000 for Public Instruction: being £50,000 for erection of Technical College; £200,000 for erection of new School Buildings and purchase of sites; and £30,000 for erection of new High Schools.

IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(222.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £150,000 for construction and extension of Tramways.

(223.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £232,600 for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £9,100 for Jetty, Woolgoolga Bay; £4,000 for Jetty, Coff's Harbour; £46,000 for New Dock, Cockatoo Island; £5,000 for White Bay Reclamation; £5,000 for Cranes, Moorings, &c., Byron Bay Jetty; £18,000 for appliances for reclaiming land by Sand-pump Dredgers; £100,000 for Sydney Water Supply Works, further sum; £1,500 for Admiralty Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, cost of filling up back; £4,000 for improvement of Navigation at entrance of Brunswick River; £8,000 for Dredger and plant for service first at Nambucca River; £7,000 for improvements, Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay; £13,000 for Dredge Plant, Sydney Harbour, further sum; £4,000 for cutting Channel to Moama Wharf; £3,000 for removal of Argyle Reefs, South Arm, Clarence River; and £5,000 for improvement of Navigation, Hawkesbury River.

(224.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £225,800 for Colonial Architect's Branch: being £18,000 for Completion of Lodges, Gates, Laboratory, &c., University; £7,500 towards Erection of Chemical and Mineralogical Department, University, an equal amount to be paid from the Challis Bequest; £7,300 for Alterations, &c., to fit Parramatta Protestant Orphan School for Hospital for the Insane; £13,000 for Additions, &c., Parramatta Hospital for Insane; £15,000 for Erection of Newcastle Court-house; £15,000 for Erection of Silverton or Broken Hill Gaol; £100,000 towards Erection of New Houses of Parliament; and £50,000 towards Erection of New Public Offices (including cost of resumption of land where necessary).

(225.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £120,100 for Roads and Bridges Branch: being, £10,000 for Bridge at the head of navigation, Lane Cove River; £12,000 for Kiandra Road; £16,500 for Bridge over the Hunter River at Aberdeen; £9,000 for Road from Main Southern Road, near Bowral, to the Wombeyan Caves; £5,000 for Bridge over the Williams River, at Bandon Grove, near the junction with Chichester River; £4,000 for Baw Baw Bridge over the Wollondilly River; £13,500 for Iron Bridge over Lachlan River, at Forbes; £5,000 for Bridge over Alumny Creek in Pound-street, Grafton; £1,000 for Bridge over the Murray River, at Mulwala—further sum; £4,000 for Bridge over Goulburn River—further sum; £6,600 for Bridge, Hunter River, between Maitland and Branxton—further sum; £5,000 for Bridge over Bega River, at Tarragunda—further sum; £3,000 for Bridge over the Hunter River, between Aberdeen and Singleton—further sum; £8,000 for Bridge, Murray River, at Tocumwall (moiety of cost); £7,500 for Bridge, Murray River, at Wahgunyah (moiety of cost); £1,500 for Bridge, Murray River, at Tintaldra (moiety of cost); £1,500 for Bridge, Murray River, at Jingelic (moiety of cost); and £7,000 for Construction of Road from Fernmount to the Grafton-Armidale Road.

(226.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,063,453 for Sewerage Branch: being £107,000 for North Shore Sewerage; £22,000 for Manly Sewerage; £830,000 for Western Suburbs—Main Scheme; £14,500 for Paddington Drainage, Northern Division—further sum; £3,860 for Paddington Drainage, Southern Division—further sum; £16,000 for Woollahra Drainage—further sum; £3,000 for Waverley Drainage—further sum; £800 for Randwick Drainage—further sum; £10,270 for Waterloo Drainage—further sum; £1,913 for resumption of land, Sutherland and Goodhope Streets, Paddington; £2,610 for extension of existing Alexander-street Sewer to culvert at Copeland-street; £1,500 for Stormwater Sewer from Copeland-street to Henderson Road, Macdonaldtown; and for City Sewerage—Subsidiary Pipe Sewers and Intercepting arrangements—£6,000 for Bourke-street Branch; £15,000 for Pyrmont Branch; £10,000 for Pott's Point and Elizabeth Bay Branch; and £19,000 for Macdonaldtown Drainage.

XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(227.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,600, for Secretary for Mines, being for surveys, gauging of rivers, and construction of various works in connection with water conservation and distribution from the Murray, Murrumbidgee, Darling, Lachlan, Bogan, Macquarie, Gwydir, Narran, and other rivers, for agricultural, pastoral, and mining industries, and for domestic use.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

(228.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000, under the head "Repayment of Loans," to meet 6 per cent. Debentures falling due 1st July, 1889—viz., City of Sydney Water Supply.

(229.)

(229.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1889, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £718,200, under the head of "Repayment of Loans," to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1890: being, in January, £365,600 for Railways, 23 Victoria No. 5; in July, £5,000 for Public Works, 22 Victoria No. 26; and £347,600 for Railways and Public Works, 23 Victoria No. 10.

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

4. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, 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:—

(15.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £5,089,896 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, for the Repayment of Loans, and for other purposes.

