

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1892.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the eighteenth day of July, 1892.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

" NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT
" to wit. } GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honor-

" (L.S.) " By Deputation from GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honor-

" His Excellency : able Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished
" FREDK. M. DARLEY, Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-

" Lieutenant-Governor. in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

" WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the nineteenth instant: Now, I, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the thirtieth day of August next. And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid thirtieth day of August next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

" Given under my Hand, and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two; and in the fifty-sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

" By His Excellency's Command,

" F. B. SUTTOR.

" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 17th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of the undermentioned gentlemen, viz.:—

George Edwin Cass, Esquire, a Member for The Bogan, deceased.

Alexander Bowman, Esquire, Member for The Hawkesbury, deceased.

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire, a Member for East Macquarie, resigned.

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

William Channing A'Beckett, Esquire—for The Bogan.

Sydney Burdekin, Esquire—for The Hawkesbury.

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire—for East Macquarie.

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

Sydney Burdekin, Esquire—for The Hawkesbury.
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire—for East Macquarie.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCE 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. Barton, at twenty-five minutes past Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message, No. 1.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency, on the twenty-fourth day of March last, reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The Bill was duly laid before Her Majesty in Council on the ninth day of May last, and Her Majesty was pleased to assent thereto.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, Her Majesty's assent to this Bill was signified by a Proclamation published in a supplement to the *Government Gazette*, dated the sixth day of August instant, No. 561.

His Excellency has transmitted the Bill for enrolment in the manner required by law.

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6. PRIVILEGE—*Toohey v. Melville*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that on the 15th June last he received from the Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary, a letter in reference to the action, *Toohey v. Melville*, which letter he laid upon the Table, together with the report of the case as published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* of 6th June, 1892.

On motion of Mr. Barton, the documents were ordered to be printed.

7. THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess the Clerk had received a subpoena to appear before the Supreme Court in the case "*O'Connor v. Evans*," to produce certain papers which had been laid upon the Table. That Officer received also a summons to appear at the Court of Petty Sessions, Water Police Office, in the case "*The Queen v. Abigail and others*," to produce certain records of the House in relation to the Australian Banking Company's Bill,—and that, as Speaker, he had authorised the production of all the records referred to.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

(2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin.

(3.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed storm-water sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay.

(4.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed Water Supply for Wollongong and the surrounding districts.

(5.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed improvements at Darling Island.

(6.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed reservoir at Centennial Park, for Sydney Water Supply.

(7.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed sewerage works at Cottage Creek.

(8.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai for Hunter River District Water Supply.

Ordered to be printed.

9. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st March, 1892.

(2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 30th June, 1892.

(3.) Annual Report of the Railway Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

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- (4.) Annual Return to an Order, made on 6th May, 1884,—“Government Printing Office.”
 (5.) Regulations under the Customs Regulation Act of 1879, and Customs Duties Act of 1891.
 (6.) Despatch respecting the exchange of light gold coins under the Coinage Act of 1891.
 (7.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1892.
 (8.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1892.
 (9.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for quarter ended 31st December, 1891.
 (10.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 31st March, 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended By-law No. 5 of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.
 (2.) By-laws of the Goulburn Water Supply, under the Act 44 Victoria No. 14.
 (3.) Report of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1891.
 (4.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Fosterton, county of Gloucester, in connection with the deviation of the road from Bendolba to Wangat.
 (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Gregory, county of Waljeers, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Box Creek.
 (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, in connection with the enlargement of the Post and Telegraph Office at Parramatta.
 (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Picton, county of Camden, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Stonequarry Creek, at Picton.
 (8.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Melville, county of Cumberland, in connection with the establishment of a public park at St. Mary's.
 (9.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Ballina, county of Rous, in connection with certain improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River.
 (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cundle, county of Macquarie, in connection with a general cemetery at Cundle.
 (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Middlehope, county of Durham, in connection with the construction of flood embankments for the protection of the town of West Maitland.
 (12.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Meerschaum, county of Rous, in connection with the deviation of the road from Wyrallah to Rous.
 (13.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Luke, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Orphan School Creek at Canley Vale.
 (14.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland, in connection with the drainage works at North Shore.
 (15.) Description of Bellinger River by Commander F. Howard, R.N.

Ordered to be printed.

10. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Barton presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council, 1840,*”—which was read a first time, *pro forma*.

11. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

1. After a recess of reasonable duration, rendered necessary by the severe labours of a Session which lasted nearly nine months, I have called you together at a time which with your wise co-operation will admit of the disposal of urgent matters of public concernment.
2. You will be immediately invited to consider a Bill for Equalising the Franchise, Remodelling the Electoral Laws, and making permanent provision for the Readjustment at stated intervals of Electoral Boundaries, on the basis of constituencies each returning one Member.
3. The regrettable delay which has taken place in dealing with the question of Australian Federation will give place to action in fulfilment of the honorable obligation of New South Wales to her sister Colonies. You will be asked to reaffirm your acceptance of the Federal principle, and to express the points in which you consider that the plan of Union formulated by the Convention may be amended, so that your desired amendments, together with those proposed by other Colonies, may be laid before a second Convention. These steps will, I trust, result in the ultimate submission to the various Parliaments of a measure on which the favourable judgment of the people may be confidently expected.

4. A measure has been carefully prepared for the Self-Government of Districts in respect of local concerns. It is the intention of my Advisers to invoke your best energies to its discussion and early adoption as a much delayed and daily needed reform.

5. With a view to largely increasing the development of the wealth of the land, Bills will be brought in for amending the Crown Lands Acts, for the Conservation and Utilisation of Water, and for enabling Mining to be carried on within Private Lands.

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6. The Land Bill will make important amendments in the existing law, tending to the encouragement of settlement generally, and to the occupation of extensive areas of abandoned Crown Lands in the Central and Western Divisions. This measure will contain amendments of the Rabbit Act, including provision for Local Administration. It is intended also to validate certain Conditional and other Purchases and Leases.

7. The public demand for legislation on the Water Conservation and Irrigation question is emphatic. The measure now ready for adoption will be found to contain all that is most practical in the proposals hitherto made.

8. A Bill for the better Regulation of Coal-mining has been prepared, and will shortly be introduced.

9. The many failures of Land, Building, and Financial Companies, and the wide-spread injury and distress which they entailed, are fresh in your memories. It will be sought to discourage and expose unsound ventures of this kind by an enactment regulating the operations of all Companies receiving deposits from the public.

10. Measures for the establishment of Harbour Trusts at Sydney and Newcastle are ready to be proceeded with.

11. You will be asked to deal promptly and effectively with a growing and dangerous evil by means of a Bill for the Suppression of that kind of Disorderly Conduct which has acquired the name of Larrikinism.

12. It is intended to put an end to the necessity of withdrawing citizens from their avocations for the purpose of assisting as jurors at Coroners' Inquests.

13. Proposals will be made to simplify and expedite Legal Procedure in certain respects, and particularly by leaving it to litigants in civil cases to say for themselves whether they will invoke the assistance of juries.

14. Many other Bills are ready for your attention in case the public business is so expedited as to allow of their treatment. Among these are Bills for the amendment of the Metropolitan and Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, of the Postal Act, the Public Works Act, and of the laws relating to the Marine Board, to Unseaworthy Ships, and to the Registration of Trade Marks and Designs, for the Regulation of Factories and Workshops, and of Life Assurance Companies and Associations, for the Regulation and Location of Noxious Trades, for ensuring the Registration within the Colony of Companies holding Mining Lands therein, and for more effectually dealing with Diseases in Fruit-trees and Vines. The progress of the Medical Bill, interrupted by Prorogation, will be resumed under the new and useful Standing Order of last Session.

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15. The Estimates of Expenditure will be prepared so as to provide adequately but economically for the Services necessary to carry on the work of Government.

16. Despite the severe depression in trade, which has existed for some time past not only in Australia but throughout the world, the Revenue has been fairly sustained, and the Colonial Treasurer does not apprehend that the year's income will fall far short of his calculations.

17. A short Bill will be laid before you to remove certain frictions and inequalities which have disclosed themselves in the working of the new Customs Tariff, and for dealing with several subjects which it was not found practicable to include in the Act of last session.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
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18. The Colonial Secretary has taken advantage of the recess to proceed to England with a view to explaining and strengthening the position of the public securities of the Colony and dispelling mistaken ideas as to their character which were current in certain quarters. His conferences with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and with other high financial authorities have been attended with satisfactory results. The information which he has obtained will be submitted to you, and it will be found that a sound basis exists for the Conversion and Consolidation of our Public Debt on the arrival of a favourable opportunity.

19. Negotiations have been opened and encouragingly received for the modification of the Imperial "Trust Investment Act," so that the Inscribed Stock of the Colonies may be opened to the investment of moneys held in trust in the United Kingdom.

20. In the new Department of Agriculture the work connected with the Agricultural College and with Experimental Farms has been somewhat retarded pending the dedication of sites, but very considerable progress will be made in the near future. A scheme of Agricultural Education is being devised and will be brought into early operation.

21. I have to congratulate you upon a marked expansion in the area of land placed under cultivation, amounting to nearly 25 per cent. in the nine months which have elapsed since the alteration in the fiscal system of the country.

22. During the year Mining, like many other industries has suffered from depression, but every effort is being made to develop our enormous mineral resources. Your liberal vote for the assistance of prospecting has led to explorations which have resulted in some discoveries, and before long a revival in mining enterprise may be fully expected.

23. In accordance with the policy of the Government and the decision of Parliament, steps have been taken which it is believed will tend to the establishment within the Colony of the great industry of the mining of our own iron ores, and their manufacture within the Colony into steel rails, pipes, and other forms of ironwork, of which so large a quantity is used in connection with our public requirements.

24. Various Public Works of large importance have been put in hand, and several important proposals in this regard will be initiated so as to be ripe for action when funds become available. At the same time caution will be observed in relation to Public Loans, while regard must be had to the completion of contracts which were current when my present Advisers accepted office.

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25. Two inquiries have been held under Royal Commission into the Administration of the Railways. The report of one vindicates the integrity of the management. The report of the other has disclosed defects in the material used in certain American engines, and those defects are now being remedied without cost to the Colony.

26. The railway traffic, which some time ago showed signs of depression, is now fast recovering.

27. During the recess a Commission has inquired into the Defence System of the Colony with a view of securing greater efficiency and economy, and a report will in a few days be laid before you, which, it is expected, will offer practical suggestions, by the adoption of which a very large annual saving will be made, concurrently with a material increase in the promptly available strength of the Forces.

28. Preparations for the representation of New South Wales at the World's Fair of Chicago are proceeding, but on a less expensive basis than was at first laid down.

29. In leaving you to the patriotic discharge of your grave and responsible duties, I fervently trust that you may have the Highest Guidance in your efforts for the moral and social, as well as the material, advancement of the country.

Mr. Waddell then moved, and Mr. Scott 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. Barnes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Scott, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Waddell 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 VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, 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 EXCELLENCE,—

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

2. We beg to assure you that earnest consideration will be given to the various important matters to be submitted to us.

3. The necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

4. We join your Excellency in the hope that our labours may be directed to the advancement of the country in its highest interests.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barton, at Five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1892.

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

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

<i>" Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire,</i>	<i>" James Torpy, Esquire,</i>
<i>" Albert John Gould, Esquire,</i>	<i>" John Wilkinson, Esquire,</i>
<i>" James Hayes, Esquire,</i>	<i>" Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,</i>
<i>" Varney Parkes, Esquire,</i>	

*" 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 thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and ninety-two.*

*" J. P. ABBOTT,
" Speaker."*

2. 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 1891, 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.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) City Railway Extension—Eastern and Southern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government decided upon any course of action in respect of railway extension into the city, and to the eastern and southern suburbs?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No.

(2.) Public Schools at Waverley South, Belle Vue, Mill Hill, and Randwick:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he arrived at any decision in respect of the applications made to him for the establishment of public schools as under:—(1) Waverley South, near Nelson's Bay; (2) Belle Vue, Woollahra; (3) Mill Hill, Waverley; (4) Westgate Estate, Randwick?

Mr. Suttor answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at in regard to the application for the establishment of schools at these places. I have promised to make a personal visit to inquire into the wants of the localities mentioned, and hope to be able to do so at an early date.

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(3.) Court-house, Paddington:—Mr. Neild asked the Attorney-General,—When will a decision be arrived at in respect of the petition, signed by upwards of 700 storekeepers and others carrying on business and residing in the Paddington Electorate, and presented to the Minister of Justice some months since, praying that the Court-house, Paddington, may be opened for the hearing of small debts cases?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that no decision has yet been arrived at in this matter, but inquiries are now being made which may result in a determination to use the building for the purpose indicated.

(4.) Trustees of Randwick and Coogee Bay Roads:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to afford some relief to the trustees of the Randwick and Coogee Bay Roads to compensate for the loss of revenue sustained by the Trust consequent upon the opening of roads through the Centennial Park?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall be prepared to grant a sum of money for the purpose stated as soon as further funds are placed at my disposal by Parliament.

(5.) Darling Island:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to resubmit No. 1 scheme of the improvement to Darling Island for the consideration of the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Before I can answer this Question the matter will have to be considered by the Cabinet, and it will be brought before my colleagues at an early date. As the Report of the Committee was only tabled yesterday there has been no time to consider it.

(6.) Customs Duties on Sugar:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that quantities of refined sugar are passed through the Customs as raw sugar, thus defrauding the revenue to the extent of £1 13s. 4d. per ton?
(2.) If so, will he take steps to put a stop to the above practice?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The sugar duties are collected according to a Government instruction given in the year 1862, by which lump and tablet sugars, only are charged as refined sugar.
(2.) The question is under consideration with a view to determining standards.

(7.) Cost of Royal Commission:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to inquire into the charges made by Mr. W. F. Schey, M.P., against the Railway Commissioners?
(2.) What amount has been paid to each several member of such Commission?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £950 to date.
(2.) The President I understand does not make any claim for fees. The other two members have not yet been paid.

(8.) Cost of Royal Commission on the Baldwin Engines:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total cost of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the employment of the "Baldwin engines" on our railway lines?
(2.) What amount has been paid in fees to the several members of the said Commission?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £1,842 8s. 6d. up to date.
(2.) Mr. F. E. Rogers, President, £336; Professor Warren, £242 11s.; the Hon. Alexander Brown, M.L.C., £227 17s.

(9.) Cost of Royal Commission on Military and Defence Forces of the Colony:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cost of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Military and Defence Forces of the Colony?
(2.) What amount has been paid in fees to each member of such Commission?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £1500 to date.
(2.) Major-General Tulloch, C.B., President, £196; W. P. Manning, £138 12s.; J. L. Mort, £144 18s.; M. C. Cowlishaw, £116 11s.; A. W. Meeks, £138 12s. The Commission is still sitting.

(10.) Visit of the Premier to England and America:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount has already been paid or advanced on account of the Premier's recent visit to England and America?
(2.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the Treasury vouchers for such payments?

Mr. See answered,—£1,000 paid to his credit, but it is not yet known to what extent it has been availed of, if at all.

(11.) Dredge "Sampson":—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the dredge "Sampson" has been brought to the Government workshop at Cockatoo Island for the purpose of having her hull lengthened?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, and to undergo other extensive alterations for which Parliament has voted funds.

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(12.) Road Votes:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Whether any deductions have been made from any of the following road votes:—Tenterfield District—Road from Pye's Creek to Bolivia Station, £200; road from Tenterfield to Scrub, £150; road from Tenterfield to Scrub, via Steinbrook, £200; road from Tenterfield to Bonshaw, £1,170; road from Tenterfield to Tabular Cross Roads, £2,450; road from Tenterfield to Wallangarra, £260; road from Tent Hill to Table-land, £240; road from Emmaville to Deepwater, £540; road from Deepwater to Torrington, £310; road from Wilson's Downfall to Border at Sugar-loaf, £40; road from Wilson's Downfall to Rivertree, £400; road from Amosfield to Border, £200; road from Amosfield to Acacia Creek, £760; road from Sandy Hill to Boorook, £105; road from Black Creek, via Pretty Gully, to Tooloom, £360; road from Barney Downs to Millera, £350; road from Acacia Creek, via Korelah, to White Swamp, £450?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Department to make any?

(3.) Have tenders been called for each or the above roads to the amount of the vote?

(4.) Is any portion of the total amount unexpended, and how much?

(5.) When will the balances, if any, be expended?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No; but the Resident Engineer has been instructed to invite tenders as soon as possible.

(4.) I will have the necessary Return prepared and forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(5.) As soon as the contracts are let and completed.

(13.) Excise Duty on Colonial Tobacco:—*Mr. E. G. Brown*, for Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he, during the recess, taken into consideration the desirability of abolishing or considerably reducing the excise duty on Colonial tobacco?

Mr. See answered,—This matter has received my careful attention during the recess, and it will be further considered when the tariff is being revised.

(14.) Mr. Waller, Arbitrator, Culcairn-Corowa Railway:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works:—

(1.) How many cases of disputed compensation were arbitrated upon in connection with the Culcairn-Corowa Railway?

(2.) Who was the arbitrator appointed by the Minister to represent the Crown; and in how many cases was he appointed?

(3.) What were the qualifications of the person appointed for the position?

(4.) What amount has been paid to the Crown Arbitrator for his fees and expenses; and what has been his total charges in connection with the said cases?

(5.) Were awards made against the Crown valuation in any cases; and, if so, in how many?

(6.) Has the same gentleman been appointed arbitrator in any other cases in connection with the Department; if so, in how many; what have been his total fees for same?

(7.) In how many cases has Mr. Waller been appointed arbitrator; and what has been the amount paid or due to him during the last ten months for the same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will have a Return prepared and laid upon the Table of this House, giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(15.) Site for Post Office, Albion Park:—Mr. Fuller asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in connection with the purchase of the site for the proposed Post Office at Albion Park?

(2.) Will he take the necessary steps to have the matter completed without delay?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I have obtained the following information from the Crown Solicitor:—"The title is not quite clear, several requisitions having yet to be cleared up; the conveyance has been signed subject to this. The matter is being pushed on as quickly as possible."

(16.) Export Trade of Butter:—Mr. Fuller asked the Secretary for Mines,—What are the steps the Government propose taking in regard to assisting the export trade of butter, as referred to by him in the Newcastle District recently.

Mr. Slattery answered,—Steps are being taken to obtain the consent of the exporters of butter to the grading by a Government officer of butter intended for export.

(17.) Dairies Supervision Act:—Mr. Fuller asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—Has he prepared a Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, in accordance with the views expressed to him by a deputation during the recess; if so, when will he introduce it?

Mr. Suttor answered,—An amended Bill is now in course of preparation.

(18.) Proposed Branch line of Railway to Jamberoo:—Mr. Fuller asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any reports been obtained during the last twelve months on the proposed branch line of railway to Jamberoo; if so, how many, and by whom have they been furnished?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Two reports have been made, one dated 9th April, 1892, by Mr. C. M. Stuart, who inspected the routes, the other by Mr. C. O. Burge, Assistant Engineer for Trial Surveys, submitting an estimate founded on Mr. Stuart's report.

(19.) Proposed Railway, Goulburn to Crookwell:—Mr. Holborow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the law officers of the Crown reported that it is necessary by law to again refer the proposed railway, Goulburn to Crookwell, to the Public Works Committee?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Bill to authorise the construction of the said line?

(3.) If so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) There is no record of such a Report having been made.

(2 and 3.) The matter will receive the consideration of the Cabinet at an early date.

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- (20.) City Railway Extension :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has the Government yet considered the question of the extension of the railway into the city?
 (2.) If so, has any, and what decision been arrived at?
 (3.) If no decision has yet been arrived at, can he say when the question will probably be decided by the Government?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No.
 (3.) Some decision will probably be arrived at during the next six weeks.

- (21.) Camping and Water Reserves in Namoi Electorate :—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he furnish the numbers and nature of all camping and water reserves not withdrawn from lease in the Namoi Electorate?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A Return will be prepared as soon as possible.

4. HILLGROVE AND ARMIDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from John Sandrocotta Marshall, Charles Lancelot Garland, and Henry Ernest Albert Millar, all of Sydney, Directors of the Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the "Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited)," a company registered in Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, to construct and maintain machinery, works, and other appliances for making, generating, and transmitting electricity and supplying the same to any city, town, mine, company, co-partnership, person or persons whatsoever, within the county of Sandon, in the said Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And Mr. Garrard having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and *The Hillgrove Guardian*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
- (1.) By Mr. Donald—From William Evans, Presiding Officer of The Pride of Blackheath Tent No. 38 of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Blackheath.
 - (2.) By Mr. E. M. Clark—From William Abbott, Presiding Officer of the North Sydney Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at North Sydney.
 - (3.) By Mr. Neild—From A. W. Shearston, Presiding Officer of Alexandria Lodge of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Darling Point.
 - (4.) By Mr. Chapman—From William U. Alley, Presiding Officer of the Happy Dawn Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Araluen.
 - (5.) By Mr. Kelly—From William Martin, B.A., Presiding Officer of St. Barnabas' Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, at St. Barnabas' School, George-street West.
 - (6.) By Mr. Vaughn—From Catherine Stewart, Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at Yass.
 - (7.) By Mr. Langwell—From Harold Wheen, Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Temperance Society, at Bourke.
 - (8.) By Mr. Carruthers—From Charles Jones, Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Temperance Society, at Rockdale.
 - (9.) By Mr. Carruthers—From John H. Wise, Presiding Officer of Tent Jubilee No. 24 of Independent Order of Rechabites at Dulwich Hill.
 - (10.) By Mr. Carruthers—From Andrew Kinross, Presiding Officer of the Rose of Marrickville Lodge, 299, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Marrickville.
 - (11.) By Mr. Carruthers—From Jane Rutherford, Presiding Officer of the Burwood Branch of the Womans' Christian Temperance Union, at Burwood.
 - (12.) By Mr. Kidd—From Fanny M'Goudie, President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at Mittagong.
 - (13.) By Mr. Kidd—From Edward J. H. Knapp, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting, convened in the Outer Domain, on Sunday, 28th August, 1892.
 - (14.) By Mr. Kidd—From S. Hungerford, President of the St. Thomas Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, at Enfield.
 - (15.) By Mr. Kidd—From Annie Croaker, Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Society, at Moss Vale.
 - (16.) By Mr. Wise—From Mary J. Wise, Presiding Officer of Women's Christian Temperance Union at Sydney.
- Petitions received.

6. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from the Australasian Mining Exchange of Sydney (Limited), representing that the Australasian Mining Exchange of Sydney Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.—

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
 Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to provide for the distribution of the surplus assets of a Company known as the 'Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)' amongst the shareholders, and for adjusting the rights of the contributors generally,"—which was read a first time.

- (3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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7. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Neild presented a Petition from the Land Company of Australasia (Limited), of Sydney, representing that the Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be given to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session,—

And the 75th Standing Order of this House, permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise and enable the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqueen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane, and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands; to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Neild, read a second time.

(4.) Ordered, that the Bill be further considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

8. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND 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 authorise and enable the Australian Gaslight Company to extend their operations to lighting the City of Sydney and other places with Electricity; and to increase their Capital Stock; and for other purposes,*"—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, 31st August, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 13th September.

9. MEDICAL BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Practice of Medicine and Surgery and for other matters connected therewith,*"—which was forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 31st August, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, 14th September.

10. PAPERS:—

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

(2.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy.

(3.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on the 15th February, 1884,—“Spirits, Wine, and Beer Convictions under the Licensing Act.”

(4.) Despatch respecting Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

(5.) Report on Prisons for the year 1891.

(6.) Annual Return of Particulars of Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries for the year 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into charges made against the Chief Commissioner of Railways.

(2.) Report of the Baldwin Locomotives Inquiry Commission.

(3.) Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for the year 1891.

(4.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1891, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

(5.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane, for the year 1891.

(6.) Annual Progress Report of the State Forest Administration in New South Wales, for the year 1891.

(7.) Report on the Naval Forces of the Colony for the year 1891.

(8.) Report on the Department of Charitable Institutions for the year 1891.

(9.) Report on the State Children's Relief Department for the year ended 5th April, 1892.

(10.) Amended Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.

(11.) Reply to despatch forwarding Addresses of Condolence with Her Majesty the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

(12.) By-law of the Borough of Woollahra.

(13.) By-law of the Borough of Narrandera.