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

5. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. (15), to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

6. 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 1889, and for the year 1888 and previous years*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 8th October, 1889.

JOHN HAY,

President.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, postponed until Thursday next.

8. RAILWAY LOAN REDEMPTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. McMillan 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 provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof.

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

(3.) Mr. McMillan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, that the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

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

(5.)

- (5.) Mr. McMillan then moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Goodchap 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." Debate ensued.

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

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

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

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application 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 provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1889, a.m.*

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Loan Bill postponed until after the Order of the Day No. 5 of General Business.

(2.) The Notices of Motions of General Business Nos. 1 to 75 postponed until Thursday next.

(3.) The Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 1 and 2 postponed until Thursday next.

10. TORONTO TRAMWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, 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. Stevenson, 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 Platform or Station known as Fassifern, on the Government Line of Railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate at Lake Macquarie.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1889, a.m.*

11. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Frank 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. Stevenson, 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 of a Railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1889, a.m.*

12. LECONFIELD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cullen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cullen, 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. Cullen, 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. Cullen, *passed*.

Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Greta Coal Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Leconfield Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway; also a branch line in connection therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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 a Company called the 'Greta Coal Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Leconfield Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway; also a branch line in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1889, a.m.*

13. LOAN BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1889, a.m.*

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising after the sitting proper to this day, do adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. on Thursday.

Question put and passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fascine Banks, Tweed River—Borings, Tweed Heads:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any information been received as to the practicability of constructing fascine banks on the Tweed River?

(2.) Have any steps been taken to have borings at the Tweed Heads?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) A report has been received from the local officer, who states that it is quite practicable to construct fascine banks on the Tweed River.

(2.) Yes; appliances are now being moved from the Richmond River to the Tweed River for the purpose of taking the necessary borings.

- (2.) Erosion of Banks of the Richmond River:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he obtain a report on the best means of preventing the erosion of the banks of the Richmond River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have already directed the local officer to examine and report on this matter.

2. DUTIES ON IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:—Mr. Bowman, for Mr. Holborow, presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Storekeepers, Producers, Labourers, and others directly or indirectly interested in the productions and manufactures of the Colony, praying that the House will take their Petition into consideration, and, with the view of assisting them and promoting the welfare of the Colony, will cause measures to be passed, imposing duties upon all agricultural and other products imported into New South Wales, as well as upon such manufactured articles as can be reasonably made within the Colony.
Petition received.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—*until Tuesday next.*
(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*until Tuesday next.*
(3.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow.*
(4.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*

5. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. P. 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

6. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Abigail, for *Mr. Hurley*, 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.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Katoomba Lighting Bill postponed until to-morrow.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Brunner* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow at *Eleven o'clock a.m.*

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1889.

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

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

- (1.) Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Railway Loan Redemption Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways and to authorize the application thereof*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

2. QUESTION:—

- (1.) Fitting Goods Trains with Automatic Brake:—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is any sum included in the Loan Estimates for the fitting of an automatic brake to the goods stock?

(2.) Do the Commissioners intend to adopt the Westinghouse brake for this stock?

(3.) If there is any intention to adopt a brake other than the Westinghouse for this purpose, will public competitive trials of the different brakes be held, in order that it may be determined which is the most efficient?

(4.) What is the estimated cost of fitting the goods trains with an automatic brake?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No sum has been included in the Loan Estimates for the fitting of an automatic brake to the goods stock. The Railway Commissioners have not yet decided what form of brake to adopt, and consequently no estimate has been formed of the cost of fitting goods stock. I see that I have not been supplied with an answer to a portion of the honorable member's question, but I will see that an answer is made.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Leconfield Coal-mine Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 75.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the Greta Coal Company (Limited), to construct a Railway from the Leconfield Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway; also a Branch Line 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th October, 1889.

(2.)

(2.) Warwick Farm Railway Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 76.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled " *An Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse,*"—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, 10th October, 1889.

(3.) Toronto Tramway Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 77.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled " *An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the platform or station known as Fassifern, on the Government Line of Railway from Sydney to Newcastle, and the Toronto Estate, at Lake Macquarie,*"—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, 10th October, 1889.

4. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING 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 amend the 'Redhead Coal Mine Railway Act of 1883.'*"

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 Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,*"—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, 10th October, 1889.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Resumption under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act of Land for Public School Purposes at Fostertou, Orandelbinnia, Ravensworth North, and Wooram.

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

Ordered to be printed.

6. 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,—

Her Majesty's faithful subjects in New South Wales have, by their representatives, granted to Her Majesty the Supplies necessary for the Services of the current year, and for previous years not before provided for. They have, also, voted sums of money to be raised by Loan for the purpose of effecting certain public works, and for the repayment of Loans about to fall due. I have now the honor to present to your Excellency for the Royal Assent the Bills passed embodying these Supplies, and intituled respectively,—

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 1889, and for the year 1888, and previous years, and

An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker also presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent,—

An Act to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS :—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills presented by Mr. Speaker, viz. :—

(1.) " *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 1889, and for the year 1888 and previous years.*"

(2.) " *An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.*"

(3.) " *An Act to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorize the application thereof.*"

8. **PROBATION:**—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 satisfaction to be able to release you for a time from your arduous and successful Parliamentary labours. The work of the Session now closing will bear favourable comparison with that of any former period; and in pursuing your private avocations you will be sustained by the just consciousness of having rendered important services to the country.