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- (14.) By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth.
- (15.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.
- (16.) By-laws of the Borough of Temora.
- (17.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Gundagai.
- (18.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Kogarah.
- (19.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Hill End.
- (20.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Newtown.
- (21.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Moama.
- (22.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
- (23.) By-laws of the Borough of Albury, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (24.) By-laws of the Borough of Plattsburg, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (25.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Uralla, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (26.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bombala, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (27.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
- (28.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875, and Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (29.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries on Fisheries of the Colony, for the year ended 31st December, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, Examiner of Public Works proposals, on proposed railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba.
- (2.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, Examiner of Public Works proposals, on proposed railway from Culcairn to Germaanton.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Postmaster-General for 1891.
- (2.) Report of Proceedings of the Postal and Telegraphic Conference held in Hobart, March, 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

11. 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. Waddell, 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 VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, 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 EXCELLENCE,—

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

"2. We beg to assure you that earnest consideration will be given to the various important matters to be submitted to us.

"3. The necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"4. We join your Excellency in the hope that our labours may be directed to the advancement of the country in its highest interests."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton 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 two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Appointment of Inspectors of Agriculture:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Have any persons been appointed to the position of Inspectors of Agriculture since the last Session?
(2.) If so, what are the names?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; one in place of an Inspector, whose services were dispensed with. The appointment is a temporary one.
(2.) Mr. A. B. Suttor.

- (2.) Registration of Stallions and Bulls:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill requiring the registration of stallions and bulls, and the payment by owners of such animals of an annual fee on such stock?

Mr. Slattery answered,—In a Bill that has been prepared relating to administration of stock and pastures provision is made for the registration and assessment of stallions, but not of bulls.

- (3.) Expenditure of Surplus for the year 1881:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How was the surplus of £697,130 for the year 1881, and appropriated under 45 Victoria No. 21, actually expended?

- (2.) On what date were the several amounts included under Schedule XII (of the Act referred to) written off?

- (3.) What were the reasons for writing off such sums?

- (4.) Are any sums included in Schedule XII (and, if so, which) still available for expenditure?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return:

- (4.) Leases held by Pastoral Holders for Preferential and Occupation Licenses:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Do the leases held by pastoral holders for preferential and occupation licenses include the grass right of all surveyed roads within the external boundaries of such holdings?

- (2.) If so, does such right entitle the holders to compel (by objections raised before Local Land Boards) selectors to erect fencing along both sides of surveyed roads, which may be enclosed by external boundary fence erected by the selector, and thus create a series of lanes only of use to the pastoralist to enable stock to stray from one freehold to another?

- (3.) Will he withdraw all roads within boundaries of all leases held as pastoral holdings?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes, unless they are withdrawn from lease or license.

- (2.) No, but the Land Court have held that the consent of the occupation licensee is necessary before a conditional purchaser can enclose any road within an occupation license.

- (3.) No, unless deemed necessary in the public interest.

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- (5.) Coal under Land known as Little Redhead Lagoon:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines.
- (1.) Is the survey completed which was being made in March last to ascertain the quantity of coal taken out under land known as Little Redhead Lagoon, between portion No. 25 and Mitchell's 950 acres, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland?
 - (2.) If so, what is the amount of coal taken out?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The quantity of coal taken out is estimated at 19,000 cubic yards.

- (6.) Reduction of Salaries of Ministers and Parliamentary Allowance to Members:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—In view of the widespread depression, and the financial position of the Government, is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill forthwith to reduce the salaries of the Ministers and the Parliamentary allowance to Members of this House, as has been done in other colonies?

Mr. Suttor answered,—This matter has not yet been considered.

- (7.) Allowance to Members of Parliament:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many members are there in this present Parliament who receive the amounts voted under the Parliamentary Allowances Act?
- (2.) If there are any members of this House who do not receive such moneys, what are their names, and do such moneys remain in the Consolidated Revenue Account, or are they paid in any bank to the respective credits of such members?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) All the members of the present Parliament entitled to allowances under the Act (exclusive of those receiving other emoluments from the State) draw such allowances—with one exception.
- (2.) Mr. Bruce Smith. All undrawn sums remain in the Revenue Account.

- (8.) Indebtedness of the Colony:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the national indebtedness of this Colony, and what is the amount now paid annually in the way of interest on the New South Wales loans?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Debt (inclusive of Treasury Bills issued to date) amounts to £53,699,433 9s. 2d., the annual interest on which amounts to the sum of £2,050,828 8s. 8d.

- (9.) Fire Brigades Bill:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to introduce this Session an amended Fire Brigades Act, making it compulsory for Fire Insurance Companies to pay their contributions for the maintenance and support of Volunteer Fire Brigades?
- (2.) Do the Government pay the amount of their contributions to any Fire Brigade Boards; if so, to what towns are such contributions paid?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes. Sydney (Metropolitan), Bathurst, Bourke, Deniliquin, Goulburn, Grafton, Glen Innes, Hay, Lismore, Maitland, Orange, and Wollongong.

- (10.) Friendly Societies Bill:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill dealing with Friendly Societies?

Mr. Barton answered,—A Bill has been under preparation by the late Parliamentary Draftsman, Mr. Oliver, and is now almost complete. It will be introduced this Session if the course of business admits.

- (11.) Appointments in connection with Trade Disputes Conciliation Bill:—Mr. Williams asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Have any appointments been made in connection with the administration of the Trade Dispute Conciliation Bill?
- (2.) If so, what are the positions; who fill them; and the amount of salary paid each?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) The only appointment yet made is that of Clerk of Awards, as provided for by section 2 of the Act referred to.

(2.) The gentleman appointed is Mr. T. B. Clegg, Barrister-at-Law, at a salary of £400 per annum; also a messenger at £100 per annum, and a caretaker of the offices. A clerk has also been practically though not formally appointed at a salary of £225 per annum.

- (12.) Broken Hill Strike:—Mr. Cann asked the Attorney-General,—Has the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of all correspondence, papers, &c., received by them on the Broken Hill strike?

Mr. Barton answered,—There is no objection to lay on the Table any papers, which are not in their nature confidential, if moved for in the ordinary course.

- (13.) Military Law at Broken Hill:—Mr. Cann asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is Broken Hill placed under military law; if so, for how long?
- (2.) Under what Act of Parliament is power given for so doing?
- (3.) Have any circumstances arisen under which the law should be administered any differently at Broken Hill than any other portion of New South Wales?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am rather at a loss to understand the meaning of question 1. A military term has been applied to certain persons at Broken Hill, but Broken Hill is not placed under military law. It is not necessary to answer Question 2. In regard to Question 3, no circumstances have arisen under which the law should be administered at Broken Hill otherwise than it is in any other portion of New South Wales, and it is not being administered at Broken Hill in any manner which does not obtain elsewhere.

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- (14.) Water Supply for Cumnock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any report yet been received in regard to a suitable water supply for Cumnock; if so, when will the work be proceeded with?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A report has been received, but as the question is one of town supply, the papers in the case will be forwarded to the Department of Public Works.

- (15.) Training Ship "Sobraon":—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Traill, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What estimate was originally given of the probable cost of providing a vessel to replace the "Vernon"?
- (2.) What amount has been spent in the purchase and equipment of the "Sobraon" up to date?
- (3.) What further sum will be required to complete the "Sobraon"?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that any such estimate was given.
- (2.) £29,712 1s. 8d.
- (3.) £4,407; total, £34,119 1s. 8d.

- (16.) Curator of Mining Museum:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the position of Curator of the Mining Museum, vacated by Mr. Carne, been offered to a gentleman in England?
- (2.) If so, for what reason have Australian applicants for the position been passed over?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Because, according to the report of the Board (consisting of the Government Geologist and Professor David) to whom the applications were referred, he was possessed of the highest qualifications.

- (17.) Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. Collins asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that under the law at present existing, the salaries of Civil Servants cannot be attached for debt?
- (2.) If so, seeing the several complaints that have been made by trades-people, who are unable to obtain money due to them by Civil Servants, will he try and amend the law, so as to allow such salaries to be attached?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in my opinion.
- (2.) The matter is to be considered.

- (18.) Coinage of Silver in the Colony:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to deal in any way with the coinage of silver in this Colony, or do they intend to accept the suggestions made by Mr. Munro, the Agent-General of Victoria?

Mr. See answered,—The Government are in communication with the Agent-General upon this subject, and are hopeful that arrangements will be made which will be satisfactory to this Colony.

- (19.) Funds at Premier's Disposal:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In what form, and upon what fund, was the credit of £1,000 given to the Premier?

Mr. See answered,—Advance to be accounted for. Paid from Treasurer's Advance Account on 27th April, 1892.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Lunatic Asylum at Kenmore, near Goulburn. Ordered to be printed.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—

- (1.) By Mr. Walker—From James G. M'Credie, Presiding Officer of the Hearts of Oak Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Sydney.

- (2.) By Mr. Gould—From W. Mathieson, Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at Singleton.

- (3.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From M. C. Lewis, Presiding Officer of Captain Cook Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Sydney.

- (4.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From F. M. Smith, Presiding Officer of Excelsior Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Leichhardt.

- (5.) By Mr. Dowel—From L. Delugal, Presiding Officer of the Queen's Own Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Tamworth.

- (6.) By Mr. McGowen—From E. Stanley Wilkinson, B.A., President of the Eveleigh-street Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, Redfern.

- (7.) By Mr. Davis—From Alfred Robbins, Presiding Officer of the Pyrmont and Ultimo Wesleyan Band of Hope, at Pyrmont.

- (8.) By Mr. Morgan—From Jos. Woodhouse, Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Temperance Society, at Dubbo.

- (9.) By Mr. McGowen—From Walter L. Beavan, Honorary Secretary of the St. Paul's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, Redfern.

- (10.) By Mr. Suttor—From S. J. J. Webb, Presiding Officer of Women's Christian Temperance Union Society, at Bathurst.

Petitions received.

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4. CASE OF JOHN DENIFF.—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from John Deniff, stating the circumstances under which the Petitioner was tried and convicted at the Court of General and Quarter Sessions, at Dubbo, on the charge of stealing £78 from Christie Cunningham; alleging that he was entirely innocent of the charge, such innocence being established by an inquiry held by Henry J. Byrnes, Esquire, J.P.; representing also the sufferings and losses which resulted from his conviction and imprisonment; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief as may seem just.
Petition received.

5. WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Gormly presented a Petition from Alexander Thorley Bolton, James Gormly, Harry Berkeley Fitzhardinge, James Robert Garland, and Charles Hardy, trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts, representing that the Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session,—

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Gormly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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. Waddell, 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 VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, 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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure you that earnest consideration will be given to the various important matters to be submitted to us.

"3. The necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"4. We join your Excellency in the hope that our labours may be directed to the advancement of the country in its highest interests."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Speaker, having under the Standing Order No. 20, intimated to the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Haynes, his opinion that the speech being delivered was of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, directed him to discontinue his speech,— And Mr. Haynes requiring that the Question, whether he be further heard, be put,— Question put,—That the Honorable Member, Mr. Haynes, be further heard.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Leyien,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Danahay,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Durnley,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Kelly,	Tellers,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Cann,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Barton,	Tellers,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. York,	
Mr. McFarlane.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Haynes then continued his speech.

And

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1892, A.M.

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

Mr. Barton 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 half-past 3 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

Question put and passed.

8. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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. Stevenson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Willis.
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. See,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Vaughan,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Murphy,

Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hart,
Tellers,
Mr. Sharp.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bavistor,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schroy,
Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Question put and passed.

10. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.

11. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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 the House, and the Answers returned to the same.

Question put and passed.

12. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order,—

(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 for 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.

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13. PLACING BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.
14. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton 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 for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
15. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
16. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice,—That it be a Sessional Order, 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.
17. BALLOTTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton moved pursuant to Notice,—That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order:—
(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the balloting papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or, in his absence, the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any balloting paper shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such balloting paper, and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialled, on record with the other proceedings of the ballot.
Question put and passed.
18. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That it be a Sessional Order, 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.
19. PRINTING PETITIONS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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.
20. EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, 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, *Hansard* Staff not being considered Strangers.
Question put and passed.
21. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH.—On motion of Mr. Barton, 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, in Her Majesty's name, for your loyal Address in Reply to the Speech at the opening of Parliament, and for the expressions of attachment to Her Throne and Person contained therein.

Government House,

JERSEY.

Sydney, 6th September, 1892.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Reserves in the Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin Land Districts:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What action does he intend to take with regard to the many reserves of which a great number of pastoral leasehold areas mainly consist?

(2.) When will the question of reserves, made only in the interest of a few people, be considered, and the matter of their revocation effected?

(3.) Is he aware that there are over 1,000,000 of acres of reserved lands in the Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin Land Districts, and that a great many of such are useless and unnecessary, and against the public interest?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) In accordance with instructions issued some time ago, the district surveyors are inspecting and reporting on reserved lands within their respective districts. Reports are being received daily, and reserves not required are being revoked or otherwise dealt with in the public interest.

(2.) If the Honorable Member will furnish such particulars as will enable the reserves he describes to be identified, inquiry will be made without delay.

(3.) The Return made to the Order of the House, and printed 31st March, 1892, shows that the bulk of the reserved lands in the districts referred to consists of travelling stock, camping, water, or timber reserves, and town commons. I am not aware that a great many of these reserves are useless and unnecessary, but if the Honorable Member will specify some or all of such unnecessary reserves reports will be obtained at once.

(2.) Arrest and Imprisonment of a Resident of Acacia Creek:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that a resident of Acacia Creek, on the Northern Border, has been arrested and imprisoned for taking a log of wood across the Border into Queensland without giving notice?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent the Border residents of the Colony being treated as criminals for such matters?

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Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The Bench at Wallangarra inflicted a nominal fine, by request of the Queensland Customs officials, on a resident of Acacia Creek, who pleaded guilty to evading payment of duty on logs of timber. There was no arrest, and no imprisonment.
 (2.) The person concerned was fined for a breach of the Queensland Customs laws.

(3.) Land Amendment Bill :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he, on the introduction of a Land Amendment Bill, make any provision to facilitate the settlement of the people on the land by a system of small homestead leasesholds in the Central Division, for a term of years, allowing either renewal or payment for improvements by incoming tenants on expiry of leases?
 (2.) Will he also provide for the withdrawal of all stock routes from lease, the matter of their being fenced, tanked, and improved, and the imposition of grazing charges for travelling stock?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The matter has been dealt with in the draft Bill which has been prepared for the amendment of the Crown Lands Acts.
 (2.) This subject has been under consideration, and I think it better that matters should remain as they are for the present. It may at some time in the future be necessary to fence the permanent stock routes, and charge for travelling stock.

(4.) Surrender and Exchange of Land on Burrawang Pastoral Holding :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What determination has he come to respecting the surrender and exchange of land on Burrawang Pastoral Holding?
 (2.) If the exchange has been granted, how many thousands of acres have there been given for the surrendered lands?
 (3.) What are the numbers of the portions surrendered and acreage of same respectively, and the nature and value of improvements on each particular portion?
 (4.) How many reserves are there included in the exchange, and what is the nature, kind, and acreage of such reserves, and the dates of notification of each reserve, with the improvements thereon (if any)?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the owners have agreed to waive any claim for the improvements on the surrendered lands, and that the same will become the property of the Crown?
 (6.) How many applications of surrenders and exchange have been received, and how many finally dealt with, since the passing of the 1889 Land Act, and what is the acreage respectively of the several applications?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) It has been decided in the public interest that a fresh application must be made embodying a modification of the proposal first submitted by the lessees of the Burrawang Pastoral Holding, which, upon receipt, will be submitted to the Land Board for further inquiry and report.
 (2.) No exchange has been granted, but under any circumstances the area proposed to be given up by the lessees (about 11,000 acres) must be equal in extent and value to that to be granted.
 (3 and 4.) If moved for in the usual manner a Return will be prepared giving the information sought as to the proposed surrender and exchange.
 (5.) Yes.
 (6.) A Return will be prepared if moved for in the usual manner.

(5.) Extirpation of the Bathurst Burr, Chinese Thistles, and other Noxious Weeds :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will any measure be introduced this Session to make effective provision for the extirpation of the Bathurst burr, Chinese thistles, and other noxious weeds, on stock routes and other Crown lands, as well as on private lands?*Mr. Slattery* answered,—A measure for the extirpation of all noxious weeds on stock routes, and throughout the Colony generally, has been framed, and will be introduced as soon as the state of Government business will allow.(6.) Incursion of Asiatic and other Inferior Races into Colony :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—Are any means being devised or measures taken towards the mitigation and prevention of the evils likely to arise and result from the incursion of Asiatic and other inferior races into this Colony?*Mr. Suttor* answered :—The Government have already expressed strong opinions upon the subject alluded to by the Honorable Member, and will not neglect their duty respecting it.(7.) Dog Registration Act :—*Mr. Morton* asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On whose advice was the Dog Registration Act extended to the police district of Shoalhaven?
 (2.) Has it been pointed out that the tax bears heavily upon farmers and selectors who are compelled to keep dogs to destroy vermin?
 (3.) Will he take steps to cancel the proclamation so that the farmers and selectors should be exempt from the operation of this Act?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) On the recommendation of the Police Magistrate, endorsed by the Inspector-General of Police.
 (2 and 3.) Yes. Two petitions have been received representing the hardship that will accrue to farmers and others if the Act remains extended, and the matter will have consideration.

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- (8.) Land Free Selected since the year 1884:—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The number of persons who have free selected land since the year 1884?
 (2.) The area of land selected?
 (3.) The number of persons who have sold or transferred their free selected land during the same period?
 (4.) The area sold or transferred?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible to give the information sought by the Honorable Member without great trouble and expense, but if moved for in the usual manner a Return can be prepared giving the number of Residential Selections and Additional in virtue thereof taken up since 1884, the area of land so selected, and the number and area of such selections which have been transferred in the books of the Department.

- (9.) Gentlemen recommended for the Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Kelly asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—The number of gentlemen recommended for the Commission of the Peace by each Member of this House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Government do not consider it just or advisable to furnish information of the character asked for by the Honorable Member, as such recommendations have always been considered confidential.

- (10.) Police Quarters at Yerong Creek:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a tender been accepted for the erection of police quarters at Yerong Creek?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The tenders for this work were only dealt with by the Board on the 31st ultimo. The matter will be decided by me in the course of a few days.

- (11.) Proposed Works for Water Supply, Junee:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a survey of the proposed works for a water scheme for Junee been completed?
 (2.) Have plans been prepared and estimates given?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Not yet; but I believe they will be ready in about a fortnight.

- (12.) Services rendered by Mr. W. H. Bailey, Agricultural Lecturer:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Parkes Government in 1888 paid W. H. Bailey, Agricultural Lecturer, the sum of £240, prior to Parliament being asked to sanction the vote?
 (2.) Is it a fact that on the General Estimates of 1888 Mr. Burns, the then Colonial Treasurer, accepted an amendment to the effect that the amount should not be paid?
 (3.) Is it a fact that only £135 was voted on the Supplementary Estimates of 1889 towards payment of services rendered by W. H. Bailey?
 (4.) If so, has the balance of £110 yet been refunded to the Treasury, and by whom?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) I cannot find that the item was included in the Estimates of 1888, but full particulars are being obtained.
 (3.) The whole amount paid has been voted.
 (4.) Answered by No. 3.

- (13.) Free Passes issued by the Labour Bureau:—Mr. Langwell asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The total number of free passes issued by the Labour Bureau, since opened, to the Western District?
 (2.) To names of employers to whom employees were sent, and the number sent to each, and on whose recommendation?
 (3.) The number of free passes issued on the recommendation of Members of this House, and the number recommended by each Member?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the desired information.

- (14.) Russian Jews prepared to leave for Australian Colonies:—Mr. Murphy asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the cablegram in the issue of the *Herald* of the 24th August, that thousands of Russian Jews were preparing to leave for the Australian colonies?
 (2.) Has he inquired if there is any truth in this rumour; and, if so, will he take steps to prevent their landing?

Mr. Suttor answered,—When I saw the cablegram in the *Herald* alluded to by the Honorable Member, I wired to the Agent-General requesting him to furnish me with any information he could obtain upon the subject, and to ascertain what steps the Imperial Government were taking in reference to the matter. I received a reply the other day to the effect that the Agent-General had inquired at the Colonial Office, London, and elsewhere, and could not ascertain that there was any truth in the statement to the effect that large numbers of Russian Jews were proposing to emigrate to Australia, that he had not seen any statement in an English newspaper to that effect, that he did not believe the report was correct, and that the Imperial Government have not taken any action.

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- (15.) Subsidies to Steamship Companies:—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he delay making any contracts under which this Colony will have to subsidise mail-steamers until after this House has expressed an opinion as to the desirability or otherwise of discontinuing the practice of paying subsidies to steamship companies?

Mr. Kidd answered,—All mail contracts involving payment of subsidies to mail steamers have hitherto been made subject to approval of Parliament, and there is no intention to depart from this practice.

- (16.) Act of Distress and Replevin:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to Question asked last Session, is it the intention of the Government to repeal or amend the Act of Distress and Replevin, 15 Vic. No. 11, 19th December, 1851, in regard to power of landlords to strip houses of tenants in arrears of rent, without recourse to legal proceedings?

(2.) Is it a fact that bedding and workmen's tools are not excepted from the provisions of this Act?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Government are of opinion that there is need for some amendment of this Act, and they promise the Honorable Member that they will bring in a Bill to deal with the subject this Session.

- (17.) Trees planted in Districts under the Forest Department:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have any of the districts that are now being planted with trees under the Forest Department been previously subject to ringbarking; if so, will he give the name of each district respectively; the area of same; and cost of replanting?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The only replanted area upon which any previous ringbarking seems to have happened is contained on a few acres on the Crawney Reserve. Previous to this replanting a few trees had been ringbarked (but not by the Forest Department). The cost of replanting on this reserve has been £10 3s. Sd.

- (18.) Report of M. Loir, of the Pasteur's Institute, on Diseases of Stock and Sheep:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that M. Loir, of the Pasteur's Institute, has lately sent in a report to him on diseases of stock and sheep, offering to supply stock-owners with a certain specific in the shape of vaccine or virus, for blackleg; pleuro, anthrax, tuberculosis; also a lymph called maleine for the detection of glanders in horses; if so, will he have any objection to lay a copy of the report upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Has the Government given M. Loir authority to manufacture his tuberculin on a large scale on Rodd Island, and to make experiments with his alleged specifics?

(3.) In view of the prevalence of cancer tuberculosis amongst stock, will he see that such experiments are not calculated to aggravate in place of reducing the evil, and that the experiments are conducted under the supervision of some competent board of scientific experts, so that public health may be secured against any danger?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes. I will lay a copy of the report upon the Table.

(2.) No; the Government has not given Dr. Loir the authority to manufacture Dr. Koch's tuberculin on a large scale on Rodd Island. Dr. Loir has proposed to give a demonstration of the efficacy of the tuberculin in detecting tuberculosis at a very early stage of the disease; and the Government have under consideration the expediency of giving Dr. Loir an opportunity of giving this demonstration, because if the efficacy of tuberculin as a test be demonstrated, its use as proposed will be of the greatest possible benefit in preventing the heavy losses now sustained by stock owners from tuberculosis, and the risk arising from the use of the meat and milk of cattle suffering from that disease.

(3.) The Tuberculin is now used all over Europe, and if it be decided to use it here, due care will be exercised both in its preparation and use.

- (19.) Tax on Stock entering Colony:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Ministry to introduce a tax on stock coming into this Colony?

Mr. See answered,—It is not usual to give information as to the precise nature of financial proposals until the policy in that respect is announced in the usual way.

- (20.) Public Works in Country Districts:—Mr. Chapman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that many public works in country districts, for which provision was made in the last Estimates, have not been commenced?

(2.) What has caused the delay in calling for tenders?

(3.) Will he take steps to have tenders called at once, so that the work may be commenced, and employment given to the people?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Some of the works in the country districts are not commenced, but every effort is being made to push them forward. In view of the large number of works included in the Appropriation Act it is impossible to undertake all at once, as this would involve an expansion of the staff, which the circumstances of the country do not warrant. Most stringent instructions have been issued to the officers of the Department to proceed with the works in their respective districts as rapidly as possible.

- (21.) Church and School Land Amendment Bill:—Mr. Chapman asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is the Bill prepared to amend the Church and School Land Act?

(2.) If so, will he introduce it early this Session?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I desire to say that I hope during the present Session to bring in a Bill to amend the Church and School Lands Act in several respects.