2. The new Land Act is a measure calculated to establish improved relations between the different classes engaged in pastoral and agricultural industry; to foster and maintain confidence in the investment of capital, and to increase the demand for labour, in connection with country pursuits. The acquisition of freehold homesteads for cultivation and farming purposes has been rendered more easy and certain; special provision has been made for bringing inferior and scrub lands under profitable occupation; a lengthened and more secure tenure is given to the several classes of Crown leaseholders, with the right of purchase in certain cases; the grounds of serious anxiety have been removed from the minds of the holders of conditional leases terminable at the close of the current year. In future the rentals of Crown lands will be determined by their periodical reappraisal under such conditions as it is believed will give general satisfaction, and, in all cases where reasonable disagreement may exist, an independent authority has been created for the prompt and equitable settlement of appeals. Encouragement is given to private enterprise in making permanent improvements, which will benefit the tenant during his term of occupation, and result in necessarily enhancing the value of the public estate.

3. Arising out of the protracted consideration given to the Land Bill during its passage into law, a short Act has been passed which, by opening new and extensive channels to mining enterprise, will give much satisfaction to the valuable classes engaged in mining pursuits. The speedy enactment of this measure at a critical juncture affords proof of the patriotic disposition of the two Houses to place the public welfare above even grave differences of opinion.

4. The Act to improve the machinery of the Public Works Act of the last Parliament cannot fail to render the working of that important measure more efficient and satisfactory, and to promote its principal objects—the protection of the taxpayer against improvident expenditure on proposed new works, and, where such works are approved, the thorough investigation of the grounds justifying their construction. Already many proposals, including several of great importance dealing with the sanitation of thickly-populated localities, having passed the ordeal of the Parliamentary Standing Committee, have become law, and the works will be carried out with the least avoidable delay.

5. The Intercolonial Debts Act will be regarded as a valuable addition to the enactments regulating the administration of justice.

6. The Act authorizing the establishment of the Women's College in the University of Sydney will be hailed with a feeling of congratulation by all who desire to see justice done to the intellectual capacities of one-half of our fellow-creatures, who, in trial and peril, as well as in joy and comfort, contribute their full share to the achievements of the highest human efforts.

7. The Act dealing with the deficit of 1886 and previous years, by making provision for its gradual reduction and ultimate extinction, will be regarded with much satisfaction.

8. The important measure which, largely against the views of my advisers, but with the support of a large majority of the representatives of the people, has been passed into law, to reimburse Members of the Legislative Assembly for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties, distinctly marks a new departure in the constitutional relations hitherto subsisting between the definite groups of persons engaged in carrying on the business of the State; and it is hardly possible to forecast the forms of moral influence that may arise in the province of politics from the fact that the Members of one House are paid for their labours and the Members of the other House not paid. I sincerely trust that the working of the new Act will produce the effect of materially assisting to secure a complete and satisfactory representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly.

9. Other important enactments have been completed by your labours, including the Act to improve the law regulating mining on Church and School lands, and the Act to authorize the construction of extensive Harbour Works at Wollongong under a local trust. The latter may be regarded as an interesting experiment of the principle of self-help being brought into operation in a national undertaking.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

10. I thank you for the ample provision you have made for the Public Service, and assure you that uniform care and economy will be exercised in the expenditure.

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

11. I am much gratified to be able to inform you that it is no longer necessary to find employment at the public expense for large numbers of the working population. The bounteous seasons, the improved activity in industrial operations, and the opening out of legally authorised works under Government, are steadily providing legitimate employment for the industrious poor, and I look forward to continuous improvement in the condition of the larger classes of society.

12. During the recess active steps will be taken to reorganise the system of Technical Education, and to establish a sub-department of Agriculture.

13. Preparations will be immediately proceeded with for the framing of a measure of local self-Government which it is hoped will prove acceptable to all divisions of the population.

14. In dismissing you to your several districts, I pray that the Divine blessing may follow you to your homes and attend you in your various callings of life.

I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 5th day of November next.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.
(PROROGUED 10 OCTOBER, 1889.)