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- (22.) Ministerial Picnics:—Mr. Danahey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Have any vouchers been sent in by any firm, catering company, or trading society, and if so what, for the supplies to the Government, or any officer on behalf of the Government, or any Minister, of wines, spirits, cigars, groceries, or other refreshments, in connection with picnics, visits, or excursions given, authorised, or undertaken by the Ministers, or any of them, during the recess?
 (2.) What amount, if any, has been paid or claimed from the public funds in respect of the vouchers referred to in the preceding Question.
 (3.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of such vouchers?
 Mr. See answered,—A Return is being prepared, embodying the information sought by the Honorable Member.
3. BELL TO BE RUNG BEFORE MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the bell be rung at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock.
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 66.	Noes, 41.
Mr. See,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Suttor,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Burdakin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Young,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. McIrvine,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. John Wilkinson.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
	Mr. Fegan, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Cann, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Walker, Mr. Haynes, Mr. G. D. Clark, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Jones, Mr. Rose, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Scott, Mr. Perry, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Newton, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Edden, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Donald, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Davis, Mr. Newman, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hindle,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Segenhoc Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 27th September.
 (2.) Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 11th October.
5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—
 (1.) By Mr. Gormly—From Matthew Maddern, Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Methodist Temperance Society, Wagga Wagga.
 (2.) By Mr. Garrard—From George Middleton, President of the Church of England Temperance Society, at Blacktown.
 (3.) By Mr. Garrard—From J. C. Jones, Presiding Officer of the Band of Hope Society, at Hunter's Hill.
 (4.) By Mr. Barbour—From J. Ward Harrison, Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Methodist Temperance Society, at Deniliquin.
 (5.) By Mr. Cann—From William Chappell, Presiding Officer of Silverstream Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Broken Hill.
 (6.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor—From George Mortimer, Presiding Officer of Prince Alfred Division, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Parramatta.
 (7.) By Mr. Dangar—From James C. Elton and Isaac R. Boardman, Presiding Officers of the Macleay Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Kempsey.
 (8.) By Mr. Wise—From J. M. Donaldson, Presiding Officer of the Rose of Sharon Division, Daughters of Temperance, at Sydney.
 (9.) By Mr. Morton—From Kirton A. Corner, Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Temperance Society, at Berry.

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- (10.) By Mr. McFarlane—From Alfred J. S. Harding, Presiding Officer of the Juvenile Temperance Society, at Brushgrove.
 (11.) By Mr. Morgan—From E. Heaydon, Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at Dubbo.
 (12.) By Mr. Morton—From E. C. Perciony, Presiding Officer of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Milton Lodge, No. 96.
 (13.) By Mr. Barnes—From John Edwin Juleff, Presiding Officer of Manoah Tent, No. 40, of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Cootamundra.
 (14.) By Mr. Edden—From R. H. Drinkwater, Presiding Officer of Bud of Hope Division, No. 11, of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Waratah.
 (15.) By Mr. Bavister—From J. A. Soper and F. R. King, Officers of the Petersham Baptists Society of Christian Endeavour.
 (16.) By Mr. Gillies—From Mary Anna Bruce Lamont, Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at Maitland.
 (17.) By Mr. Dangar—From John Grant, Presiding Officer of No. 461, Pilot Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Nambucca Heads.
 (18.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From J. J. Wheeler, Chairman of meeting of the Electors of Balmain, held at the Temperance Hall, Montague-street.
 (19.) By Mr. Bavister—From William H. Atwill, Presiding Officer of the Perseverance Tent, No. 44, Independent Order of Rechabites, at Marrickville.
 (20.) By Mr. McFarlane—From G. Hooker, Presiding Officer of the Band of Refuge Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Brushgrove.
 Petitions received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 103rd section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and section 41 of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
 - (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (6.) Return showing the expenditure for purchasing and maintaining Public Parks and Recreation Reserves since the 1st January, 1880.
 - (7.) Substitution of Forms Nos. 8, 9, and 38, for those at present in force under the Crown Lands Acts bearing the same numbers.
 - (8.) Substitution of Regulations Nos. 91, 92, 93, and 262, for those at present in force bearing the same numbers under the Crown Lands Acts; also an additional Regulation No. 285, together with Forms 76 and 77 in connection therewith.
 - (9.) Substitution of Regulations Nos. 203 and 204 for those at present in force bearing the same numbers under the Crown Lands Acts.
 - (10.) Return to an Order, made on 25th February, 1892,—“Arthur Brice's Conditional Purchase in the Queanbeyan District.”
 - (11.) Return to an Order, made on 10th March, 1892,—“James Baker's Conditional Purchase, Tweed River.”
 - (12.) Return to an Order, made on 15th March, 1892,—“Appraisement of Bullanamang Run, Monara District.”
 - (13.) Return to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Pastoral Leases and Occupation Licenses in the Western or Central Divisions.”
 - (14.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd February, 1892,—“Wharf in Lime and Erskine Streets.”
 - (15.) Return to an Order, made on 17th February, 1892,—“Special Lease of Crown Lands at Jervis Bay.”
 - (16.) Return to an Order, made on 4th February, 1892,—“Closing of Walker-street North, and Extension of Bellevue-street, St. Leonards.”
 - (17.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st December, 1891,—“Australian Agricultural Company.”
 - (18.) Return to an Order, made on 29th July, 1891,—“Conditional Purchase of George Vincent, at Gundagai.”
 - (19.) Return to an Order, made on 8th September, 1891,—“Road between Cudal and Davy's Plains.”
 - (20.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 11th February, 1892,—“Special areas in the Wagga Wagga and Hay Land Districts.”
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 30th March, 1892,—“District Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions at Brewarrina.”
- Ordered to be printed.

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7. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL:—

(1.) Dr. Hollis presented a Petition from the Mayor of the Borough of Goulburn, representing that the Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Dr. Hollis then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the Water Supply within the Municipality of Goulburn,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Thomas F. Thompson, of Sydney, wine merchant; Henry Gorman, auctioneer; Watkin Wynne, of Sydney, newspaper manager, and John Pope, of Sydney, representing that the Sydney Electric Lighting Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes, in the city of Sydney,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Debate, "That this Bill be now read a second time" be resumed on Tuesday, 27th September.

9. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACTS AMENDING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Dowel presented a Petition from the North Sydney Investment and Tramway Company (Limited) of Sydney, representing that the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Dowel then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887' and 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act,'*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. LIQUOR LICENSES AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from Alexander Gow, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Sydney Domain, in favour of the passing into law, as speedily as possible, the Liquor Licenses Amendment Bill, providing for Sunday closing.

Petition received.

11. MINING LAWS:—Mr. Crick presented a Petition from certain Residents of Rockley, Long Gully, &c., suggesting that certain clauses should be embodied in any new Mining Act which may be passed; and praying the House to take the premises into earnest consideration.

Petition received.

12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Barton stated what course the Government intended to take with reference to Mr. Reid's Notice of a Vote of Censure.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Garvan 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 drawing attention to the state of the law dealing with Life Insurance."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Sir Henry Parkes requested an expression of opinion from the Chair on the point whether the subject, upon which the Honorable Member for Eden, Mr. Garvan, had moved the adjournment, should be admitted to be "of urgent public importance" within the meaning of the Standing Order.

Mr. Speaker said that he was of opinion that the intention of Parliament was to place in the Speaker's hands the power to decide whether the matter contained in any Notice of Motion for the adjournment of the House was of "urgent public importance," but the House had thought otherwise, and it was, of course, powerful to control its own proceedings. His predecessor, Mr. Speaker Young, held the same view, and so ruled, but the House, on the 2nd June, 1887, dissented from that ruling; and as the House had decided, so he was bound to interpret that Standing Order, and all other Standing Orders.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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14. 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Melville made his acknowledgments to the House.
15. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—
That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, no fresh business shall be taken after
11 o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 by exempting the improvements of tenants from liability to assessment.
Question put and passed.
17. SPECIAL TRAMS AND TRAINS FOR USE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT :—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of running special trams and "trains" for the convenience of Honorable Members should be discontinued.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved that the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "trains" of the words "and steamers."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1892, A.M.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lees,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Eve,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,

Mr. Newton,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Gorvny,
Mr. J. A. MacKinnon,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cook,
Tellers,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Cruickshank.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Vaughan,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Ewing,

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Trail,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. See,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Neild,
Tellers,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Wall.

And so it passed in the negative.

18. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Barton 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 thirteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m.
This Day.F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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 seventh September, 1892, 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 VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a 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, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise 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 seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and in the fifty-sixth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.”

“JERSEY.

“*By His Excellency's Command,*

“F. B. SUTTOR.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Customs Duties on Sawn Timber at Acacia Creek:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Lee, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the practice to collect duties at the Border at Acacia Creek, on sawn timber re-entering the Colony, which is sent from there to Killarney, Queensland, in log, to be sawn, and upon which logs the Queensland duty has been demanded and paid?

(2.) If duty has been collected on sawn timber on its re-entry into this Colony, will he refund the amount?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Timber sawn in another Colony is subject to duty on importation, unless the officer of Customs can be satisfied that such timber was exported in the log from this Colony.

(2.) If satisfactory proof can be given, refund will be allowed.

(2.)

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(2.) Proposed Railway to Cudal.—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any steps yet been taken to obtain a trial survey to connect Cudal by a light line of railway with Molong, Parkes, and Forbes; if not, when is the survey likely to be proceeded with?
- (2.) Has he received any communication from the Mayor of Cudal, on behalf of the inhabitants, offering to defray the expenses of such a survey in the event of the Government being unable to find the money for the same, provided that Mr. R. G. Glasson, Licensed Surveyor, of Cudal, be authorised by the Department to undertake the work, and is the Mayor's offer likely to be accepted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have received a communication from the Mayor of Cudal on the subject referred to, and have called for a report respecting the matter, which will be decided by me in the course of a few days, when I will acquaint the Honorable Member of my decision.

(3.) Trial Surveys for Railway to Walgett.—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have all the trial surveys for a railway to Walgett been completed; if so, is it his intention to submit a proposal for the construction of a railway in that direction?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Three surveys are in hand, one between Dubbo and Coonamble, one between Mudgee and Coonamble, and one between Nevertire and Coonamble. The surveys between Coonamble and Walgett, and Narrabri and Walgett, are practically completed. The question of the construction of a line to Walgett will be considered when the railway policy of the Government is next being dealt with.

(4.) Amount required for Roads and Rivers in each respective Electorate.—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, when placing the amount required for Roads and Rivers on the Estimates for the ensuing year, attach a Return, showing the amount to be spent in each respective electorate, particularising the Roads and Rivers on which such money is proposed to be expended, including all subsidies (if any) for tug-boats, dredges, punts, and launches?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot promise the Honorable Member to have the Estimates prepared in this way; it would make them altogether too cumbersome, as he will see on a moment's reflection, as each of the roads, main or otherwise, will have to be divided up into electorates, thus extending the schedules inordinately. The information, however, required in regard to the expenditure is being prepared.

(5.) Cost of Hunter District Water-works.—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the original cost of the Hunter District water-works?
- (2.) The original cost of permanent renewable works?
- (3.) The date of all payments in connection with all permanent and renewable works?
- (4.) The amount of revenue received by the Government since the first supply of water to 30th June, 1892, and all and any other revenue derived therefrom to 30th June, 1892?
- (5.) The amount of capital standing in the books, charged against the Hunter District Water Supply?
- (6.) What are the special amounts charged annually for interest, and have those amounts been computed and capitalised and added to the cost of works up to 30th June, 1892?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will cause this information to be prepared, and will lay it upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(6.) Issue of Inscribed Stock.—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the desirableness of issuing more of the interminable inscribed stock at 4 per cent. to be sold by tender at the Treasury, the stock referred to being that created by Sir James Martin by a special authority from Parliament?

Mr. See answered,—The matter of the creation of a local stock is at present under the consideration of the Government.

(7.) Amount owing to Railway Commissioners for Free Passes.—Mr. Langwell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount owing to the Railway Commissioners for free passes issued from the 1st January, 1892, to present date?

Mr. See answered,—It is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to tickets, &c., issued in connection with orders from the Labour Bureau and Military Department. The amounts outstanding to date are as follows:—Labour Bureau, £6,316 8s. 3d.; Military Department, £4,207 1s. 11d.; total, £10,523 10s. 2d. Other accounts exist for tickets issued to other Public Departments, but these are rendered monthly in the ordinary way. A large sum due on account of the Labour Bureau will be refunded by the various employers as arranged.

(8.) Members of Mounted Infantry and Country Cavalry Corps acting as Special Constables.—

Mr. Davis, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that members of the Mounted Infantry and country Cavalry Corps, acting as special constables during the late maritime strike, cost the country the sum of £6,956 10s. 5d.?
- (2.) Was this expenditure paid without the authority of Parliament?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The expenditure was charged to the Advance Vote of £200,000, pending Parliamentary appropriation for the special service.

(9.) Cost of the Federal Convention.—*Mr. Davis*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the expenses of the Federation Convention cost the country £5,806?

(2.) Was this expenditure paid without the authority of Parliament?

- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing items of above expenditure?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The expenditure was charged to the Advance Vote of £200,000, pending Parliamentary appropriation for the special service.

(3.) Yes.

(10.) Railway between Sydney and Newcastle:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will there be any objection to laying upon the Table a Return showing the paying capacity of the railway between Sydney and Newcastle, specifying cost of construction, working expenses, interest on capital cost, and profit or loss, in a similar form to the information recently published concerning other lines and sections of the railways?

Mr. See answered,—It has not been the practice to keep the accounts separately as between Sydney and Newcastle, and it would involve a great amount of time and cost to arrive at the figures.

(11.) Contracts let by the Government to Mort's Dock and Engineering Company:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many contracts have been let by the present Government to Mort's Dock and Engineering Company?

(2.) What is the date, and amount of each contract?

(3.) Is a pilot steamer under construction at Mort's Dock; if so, is she one of those contracts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have given instructions for the information asked for to be prepared, and will lay it upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(12.) Public School at Lilyfield:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he arrived at any decision in respect of the application made to him for the establishment of a Public School at Lilyfield?

Mr. Suttor answered,—This matter is not yet quite settled; but a decision will be arrived at within the next ten days.

(13.) Outbreak of Cholera in Europe:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the outbreak of cholera in Europe, will he take the necessary precautions, before allowing any of the ready-made clothing to be landed here from vessels trading from the infected ports?

Mr. See answered,—I can assure the Honorable Member that every precaution will be taken for the protection of the public.

(14.) Road from Numba to Comerong:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the proposed new road from Numba to Comerong been adopted and proclaimed a public road?

(2.) If not, will he give this matter early attention?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Mr. Hay, the owner of the land, having represented that it was his intention to extend the present Municipal road from Numba to Comerong through his property, no further action can be taken by the Department until the plan of such road has been furnished by Mr. Hay, and notice of dedication thereof received.

(15.) Martin-lane (formerly known as Chisholm-lane), facing General Post Office:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he open up negotiations with the property-owners on the north of the Post Office resumption, with a view to straightening Martin-lane (formerly known as Chisholm-lane), in order to get greater nobility and uniformity in the future buildings?

(2.) Will he also take into his consideration the best means for the removal of the present buildings lately erected, facing the Post Office Street, and for compensating their owners?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am not prepared to recommend that any further expenditure be incurred in connection with the widening of Martin-lane.

(2.) If the Honorable Member alludes to the narrow building facing Moore-street, I think the removal could only be carried out under special legislation.

(16.) Incompetent persons shipping as Seamen on passenger Steamships:—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the Shipping Master empowered to grant permits entitling incompetent persons the right of shipping as seamen on board passenger steamships?

(2.) If so, in what position will the master and officers be placed before a Marine Board inquiry should any casualty occur through the incompetency of crews?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Section 33 of the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act makes it lawful for the Shipping Master to grant a "license to ship" to any person who is desirous of engaging as a seaman.

(2.) Should any casualty occur on board a ship it rests with the Marine Board to call upon the master and officers to give evidence bearing upon such casualty.

(17.) Homebush Creek Storm-water Sewer—Iron Cove Creek, Eastern Branch:—*Mr. Bavister*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to the Loan Estimates approved of by Parliament, and embodied in the Loans Acts in 1890, items "Homebush Creek Storm-water Sewer to drain parts of Burwood, Strathfield, and Concord, £19,000," also "Iron Cove Channel, Eastern Branch, to drain parts of Burwood and Ashfield, £11,500," what amounts have been expended, and upon which particular portions of the authorised works?

(2.) When will any further portion of the works be carried out?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The sum of £445 8s. 9d. has been expended on surveys and preparation of plans; no amount has been expended on construction.

(2.) The first contract for Homebush Creek will be advertised in the course of about six or seven weeks. The plans for the Croydon Branch (Iron Cove Channel) are well advanced, and it is expected that tenders can be invited in about three months.

(18.) Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme:—*Mr. Baister*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was the Western Suburbs proposed sewerage scheme approved of by Parliament?

(2.) What was the estimated cost of the works approved?

(3.) What portions of the works have been let by contract; and for what amounts; and what is the time of completion?

(4.) What portions of the works remain to be undertaken before the scheme will be practically available to the people?

(5.) What is the estimated cost of the works so to be undertaken?

(6.) When is it probable that the remaining portions of the work will be undertaken?

(7.) What is the probable date of completion of sewerage scheme as a whole (approximately)?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have given instructions for this information to be prepared, and will lay it upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(19.) Increases to Temporary Clerks in Public Works Department:—*Mr. Hoyle* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any increases been granted to the temporary clerks in the Works Department; if not, why not?

(2.) Have such increases been considered since the beginning of this year?

(3.) Did any officer of the Works Department make any inquiries relative to the work done by the temporary clerks; if so, was such report favourable?

(4.) Have the temporary field officers received any increases since the beginning of the year?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Will the Honorable Member have the goodness to postpone his question for a week to enable the necessary inquiries to be made in all the branches of the Department.

(20.) Customs Duties on Sugar:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that large quantities of refined sugar are imported to this Colony, and duty paid thereon as raw sugar, the loss to the revenue being considerable?

(2.) Will he instruct the Collector of Customs to report and act in the matter?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The sugar duties are collected according to a Government instruction given in the year 1862, by which lump and tablet sugars only are charged as refined sugar.

(2.) The question is under consideration, with a view to determining standards, and the Collector of Customs will be instructed in due course.

(21.) Appointment of Mr. Henry Byrnes as a Police Magistrate:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Henry Byrnes, of Parramatta, has been appointed a Police Magistrate?

(2.) If so, what were his qualifications and claims for such appointment, as against the claims and qualifications of the many C.P.S.'s in the Department of Justice?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I am informed by my Colleague, the Minister of Justice, that it had been intended to abolish the office of Police Magistrate at Brewarrina, but in consequence of strong representations it has not been considered desirable to adopt this course at present. Existing arrangements would be disturbed by the transfer of a permanent officer to Brewarrina, and in order that there may be an opportunity hereafter of reviewing the question whether the appointment of a permanent Police Magistrate at that place is necessary in the interests of justice, Mr. Byrnes was appointed Acting Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions. Mr. Byrnes is specially fitted for the office of Police Magistrate, having been twenty-five years Chairman of the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta, and nine years Chairman of the Licensing Bench there.

(22.) Sub-letting of Private Bars:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Does the present Licensing Act allow or prohibit the sub-letting of private bars?

(2.) If it does not allow of such sub-letting, will he take steps to prevent such infringement of the Act, and put down the alleged misconduct carried on in certain private bars in Sydney?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by my Honorable Colleague, the Minister of Justice, that the Licensing Act does not permit the sub-letting of private bars. Endeavours have been made to prevent such infringement of the Act, but it has been found almost impracticable, under the present law, to obtain sufficient evidence to secure a conviction.

(23.) Case of William Strange:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the case of one William Strange, who was convicted before the Police Magistrate of Hay, on the information of one John Waugh, of Clare Station, near Balranald, under the 3rd section of the Masters and Servants Act, wherein Strange was sentenced to one month's imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol, the case having been tried at Hay, whereas Strange resided in Sydney, where the agreement was made?

(2.) Is it true that the conviction of William Strange, at Hay, was set aside by the Judges (three) of the Supreme Court on the 26th August last, with costs of the appeal against the Police Magistrate, and Strange liberated from Darlinghurst Gaol?

(3.) Is it true, as reported in the *Herald* of the 27th August, that Mr. Justice Windeyer, in setting aside the conviction of the above case, made use of the following remarks, viz., "it appeared to him that the proceedings were of a grossly harsh character."

(4.) What action does he intend to take under the circumstances of the case, and the severe censure made by the Judge on the conduct of the Police Magistrate?

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Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my Honorable Colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) No representations have been made to me in reference to this matter.
- (2.) The conviction was quashed, with costs against Waugh, and Strange discharged out of custody.
- (3.) Mr. Justice Windeyer is reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of 27th August, to have made the remarks referred to.
- (4.) Inquiry will be made into the matter.

(24.) Suspension of Passenger Traffic from Hamburg and Bremen during outbreak of Cholera:—Mr. Willis asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—Seeing that the German-Australian S.S. Co. ply here from Hamburg and Antwerp, and that the North German Lloyd S.S. line ply here from Bremen and Antwerp, does he intend to take action to suspend, during the cholera outbreak in Europe, all passenger traffic on these lines?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A proclamation has been issued by the Government placing all vessels arriving from any port or place in Europe in quarantine, and pratique will not be granted until the regulations of the Board of Health affecting vessels arriving from cholera-infected ports have been strictly carried out.

(25.) Passengers from Hamburg and Bremen during outbreak of Cholera:—Mr. Willis asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—In view of the serious outbreak of cholera in Europe, and particularly the severity of the disease now prevalent in Hamburg, would he state, for the information of the House, whether any steps have been taken to stop passengers from Hamburg, Bremen, and other continental ports being landed in New South Wales unless subject to the most rigid term of quarantine?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I trust the Honorable Member will pardon me if I point out that the reply given to the last Question answers this also.

(26.) Locking of the Darling River:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What steps (if any) have been taken respecting the locking of the Darling River?
- (2.) Do the Government purpose taking any steps towards establishing an experimental irrigation farm in the Bourke Electorate?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Type designs for lock and weirs are being prepared, and an officer is engaged on the River Darling upon the necessary surveys and levels to fix a site for an experimental lock and weir, and to furnish details for the design and estimate. The work is being pushed on as rapidly as possible.
- (2.) Not at present.

(27.) Free Passes issued to Bourke since inception of Labour Bureau:—Mr. Willis asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many passes have been issued to Bourke since the inception of the Labour Bureau?
- (2.) What stations were these men sent to?
- (3.) What duties were these men sent to fill?
- (4.) What wages were they to get?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Superintendent of the Government Labour Bureau:—

- (1.) 627.

(2.) Berrawinia, Curranynia, Curralnalpa, Elsinora, Nocoleche, Beemery, Caiwarro, Dunlop, Gundabooka, Milroy, Boorara, Corella, Fort Bourke, Momba, Tankarooka, Wanaaring, Youngerina, Toorale, Thirrulgoona, Uriusno, Wimbar. 273 sent to employers not connected with stations are included in above total of 627.

(3.) Shearers, station hands, cooks, blacksmiths, bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers, engineers, clerks, and other callings (also married couples).

- (4.) Current so far as is known.

(28.) Free Passes issued to men seeking employment on Toorale and Dunlop Stations:—Mr. Willis asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many passes, since the inception of the Labour Bureau, have been issued to men seeking employment on Toorale and Dunlop Stations, Bourke District?
- (2.) What work were the men sent up to fulfil?
- (3.) What wages were they to get?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Superintendent of the Labour Bureau:—

- (1.) Toorale, 29; Dunlop, 35.
- (2.) Chiefly shearers, rouseabouts, and cooks.
- (3.) Current, so far as is known.

(29.) Cost of Labour Bureau:—Mr. Willis asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has been the cost of the Labour Bureau to 31st August?
- (2.) What has been the cost of the rations issued by Government to the unemployed?
- (3.) How many families were supplied with rations?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) £853 17s. 7d.
- (2.) £891 10s. 6d.
- (3.) 785.

(30.) Number of Pastoral Holdings in the Western Division:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands:—

- (1.) What are the number of pastoral holdings, and the total area, now thrown on the lands of the Crown in the Western Division, owing to the devastation of rabbits, and other causes?
- (2.) What is proposed to be done with these holdings?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) There are forty-two areas in the Western Division not held under lease, viz.:—(a) Thirty-six occupation licenses which have been forfeited, abandoned, &c., representing an area of 2,903,717 acres. (b) Three resumed areas for which no occupation licenses were applied for at the time of division of pastoral holdings, being an area of 76,700 acres. (c) Three pastoral leases of an area of 188,895 acres that have been forfeited.

(2.) Under the reports of the Land Boards, a large number of these areas will probably be submitted to lease as inferior lands; others have been absorbed by homestead leases; a few will be offered to occupation license; and the balance are under reference to the District Surveyor for report as a preliminary to considering the best means of disposing of the land.