QUESTION :—

1. MR. WALL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Is any sum included in the Loan Estimates for the fitting of an automatic brake to the goods stock?
 - (2.) Do the Commissioners intend to adopt the Westinghouse brake for this stock?
 - (3.) If there is any intention to adopt a brake other than the Westinghouse for this purpose, will public competitive trials of the different brakes be held, in order that it may be determined which is the most efficient?
 - (4.) What is the estimated cost of fitting the goods trains with an automatic brake?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Metropolitan Magistrates Act Further Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the power of appointing Stipendiary Magistrates conferred by the "Metropolitan Magistrates Act, 1881," and to make provision for the temporary exercise of the jurisdiction given by the said Act in cases of emergency.
2. Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Land, Crops, and Stock Returns Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
4. Coal Mines Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BARBOUR to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchases made upon Barratta Run," brought up on 4th September, 1889, be adopted.
2. MR. WALKER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish capital punishment, and in lieu thereof to substitute penal servitude.
3. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That, in view of the probability of New South Wales becoming a great manufacturing country, it is desirable that the Government should bring in a measure to accomplish the following objects :—
 - (1.) To enforce the providing of seats for females in manufacturing, mechanical, or mercantile establishments.
 - (2.) To prohibit children under sixteen from working more than six hours per day, save in vineyards or gardens.
 - (3.) To compel the finding of fire-escapes for all factories and workshops.
 - (4.) To compel parents to furnish a certificate, showing that the children they send out to work have attended school for at least six months out of the twelve prior to the first engagement at work.
 - (5.) To prohibit employers from inflicting corporal punishment upon minors.
 - (6.) To prohibit children under twelve from being employed in the manufacture of iron, steel, machinery, or tobacco.
 - (7.) To prohibit the erection of insecure buildings.
 - (8.) To prohibit the manufacture of cigars or tobacco in dwelling-houses.
 - (9.) To compel information with regard to labour statistics to be given on oath.
 - (10.) To declare eight hours to be a legal days' work.
4. MR. HAROLD STEPHEN to move, That it is desirable that Civil Servants should be paid weekly instead of monthly.

5. MR. GARVAN to move,—
 (1.) That this House disapproves of the action of the Government in allowing advertisements to be placed on the postage stamps of this Colony.
 (2.) That, if such a practice were deemed desirable, tenders should have been publicly invited.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. WILLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all plans, reports of the Commissioners, and correspondence, in reference to the proposed Byrock-Brewarrina railway.
7. MR. CREER to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, bring down an Absentee Tax Bill, compelling absentees and absentee companies deriving an income, revenue, or pension of £500 and upwards per annum, to contribute a percentage of such income, revenue, or pension towards the government of the Colony.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. WALKER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all mineral lease applications, together with all minutes, correspondence, and other documents relating to portions 5, 10, 17, 18, and 25, parish of Stephen, county of Yancowinna.
9. MR. CRUICKSHANK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, and other documents relating to the application by Walter Kennedy for a mineral lease of block 533, near Tingha.
10. MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the school fees charged in our Public Schools should be abolished.
11. MR. MCFARLANE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, tolls and ferry dues should be forthwith abolished.
12. MR. CRUICKSHANK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all reserves when thrown open for settlement should be advertised in the local papers in the district in which they are situated.
13. MR. CREER to move, That this House will, on Tuesday 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 Additional Estimates for the year 1889, a sufficient sum to provide for a special endowment of £1 for every £1 raised in rates in municipalities for municipal purposes in the above year.
14. MR. BALL to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with Callaghan's conditional purchases, 81-51, Braidwood, and 83-246 and 84-30, Queanbeyan, recommended for forfeiture.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Colls, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.
15. MR. WALKER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications for a gold-mining lease for portion 159, parish of Metz, county of Sandon (last applied for under gold lease applications Nos. 30 and 31, Hillgrove), together with all correspondence, reports, and other documents relating to the same.
16. MR. LEES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and reports thereon *re* Stephen v. Erwin, in Equity, as to alteration of decree, together with the judgment, as delivered on 11th May, 1887.
17. MR. MORTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on claim of Isaac Barclay, brought up on 17th July, 1889, be now adopted.
18. MR. COPELAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between Mr. Thomas Butler and the Chief Justice, also between Mr. Butler and the Attorney-General, with reference to certain professional conduct on the part of Mr. Pilehor, Q.C.
19. MR. COPELAND to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has fully arrived when the erection of new Parliamentary Buildings should be commenced without further delay.
20. MR. WILLIAM STEPHEN to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no appointments in the Railway Service should be made outside of the Service, unless by the expressed approval of the Minister for Railways.
 (2.) That no dismissals of Railway Servants should be allowed for the purpose of retrenchment only, without notice being given at least three months beforehand, and such dismissed men should be recognized as having a first claim for appointment to any vacancies in the Railway or Civil Service, for which they may apply, and for which they may be qualified.
 (3.) That the Railway Act should be forthwith amended so as to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions.
21. MR. COPELAND to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the fiscal policy best adapted to the necessities and most conducive to the prosperity of this Colony, is a discriminative tariff providing for—(a) Moderate protective duties on such agricultural productions as can be raised in this Colony, and on all articles which can be locally manufactured; (b) the admission duty free of raw material required for manufacturing purposes, and of all articles which enter into general consumption and cannot be produced in the Colony.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

22. **MR. TEECE** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase (79-189) made by George B. Weeks, at Goulburn, on the 31st July, 1879.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Colls, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Ball, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
23. **MR. SEAVER** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum of money, not less than £100,000, should be set apart for the establishment of a Mining and Agricultural College in the Colony.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
24. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Miss Brenning," brought up on 23rd July, 1889, be now adopted.
25. **MR. HAROLD STEPHEN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Patrick Brown and Duncan McKae for compensation for the loss of a certain mineral conditional purchase of 40 acres, in the parish of Dunleary, county of Bathurst.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Wright, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lees, Mr. Melville, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dowel, and the Mover.
26. **MR. McCOURT** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday 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 £100,000 should be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1889 for expenditure on the roads and bridges of the Colony.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
27. **MR. ALFRED ALLEN** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the prevention of loss of life and property at sea, all Colonial registered vessels should be compelled to carry oil for use in tempestuous weather, as recommended by the Admiralty and Board of Trade.
 (2.) That better provision be made on harbour steamers for the safety of passengers, by providing life-belts, life-buoys, or seat-rafts sufficient to float all on board.
 (3.) That all non-certificated sea-going vessels be compelled to carry a life-belt for each person on board.
28. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the application made by A. J. Hack on the 21st July, 1887, for the conditional purchase of 40 acres of measured portion No. 113, on the Guyra Gold-field.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lamb, Mr. Wall, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Walker, Mr. Turner, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Black, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
29. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the application of A. J. Hack for a conditional purchase of 40 acres of measured portion No. 113, on the Guyra Gold-field, should not be confirmed until the Committee appointed to inquire into the said application have reported to the House.
30. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the various allegations made against Mr. Justice Wmdeyer, by various persons at various times, as to the said Judge's administration of the laws and the alleged remarks made by him of and to jurors, witnesses, and others.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Black, Mr. Alexander Brown, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Street, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Frank Smith, and the Mover.
31. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the right (if any) of Mr. E. K. Crace to an area of Crown land at Ginindera, near Queanbeyan.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. McKae, Mr. Colls, Mr. Lees, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Hawken, and the Mover.
32. **MR. CULLEN** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the "New South Wales Tramway Company (Limited)" to construct tramways in the City of Sydney.
33. **MR. ABIGAIL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number and names of teachers engaged in our Public Schools.
 (2.) The length of service and salary paid to each.
 (3.) Where they obtained their education.
34. **MR. CRUICKSHANK** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the boundaries of the Electorate of Inverell.
35. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the construction of a bridge over the River Murray, at Tocumwal, is urgently required, and that tenders for the construction of the same should be called for without further delay.
36. **MR. SLATTERY** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway, by way of Thackaringa, the Pinnacles, and Broken Hill, to near "Mount Gipps Hotel."

37. **MR. HAWKEN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, when the Colonies of Victoria, South Australia, and Queensland were formed into separate Colonies, and divided from New South Wales by Imperial edict, it was not considered that hostile tariffs would operate between the Colonies.
 - (2.) That negotiations should be opened between this Government and the several Governments interested, with reference to the fiscal laws likely to be injurious to New South Wales.
 - (3.) That additional imposts between the Colonies on the mainland of Australia be not regarded as friendly acts.
 - (4.) That restrictive imposts between the Colonies ought to be abolished.
 - (5.) That the stock tax levied by the Government of Victoria is especially objectionable.
 - (6.) That a conference be contemplated in the interests of intercolonial free-trade, and a further conference in the interest of full exchange of commodities among all English-speaking people.
 - (7.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
38. **MR. TURNER** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional and additional purchases of William McIlveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers, situate in the parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Report and Minutes of Evidence on the same subject, brought up on the 29th October, 1884, be referred to the Committee.
39. **MR. HAROLD STEPHEN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Quarantine Station should be removed to some more suitable site without further delay.
40. **MR. FLETCHER** to move,—
- (1.) That, in view of the depression existing in the iron trades, the action of the Government in sending to Europe for a number of iron boilers, which could have been produced here, does not meet with the approval of this House.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
41. **MR. WALL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of distributing the Prospecting Vote, under the direction of the Board appointed by the Mines Department, is unsatisfactory; and that any money in future voted for the purpose of prospecting, should be disbursed under the control of Boards locally appointed, the Minister having the right to determine the proportion to be allotted to each district.
42. **MR. WALL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of men to be employed on all gold-mining and mineral leases should be defined by Regulation, which Regulation should be published by the Department of Mines.
43. **MR. GREENE** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the forfeiture of the conditional purchases of C. H. Thatcher, in the Forbes Land District.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Brunker, and the Mover.
44. **MR. GREENE** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of John O'Brien for loss of land held for gold-mining purposes at Prince Alfred Gully, Tyagong Gold-field.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cooke, Mr. Gough, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Teece, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Harold Stephen, and the Mover.
45. **MR. DICKENS** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of H. C. Armstrong for compensation, by reason of losses sustained by him through his removal from land at the Circular Quay, leased to him by the late Commissioner for Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Playfair, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
46. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to encourage deep-sea fishing in New South Wales.
 - (2.) That, as a means to this end, and as a necessary preliminary to the inauguration of trawling, the Government should order a survey to be made of the fishing grounds off this coast and Lord Howe Island.
 - (3.) That bonuses should be offered for the three most successful trawlers and the three most successful well-boats for the years 1890 and 1891.
 - (4.) That arrangements should be made for bringing to this country a number of experts in oyster culture from France and experienced trawlers from Great Britain and Ireland.
47. **MR. NICOLL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should without delay introduce a Forest Conservation Bill, such Bill to include a provision for State nurseries to be formed for the planting and growing of the valuable timbers of the Colony.
48. **MR. EWING** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase of Zachary Benn, Richmond River District," brought up on 30th July, 1889, be now adopted.
49. **MR. ABIGAIL** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal and amend the Mining Laws.

50. MR. ABIGAIL to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals.
51. MR. ABIGAIL to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the definition of water rights, and the use and enjoyment thereof.
52. 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. J. P. Abbott, Dr. Ross, Mr. Teece, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Ball, Mr. Gould, Mr. Walker, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Report of the Select Committee on the same subject, brought up on 9th February, 1888, be referred to such Committee.
53. MR. GARRARD to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, taxation, in the form of a tax on the unimproved value of land, should be adopted as a means of raising revenue in New South Wales.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
54. MR. WADDELL to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of Bourke into three Electoral Districts.
55. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be immediately taken by the Government to lessen the disastrous effects of droughts, by affording a cheap and speedy means for the removal of stock from the arid districts to the mountain runs of Monaro and New England.
 (2.) That, with the object of accomplishing this, as well as for connecting the Southern railways with the Western and Northern lines, a light line of railway should be constructed without delay from Werris Creek to Dubbo, thence to Forbes and Narrandera; and branch lines from the Southern railway should be immediately extended from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba, and from Yass to Queanbeyan.
56. MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Mining Act should be so amended as to provide that, in all cases where persons are entitled to receive beforehand notice of forfeiture from the Mines Department, a certain time should be allowed to such persons to secure the land of which notice of forfeiture is given.
57. MR. MACKINNON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence *in re* charge of drunkenness preferred by Sub-Inspector Walker against Constable Thompson.
58. MR. TONKIN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should include in their railway policy the construction of a light line of railway from Tarana to the Jenolan Caves, *via* Oberon.
59. MR. CHANTER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of subsidy to be paid to Agricultural Associations should be in the proportion of £1 to each £1 locally contributed.
60. MR. FLETCHER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes and documents connected with the appointment of Mr. Shaw as a Member of the Licensing Court, Newcastle, together with all letters passing between the Department and any person or persons, relating to the said appointment.
61. MR. WALL to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of Mr. McCormack, the Court-house-keeper at Mudgee.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Howe, Mr. Crick, Mr. Willis, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Tonkin, and the Mover.
62. MR. THOMPSON to move, That the members of the Refreshment Committee, who are Members of this House, be requested to confer with the members of that Committee who are Members of the Legislative Council, and to report to this House whether it would not be advisable to discontinue the sale of intoxicating liquors at the Refreshment Bar.
63. MR. HAWTHORNE to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon ex-Mounted Sergeant Wm. Stafford's petition and prayer (received by the Legislative Assembly on the 2nd May, 1888), concerning his dismissal from the Police Force.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hogan, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Teece, Dr. Ross, Mr. Willis, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.
64. MR. MCFARLANE to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in order to promote an improved system of agriculture, and for the scientific instruction of those engaged in the cultivation of the soil, it is expedient that an Agricultural College should be established without delay.
 (2.) That, in connection with the proposed College, Model and Experimental Farms should be established in various parts of the Colony, to be presided over by competent persons, capable of imparting necessary instruction for the cultivation of the various products that can be profitably grown in the Colony.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

65. **MR. THOMPSON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return showing every particular with regard to 160 tons of galvanized iron telegraph wire ordered for the use of the Telegraph Department shortly antecedent to July, 1888.
 - (2.) Copies of all orders, invoices, receipts, vouchers, reports, and other documents in the Department relating to the said wire.
66. **MR. NOBBS** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to divide the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.
67. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** 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 (if any) of Hugh McNeill and party to compensation for the loss of a mineral lease through the neglect of the Mining Department.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Crick, Mr. Morton, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Walker, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. McRae, Mr. Dickens, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed in Session 1887-8 be referred to such Committee.
68. **MR. NICOLL** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the conditional purchases of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, in the Land District of Lismore.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ewing, Mr. Perry, Mr. Howe, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Turner, and the Mover.
69. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to appoint a Royal Commission for the following purposes:—
 - (1.) To inquire into the reasons why the whole of the Crown lands upon the resumed areas have not been available for settlement.
 - (2.) To obtain evidence as to which of these lands are best suited for agricultural purposes.
 - (3.) To ascertain which of the reserves upon the resumed areas are unnecessary for public purposes.
 - (2.) Such Commission to furnish Progress Reports to the Minister for Lands, its recommendations to be acted upon without delay.
70. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) There is urgent necessity of placing the travelling stock reserves upon a better footing.
 - (2.) Improvements should be made in the form of ringbarking, and making tanks and dams at convenient distances apart.
 - (3.) Caretakers should be employed to look after these reserves, and to bring trespassers thereon to punishment.
 - (4.) A toll should be imposed upon all travelling stock making use of these reserves, to pay working expenses.
 - (5.) To facilitate the duties of reporting the approach of stock, and to minimise the litigation in which drovers are continually involved on the point, a record of landowners entitled to the necessary notice should be kept at the nearest court-house, post-office, or such other place as may be appointed by the Stock and Pastures Board.
71. **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 land at corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Report and all papers handed in to, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1877-8, be referred to such Committee.
72. **MR. O. O. DANGAR** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to divide the Electoral District of The Macleay.
73. **MR. TRAILL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, as early as practicable, introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Act in such manner that it shall no longer be lawful for any elector to record a vote for more than one constituency at any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
74. **MR. HURLEY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) The time has arrived when greater inducements should be held out for a settlement of our agricultural population on the lands of the country.
 - (2.) Steps should be at once taken to instruct the Railway Commissioners that the freight on all agricultural produce, such as hay, chaff, corn, wheat, flour, or any other produce, be conveyed to the Metropolitan or other market at the same freight charges as if conveyed by water.
75. **MR. MARTIN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on tobacco should be reduced or the duty on imported tobacco should be increased, so as to afford an equitable adjustment of the taxation on tobacco and tobacco leaf.
76. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the policy of working the State railways with a view to a commercial profit is a pernicious one, and especially detrimental to the agricultural, pastoral, and mining interests.
 - (2.) That, with a view to promote the interests of the inland districts, the present railway freights should be lowered and the differential rate system abolished.
 - (3.) That the State has a right to a share of the increase of value given to land by the construction of its railways; and, with a view to establish this right, and assist to pay the interest upon the money borrowed to build the railway, a graduated land tax should be imposed upon all lands so increased in value.
 - (4.) That wherever light railways will pay working expenses, they should be constructed in preference to roads.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Act (Expansive Clauses) Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Eight Hours Bill ; second reading.
3. Legal Practitioners Bill ; second reading.
4. Broken Hill Water Supply Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Katoomba Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
6. West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
7. Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all Liquor Licenses.
8. Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
9. Probate Bill ; second reading.
10. Municipal Registration Bill ; second reading.
11. Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
12. Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
13. Publication of Obscene Evidence Prevention Bill reported ; adoption of report.
14. Electoral Act (Plural Vote Abolition) Amendment Bill ; second reading.
15. City of Paddington Naming Bill ; second reading.
16. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill ; second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
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ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1889.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	27	46	2	75
Abbott, Joseph Palmer, Esq.	31	40	.....	71
Abbott, William Edward, Esq.	32	45	.....	77
A'Beckett, William Channing, Esq.	32	63	.....	95
Abigail, Francis, Esq.	35	31	3	69
Afison, William, Esq.	25	53	.....	78
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	15	15	2	32
Bull, Edward Joseph, Esq.	30	51	.....	81
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	42	58	1	101
Barnes John Frederick, Esq.	27	58	2	87
Black, Reginald James, Esq.	24	20	.....	44
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	30	52	1	83
Brown, Alexander, Esq.	18	28	.....	46
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	33	44	.....	82
Brown, Wynman, Esq.	27	25	2	54
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq.	51	94	7	152
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	7	8	.....	15
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	39	29	.....	68
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq.	52	71	4	127
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	31	38	1	70
Chauter, John Moore, Esq.	21	53	.....	74
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	30	25	3	58
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	14	25	.....	39
Clubb, George, Esq.	32	38	3	73
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	13	31	.....	44
Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq.	47	73	2	122
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	23	29	.....	52
Copland, David, Esq.	34	53	.....	87
Creer, Joseph, Esq.	32	25	1	58
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	43	64	2	109
Crickshank, George Alexander, Esq.	34	60	1	95
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq.	50	63	5	118
Dale, David, Esq. *	7	38	.....	45
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	20	13	.....	33
Dangar, Otho Orde, Esq.	26	72	2	100
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	21	30	.....	51
Davis, William Walter, Esq.	28	44	.....	72
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	59	90	2	151
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	37	26	.....	63
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Esq.	30	69	.....	99
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	28	35	2	65
Edmunds, Walter, Esq.	43	47	2	92
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	26	20	.....	46
Farnell, Frank, Esq. †	24	13	1	38
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	9	14	.....	23
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	7	21	.....	28
Fletcher, James, Esq.	23	9	.....	32
Fuller, George Warburton, Esq.	39	39	.....	78
Garland, Charles Launcelot, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	35	39	4	78
Garrett, Thomas, Esq.	18	16	.....	34
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	25	35	1	61
Goodchap, Charles Augustus, Esq.	3	8	.....	11
Gormly, James, Esq.	45	78	.....	123
Gough, John George, Esq.	13	31	.....	44
Gould, The Hon. Albert John, Esq.	50	80	8	138
Grahame, William, Esq. ‡	20	30	.....	50
Greene, George Henry, Esq.	41	48	.....	89
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	18	33	.....	51
Hawken, Nicholas, Esq.	43	68	6	117

* From 26 June, 1889. † To 19 September, 1889; and from 30 September, 1889. ‡ To 3 October, 1889.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committees.	Counts-out.	Total.
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq. ...	32	30	.....	62
Hayes, James, Esq. ...	24	32	.....	56
Haynes, John, Esq. ...	42	65	3	110
Hogan, Patrick, Esq. ...	16	19	.....	35
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq. ...	23	34	.....	57
Howe, James Peter, Esq. ...	28	30	1	59
Hurley, John, Esq. ...	28	21	2	51
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Canterbury</i>) ...	45	54	5	104
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Glen Innes</i>) ...	31	34	.....	65
Inglis, James, Esq. ...	27	21	.....	48
Jones, Travers, Esq. ...	23	45	.....	68
Kidd, John, Esq. ...	42	33	.....	75
King, Robert John, Esq. ...	41	51	1	93
Lakeman, Allen, Esq. ...	29	49	1	79
Lamb, Alfred, Esq. ...	21	47	.....	68
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq. ...	39	40	.....	79
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq. ...	47	35	4	86
Levin, Robert Henry, Esq. * ...	12	12	.....	24
Linsley, John Richard, Esq. † ...	6	.....	.....	6
Lynne, William John, Esq. ...	26	34	.....	60
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq. ...	6	10	.....	16
Martin, James, Esq. ...	22	11	.....	33
McCourt, William, Esq. ...	27	47	2	76
McFarlane, John, Esq. ...	18	24	.....	42
McMillan, The Hon. William, Esq. ...	52	77	4	133
McRue, Myles, Esq. ...	41	50	.....	91
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	45	.....	7	52
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq. ...	16	34	1	51
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq. ...	38	45	3	86
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq. ...	23	42	.....	65
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq. ...	43	47	1	91
Nobbs, John, Esq. ...	37	32	2	71
O'Connor, The Hon. Daniel, Esq. ...	36	68	3	107
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq. ...	42	66	4	112
Parke, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G. ...	34	49	5	88
Paul, William Henry, Esq. ...	40	68	2	110
Perry, John, Esq. ...	34	62	2	88
Playfair, Thomas, Esq. ...	41	30	.....	71
Plumb, John, Esq. ...	39	60	1	100
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq. ...	18	21	.....	37
Ritchie, Robert Adam, Esq. ...	39	38	1	78
Roberts, Charles James, Esq., C.M.G. ...	10	14	.....	24
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. ...	24	50	.....	74
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq. ...	16	30	.....	46
Schey, William Francis, Esq. † ...	16	33	1	50
Scobie, Robert, Esq. ...	49	65	1	115
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockering, Esq. ...	35	31	1	67
See, John, Esq. ...	8	26	.....	34
Shepherd, John, Esq. ...	21	27	2	50
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq. ...	17	29	.....	46
Smith, The Hon. Bruce, Esq. ...	53	62	4	119
Smith, Frank James, Esq. ...	35	28	.....	63
Smith, The Hon. Sydney, Esq. ...	54	80	6	140
Stephen, Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh, Esq. ...	55	84	5	144
Stephen, William, Esq. ...	26	19	3	48
Stevenson, Richard, Esq. ...	55	82	6	143
Stokes, Alfred, Esq. ...	21	27	.....	48
Street, John Bendell, Esq. ...	21	11	.....	32
Sutherland, John, Esq. § ...	4	.....	.....	4
Taylor, Hugh, Esq. ...	29	7	.....	36
Teede, William, junr., Esq. ...	55	89	4	148
Thompson, Richard Windeyer, Esq. ...	16	22	1	39
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq. ...	45	45	.....	90
Toohy, James Matthew, Esq. ...	18	11	.....	29
Torpy, James, Esq. ...	37	60	.....	97
Traill, William Henry, Esq. ...	34	46	1	81
Turner, Edwin Woodward, Esq. ...	22	49	1	72
Waddell, Thomas, Esq. ...	45	55	3	103
Walker, Thomas, Esq. ...	24	25	1	50
Wall, William Chandos, Esq. ...	32	29	1	62
Want, John Henry, Esq. ...	4	1	.....	5
Wheeler, John, Esq. ...	39	22	2	63
Wilkinson, John, Esq. ...	6	16	.....	22
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq. ...	12	48	.....	60
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq. ...	29	79	2	110
Wilshire, James Thompson, Esq. ...	56	73	6	135
Woodward, Francis, Esq. ...	21	51	1	73
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq. ...	19	46	.....	65
Young, The Hon. James Henry, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....

* To 31 May, 1889; and from 11 June, 1889. † To 6 June, 1889. ‡ From 10 July, 1889. § To 27 June, 1889.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1889.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
2. Select Committees:—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
										24
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
										65
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
										3
5. Private Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
										17
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
										6
6. Petitions received:—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
										55
7. Divisions:—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
										160
8. Sittings:—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	932 h. 58 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	157 h. 14 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 h. 53 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
										10
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,074
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,089
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,871
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,654
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
										13,777
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	131
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
By Command	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	312
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
										421
Ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	414
Not ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
										421

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 10 October, 1889.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