(31.) Tanks and Public Watering-places fenced with Rabbit-proof Netting:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—How many tanks at public watering-places have been fenced in with rabbit-proof netting, and what has been the result so far?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Seventy-five tanks are now completely netted, the cost of which, including carriage, labour, and arsenic has been £1,700. At the present time, owing to the severity of the season and the consequent deaths, the pest has diminished. Previously to this large numbers have been destroyed at several of the tanks. The utility of the work done will be demonstrated after rainfalls and the numbers increase.

(32.) Report by Mr. Lewis on Village Settlements of New Zealand:—Mr. Black asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to lay Mr. Lewis' report, concerning the Village Settlements of New Zealand, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—This document is considered at present confidential. It has not yet received the consideration of the Government, but, as soon as it has been so considered, the question of laying it upon the Table of this House will be determined.

(33.) Exclusion of General Public to Public Parks:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he power under the Act to let or otherwise apportion any part of the public parks to any section of the community, to the exclusion of the general public?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I consider that the meaning of the proviso in section 6 of the Act 48 Victoria No. 22 (Public Parks Act of 1884), is, that subject to the consent of the Minister, the trustees of public parks have power to lease or grant temporary licenses to occupy or use any portion of such land for all purposes of that Act.

(34.) Constable Goulder:—Mr. Black asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the behaviour of Constable Goulder, who, without warrant, on the 22nd of June, entered the sleeping apartment of a man named Green, at 23, Macquarie-street South, dragged him from bed, and broke open his box, reading his private letters, and turning over his effects?

(2.) Is this Goulder the same individual who arrested two miners at Broken Hill for alleged assault on a free labourer?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Detective Roche, accompanied by Detectives Greaves, Goulder, and Hoskisson, visited the house referred to, where they had information that there were persons engaged in an unlawful occupation. The officers state that no objection was made to their going over the premises, but they deny acting in the manner alleged in the Question.

(2.) Yes.

(35.) Report of Government Official on Village Settlements in New Zealand:—Mr. Black asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the report of the Government official who visited New Zealand unfavourable to village settlement?

(2.) If not, why is all reference to the subject omitted from the Governor's Speech?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I have already intimated to the Honorable Member that we consider that at present this is a confidential report. It cannot be laid upon the Table at present.

(36.) Appointment of man named Drayton to Military Commission:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Danahey, asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a man named Drayton been appointed to the Military Commission?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that he, being unable to write shorthand, has sublet his contract to an individual who can write shorthand?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Drayton is a shorthand writer, but was allowed to employ an assistant with the sanction of the Commission.

3. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain residents of Broken Hill and District, representing that the tramway proposed to be constructed under the Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill would prove of great benefit to the Petitioners; submitting reasons why it should be made; and praying the House to take the facts stated in their Petition into favourable consideration.

(2.) Mr. Cann presented another Petition from certain residents of Broken Hill and District, containing similar representations and prayer.

Petitions received.

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4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—
 (1.) By Mr. Hoyle—From Thomas Augustus Smith, Presiding Officer of Captain Cook Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Botany.
 (2.) By Mr. Fegan—From W. M'Ghee, Presiding Officer of the Pride of Merewether Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Merewether.
 (3.) By Mr. Barbour—From George Evans, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Deniliquin.
 (4.) By Mr. Melville—From Evan Lewis, Presiding Officer of the Welsh Congregational Church, at Lambton.
 Petitions received.
5. SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Thomas Croudace, Manager of the Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable a Company called the Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) to construct a railway from their Durham Colliery, in the parish of Kabibah, to and to connect with the Great Northern Railway,—
 And Mr. Melville having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and *Newcastle Morning Herald*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
6. PAPERS:—
 Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Peters, county of Cumberland, in connection with the duplication of the Railway between Menangle and Campbelltown.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Annual Statement of Works carried out by the Department of Public Works during the year 1891.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting mutual extradition of Fugitive Criminals.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return of Free Passes issued by the Labour Bureau.
 (2.) Report of the National Park Trust for the year 1891.
 (3.) Sixth General Report, together with Minutes of Proceedings, of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report on Diseases of Stock and Sheep, by M. Loir, M.D., of the Pasteur Institute of Australia.
 (2.) Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines, for 1891.
 (3.) Rates levied by the Trustees of the Emmaville Tank.
 (4.) Amended Regulations under the Public Watering Places Act of 1884.
 (5.) Additional Regulations under the Diseases in Sheep Acts of 1866, 1878, and 1882.
 (6.) First Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for 1891.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cann rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order, No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, ‘the Broken Hill strike.’”
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
 Mr. Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and negatived.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barton, at fourteen minutes before One o'clock a.m. until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, 31st August, 1892, 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*:—Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire, Varney Parkes, Esquire, and Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Alleged Sweating in Government Contracts:—Mr. Chapman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that owing to the present system of letting contracts for railway sleepers and, other timber required for public works, sub-letting is allowed, and as a consequence, sweating in its worst form is rampant?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Forestry Department have advised that these contracts could be let in smaller quantities and executed under the supervision of their officers, thus avoiding the sweating system and securing better timber at a cheaper rate to the Government?

(3.) Is it a fact that the royalties recently imposed on timber are materially interfering with the timber trade, and have caused a number of men to be thrown out of employment?

(4.) Were these royalties sanctioned by Parliament or imposed as regulations by the department?

(5.) Is it a fact that the cost of collecting the royalty exceeds the amount of revenue received from that source?

(6.) Is he aware that indignation meetings have been held in several timber districts protesting against this royalty?

(7.) Will he at once cause an inquiry to be made into the alleged sweating in contracts and the imposition of this royalty with a view to amending same?

(8.) If he is opposed to the removal of this royalty will he give Parliament an opportunity of dealing with them at an early date?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) This is a matter affecting the Public Works and Railway Departments.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) Imposed by Regulations made in accordance with the Crown Lands Act.

(5.) No.

(6.) No reports of such meetings have been received.

(7.) This, like No. 1, is a matter for the Public Works and Railway Departments to deal with.

(8.) This matter is under consideration.

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- (2.) Equity Suits—Lyons and Farrelly *v.* Erwin, Stephen *v.* Erwin :—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact, in Lyons and Farrelly *v.* Erwin, that the Arbitrator, F. T. Humphery, Esq., certified as to the amounts received and allowed; if so, what were the amounts in the former and latter, as filed?

(2.) Did the Master-in-Equity give a certificate that such amounts were correct as directed before fixing decree; if not, who did?

(3.) What was the petition of Want and Co., No. 3,168; and what do the disbursements in such account show; also, by whom received, and their amounts out of such fund; if so, to whom paid, for what amount, and what balance remains in hand?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Master-in-Equity gave a deed, dated 3rd May, 1880, to the plaintiff in the cause Stephen *v.* Erwin; was such deed impeached or referred to in any way by such decree; and by what authority was the same allowed to leave the Master's custody?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by my Honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that the matters referred to in these questions formed the subject of numerous Parliamentary questions in 1888, 1889, 1890, and in March last. The reply has been repeatedly given that,—as private interests only are affected, and the information required is quite open to the parties concerned if asked for in the proper way—it does not come within the scope of the Minister's duties to inquire into or answer the questions raised. No reason has been shown why the course of action adopted on previous occasions should be departed from now.

- (3.) Inquiries under Census and Industrial Returns Act :—Mr. Bavister asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the information collected under the "Census and Industrial Returns Act" comprise the material necessary for a return of the number of persons of each nationality following each trade, calling, profession, or occupation in this Colony?

(2.) If so, will he direct that such a Return be compiled and laid upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Are any means taken in the various Government Departments to ascertain whether Government contracts are being executed by other contractors than those responsible to the Government?

(4.) In the operations of the Labour Bureau, when notices have been received from employers as to workmen being required, has any action been taken to ascertain whether suitable men were unemployed in that district; and if such information had been obtained, were such facts ever made known to the unemployed at the Bureau?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1 and 2.) The information has been collected in such form that the nationality of persons following the various occupations can, if necessary, be stated.

(3.) So far as the contracts of the Treasury and Public Works Departments are concerned, subcontractors are not recognised in any way.

(4.) Reports from various districts are from time to time received from reliable sources.—When an employer sends for men it is generally because he has been unable to obtain those suitable in the neighbourhood. Every information available is always given to the men.

- (4.) Salaries of Employees of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount has been paid in salaries to the employees of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, and also to the members of the Board, from 1st July to 31st July of the present year?

(2.) Is it intended to open branch offices in every municipality in the district subject to the operation of the Act?

(3.) If not in every municipality, what municipalities are to have branch offices?

(4.) The proposed number and class of officers to be employed, and their respective salaries?

(5.) What amount is estimated to be necessary for the administration of the Board, and what percentage will the expenses of administration be to the estimated revenue?

Mr. Lync answered,—This information will have to be obtained from the Board at Newcastle. They will be communicated with at once, and the particulars asked for will be sent to the Honorable Member as quickly as possible.

- (5.) Gas Explosions in Mines :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—How many accidents through gas explosions have occurred in the mines of New South Wales from 1st January, 1890, to 1st July, 1892?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Six such accidents have occurred within the period named.

- (6.) "Sobraon" in Dock at Cockatoo Island :—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the "Sobraon" is in the dock at Cockatoo Island, which dock is only half pumped out?

(2.) If so, what is the reason?

(3.) Is it a fact that the alterations to the ship have so weakened the ship's sides that the Dock-master refused to allow the water to be pumped out, on account of his inability to properly stay the ship?

(4.) Is it a fact that the ship will never be able to be docked for a complete overhaul on that account?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) The "Sobraon" was only docked to attach the gangway landings just below water-line. To do this the water only had to be lowered a few feet, and the further expense of pumping the dock and keeping it dry for a long time was saved. She was undocked this morning.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

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(7.) Salaries of Ministers, and Allowance to Members of Parliament:—Mr. Hugli Taylor asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—In view of the widespread depression and the financial position of the Government, is it his intention to introduce a Bill forthwith to reduce the salaries of the Ministers and the Parliamentary allowances to Members of this House, as has been done in other colonies? Mr. Suttor answered,—I am not in a position to give the Honorable Member definite information on the subject.

(8.) North Coast Railway:—Mr. Gillies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have any steps been taken to submit to the Parliamentary Public Works Committee that section of the North Coast Railway extending from West Maitland to Dungog?
 (2.) If no action has been taken in this direction, will be as soon as convenient cause this section of the North Coast Railway to be sent on to the Public Works Committee for report?
 Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter will be dealt with by the Cabinet when the railway policy of the Government is being considered.

(9.) Darling Point Tunnel:—Mr. Marks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the early completion of the Darling Point Tunnel, will the Government consider the advisability of proceeding with the reticulation of Double Bay, so that it may be ready when the tunnel is completed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Darling Point Sewer will not be completed for about nine months. As to the reticulation of Double Bay, the drainage of this low-lying valley will have to be pumped into the Darling Point Sewer, a scheme for which is now being worked out by the Department. There are no funds available for the work.

(10.) Subsidy to Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Postmaster-General,—In view of the present exceptional facilities given by the various steam companies carrying mails between New South Wales and Great Britain, will he renew the subsidy given to the mail service between Sydney and San Francisco, which expires in November next?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No subsidy is paid by this Colony to the Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco, carried on under contract with the New Zealand Government. We merely pay a poundage on weight of mail matter despatched, which is almost entirely for America, the payments being about equivalent to the postage collected, and in the event of the contract being renewed, it is not thought that we could provide for the conveyance of American correspondence on better terms than at present.

(11.) Railway and Tramway Season Tickets:—Mr. Eve asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Whether it is possible for the Railway Commissioners to issue season tickets from all suburban railway stations, to include the journey by tram to the Bridge-street terminus?
 (2.) Is it possible for the Railway Commissioners to issue season tickets on the trams?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed there are various difficulties in the way of issuing season tickets of the description named, and the Railway Commissioners cannot see their way at present to make this new departure.

(12.) Extension of Tramway to Bondi Beach:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to extend the tramway to Bondi Beach?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; as I informed the Honorable Member on a previous occasion, and as I promised Messrs. Want and Allen when on the spot last week.

3. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 27th September.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Australasian Mining Exchange of Sydney Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*), postponed until Tuesday, 11th October.

5. COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

A Bill, intituled, “*An Act to abolish a certain blind roadway leading from Chowne-street, Ultimo, to the lands of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited), and all rights-of-way connected therewith, and to vest the fee simple thereof in the said Company*,” forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly’s Standing Order in that behalf.

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Sydney, 8th September, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Council’s request be complied with.
 Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 11th October.

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6. **LAND LAWS:**—Mr. Sheldon presented a Petition from certain Selectors, intending Selectors, Townspeople of Pilliga, and others interested, representing the opinions of the Petitioners relating to throwing open for selection at the expiry of present leases the land comprised in the leasehold areas of the North-western District, Central Division; and to stopping the present system of auction sales; and praying favourable consideration of these matters when the House shall deal with legislation concerning the public lands.
At the request of Mr. Sheldon, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
7. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:**—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—
(1.) By Mr. Danahey—From C. W. Caldwell, Presiding Officer of the Hope of Petersham Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Petersham.
(2.) By Mr. Donald—From Claude Neate, Presiding Officer of the Waratah Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Blackheath.
(3.) By Mr. Campbell—From Thomas Rendall, junr., Presiding Officer of Star of the Valley Lodge, at Kangaroo Valley.
(4.) By Mr. Reid—From John Osborne, Secretary of the New South Wales Alliance for the Suppression of Intemperance, Sydney.
(5.) By Mr. Bowes—From E. B. Bowes, Laura Hogg, Alice A. Masterman, and Susan R. Rea, Presiding Officers of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Sydney.
Petitions received.
8. **LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from certain Women of New South Wales, representing that the employment of women as barmaids is degrading to womanhood, and the source of much evil; and praying the House to take into consideration the Licensing Act Amendment Bill, proposed to be introduced by Mr. Dangar.
Petition received.
9. **PAPER:**—Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table, Notification of reduction in rates for telegrams, and in fees for maintenance of private telephone lines.
Ordered to be printed.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Davis rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to the maritime difficulty—a subject of urgent public importance.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Davis moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barton, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir George Dibbs, informed the House of the intention of the Government respecting the Motion of Censure, of which Mr. Reid had given notice.
Mr. Reid also addressed the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Extension of Leases to Pastoral Lessees in Central Division:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to give notice to pastoral lessees in Central Division (in accordance with the provisions of section 78, sub-section 4) that no extension of leases will be granted?

(2.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Crown Law officers, and communicate the result to this House, whether if such notification is not gazetted two years prior to expiration of original leases the pastoral lessees will not be entitled to demand a further extension of five years of their leases, and the Government be powerless, without compensation, to refuse such right under section 78 of the Land Act of 1884?

(3.) Will he take the necessary steps for setting apart and reserving certain suitable agricultural lands on the Lachlan and other rivers as irrigation areas or village settlements, before permitting the consideration of renewal of any part of leasehold areas in the Central Division?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) This involves a question of policy, which is under the consideration of the Government, but no definite decision has yet been arrived at.

(2.) The opinion of the Attorney-General has already been obtained, but it is not customary to lay these documents upon the Table.

(3.) The land policy of the Government will be fully disclosed in the Land Bill to be introduced during the present Session.

(2.) Brewarrina Aboriginal Mission Station:—Mr. Waddell asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—Has any inquiry been made into the charges made during last Session against the management of the Brewarrina Aboriginal Mission Station; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Suttor answered,—An inquiry has been held and a report furnished, which appears to exonerate the officers in connection with the Mission.

(3.) Appointment of Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths:—Mr. Johnston asked the Attorney-General,—Has any decision been arrived at in respect to a petition, signed by 700 citizens, praying for the appointing of a Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, in Balmain West?

Mr. Suttor answered,—As it appears, by a Report from the Registrar-General, that the public convenience at Balmain West is fairly met under present arrangements, there seems to be no necessity for the establishment of a Branch Registry Office in that locality.

(4.) Rossiville Estate:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was the purchase of the Rossiville Estate effected by the Parkes Government before the consent of Parliament was obtained?

(2.) Was the money paid for the estate prior to Parliament being asked to sanction the vote?

(3.) Was the estate paid for out of borrowed money?

(4.) What price was paid for Rossiville?

(5.) What rental is now being obtained for Rossiville?

(6.) What interest does the rental represent on the capital outlaid?

(7.) Is it not a fact that the Rossiville site is at the head of the Goulburn Water-works, and largely on that account was rejected by the Public Works Committee as a suitable site for the erection of a lunatic asylum?

(8.) Is it not a fact that Kenmore site was purchased years ago for the erection of a lunatic asylum?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) The estate was acquired by the Government on 20th March, 1890, but the purchase money, including interest, cost of survey, &c., amounting in all to £16,615 15s. 9d., was not paid until the 21st March, 1891, and was covered by an appropriation under the General Loan Fund Act, 54 Vic. No. 33, of 20th December, 1890.

(5.) In 1891, £149 5s. 8d.; in 1892, £118 6s.

(6.) Not quite 1 per cent.

(7.) The Treasury is not in possession of the information necessary to answer this Question.

(8.) Yes, in 1879.

(5.) Alleged Violation of the Licensing Act:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that upwards of one hundred hotels in Sydney and suburbs are holding licenses directly against the provisions of the Licensing Act, inasmuch as they have no sleeping accommodation, and provide no victualling convenience, except with respect to liquors?

(2.) Will he make inquiries on the point, and see that the law is rigorously enforced against such hotels, they in the main being responsible for the infraction of the law in respect of private bars?

Mr. See answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has supplied me with the following answers:—

(1.) I am informed by the police authorities that it is not a fact that there are upwards of 100 licensed hotels in Sydney, which do not provide accommodation or victualling convenience except with respect to liquors.

(2.) Every hotel in the Metropolitan Licensing District is carefully inspected by the officers under the Licensing Acts, and there is no case where any house has not the standard accommodation required. Numerous objections were made at the annual meeting in June last, and several of the old, worn-out houses had their licenses referred to on account of the dilapidated state into which they had fallen, but, so long as the standard accommodation is maintained, no steps can be taken to have renewals of licenses refused.

(6.) Applications for Registration under the Copyright Act of 1879:—Mr. Darnley asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) What were the number of applications for registration and the number of registrations, during each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892, under Part I of the Copyright Act, 1879, classified as Literary, Dramatic, or Musical Works, giving also the number in manuscript and the number in which proof of publication has been furnished, the number of works delivered at Free Public Library and at University, in accordance with clause 5 of said Act, and the number of prosecutions instituted, and the result, under such clause?

(2.) What were the number of applications for registration, and the number of registrations, during each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892, under Part II of the Copyright Act, 1879, classified as follows:—(a) Paintings, (b) Drawings and Engravings, (c) Works of Sculpture, and (d) Photographs?

(3.) What were the number of applications for registration and the number of registrations, in each of the various classes under Part III of the Copyright Act, 1879, during each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892?

(4.) What were the total amounts of receipts, and the total amounts of expenditure, in each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892, under each of Parts I, II, and III of the Copyright Act, 1879?

(5.) Who are the officers in the Copyright Department; when was each appointed, and at what salary; who was his predecessor, and his salary; and when were increases given, and to what amounts?

(6.) What legal and technical knowledge is required in the administration of the Copyright Department, and in what manner is it displayed?

(7.) Is it a fact that the Registrar of Copyrights gives legal decisions as to copyright and design matters, and refuses applications for registration, based on his opinion alone, and is such power conferred upon him by the Copyright Act?

(8.) Could not this Department be combined with and become a sub-branch of a "Patents, Designs, Trade Marks, and Copyrights" Department?

Mr. Barton answered.—The information for which the Honorable Member asks is voluminous, and rather varied, and at such a short notice it is impossible to provide an answer to the Question. The answer will, however, be provided in the shape of a Return, if the Honorable Member will kindly give (say) a fortnight's fresh notice.

(7.) Girls' Public High School at West Maitland:—Mr. Gillies asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he decided upon the purchase of suitable buildings in the town of West Maitland in which to conduct the Girls' Public High School?

(2.) If no decision has yet been arrived at, will he as soon as convenient take the necessary steps for purchase or resumption of suitable buildings to meet the pressing demands that at present exist for increased accommodation for young ladies attending the West Maitland Girls' Public School?

Mr. Suttor answered.—Application has been made to me to remove the High School for Girls from West Maitland to East Maitland. I have determined, if I can possibly find suitable buildings in West Maitland, to retain the school in that town, and I propose to do so upon these grounds: In the first place, the High School was originally established at West Maitland; secondly, the larger number of the local pupils attending the school are from West Maitland; and thirdly, I consider that the present premises are unsuitable for the purpose for which they are used, but I believe suitable premises can be secured in West Maitland.

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- (8.) Proposed Railway to Robertson:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the surveys in connection with the proposed railway to Robertson been completed, so as to enable the proposal to be referred to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, and the matter will be dealt with when the railway policy of the Government is before the Cabinet.

- (9.) Pheasant-Richardson Prize Fight:—Mr. Martin asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were the police present at the Pheasant-Richardson prize fight, which took place in the Darlinghurst Skating Rink on the night of the 6th instant?

(2.) Has any report been made by the police as to what took place during that fight?

(3.) If so, does such report coincide in important particulars with that which appeared in *Evening News* of the 7th instant?

(4.) Has the Government taken any steps to put a stop to such brutalising exhibitions?

Mr. Suttor answered,—With regard to the first three Questions, I have to inform the Honorable Member that the police were present on the occasion referred to, and I will presently lay a report upon the Table. With regard to the last Question, the matter seems one deserving of the consideration of the Government, but I fear legislation will have to be resorted to to effect any good results.

- (10.) Lock-up in South-eastern portion of Surry Hills:—Mr. Martin asked the Attorney-General,—Have the Government considered the necessity for providing a lock-up in the south-eastern portion of Surry Hills; if so, will the work be proceeded with shortly?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A site has been purchased and the question of the erection of a building is under consideration.

- (11.) Compensation to Rockdale Council for Land resumed for the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Acting Colonial Secretary,—In reference to the deputation which some time ago waited upon him, in reference to the claims of the Rockdale Council to a special grant in consideration of the loss of rates upon the large area within that municipality, resumed for the purposes of the Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme, what decision, if any, has been arrived at by the Government?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I am sorry that some delay has taken place in getting ready certain returns which I desired to obtain before replying to the Honorable Member's Question; but I have asked for them, and I promise the Honorable Member that no unnecessary delay shall take place in arriving at a decision upon the question.

- (12.) Proposed Site of General Cemetery for Illawarra Suburbs:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the necessary steps be taken to resume the proposed site of the General Cemetery for the Illawarra suburbs?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The consent of the Trustees of the National Park to the resumption of a portion thereof for cemetery purposes was received only last Friday, but the necessary steps to effect such resumption will be taken as early as practicable.

- (13.) Proposed Extension of Five Dock Tramway:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he yet arrived at any decision in regard to the proposed extension of the Five Dock Tramway; if so, what is the nature of such decision?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; the Five Dock Tramway will be extended to Abbotsford.

- (14.) Wollongong Harbour Trust:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government received a report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the proposed operations of the Wollongong Harbour trust?

(2.) Does the said report estimate the cost of constructing the proposed harbour works at the sum of £1,766,000?

(3.) Does not the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act specially provide for the construction of an inner harbour at Tom Thumb's Lagoon, and limit the borrowing powers of the Trust to £5,000 per annum for the first five years?

(4.) Is it a fact that shortly after the passing of the Act the Engineer of the Trust reported that the harbour scheme, as authorised, was impracticable?

(5.) Will the Government cause an inquiry to be made as to whether the subsidy granted under the provisions of the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act has been expended in the manner authorised by the Act?

(6.) Will the Government, in view of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief as to the cost of forming harbour works at Wollongong, cause an inquiry to be made as to the most suitable place at which a harbour may be constructed so as to provide an outlet for the coal of the Illawarra District?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Under the Act the works are limited to the construction of an inner harbour at Tom Thumb's Lagoon and breakwater to protect the same. The borrowing power is limited to £250,000.

(4, 5, and 6.) Inquiries are being made on the subjects referred to in these Questions, and as soon as I have the necessary information I will communicate with the Honorable Member.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Police Report respecting glove contest between Thomas Pheasant and James Richardson.

(2.) Report of the Sydney University for the year 1891.

(3.) Report of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1891.

(4.) New By-laws of the Sydney University.

(5.) Report of Trustees of the National Art Gallery for the year 1891.

(6.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1891.

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Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Proceedings of the Postal and Telegraph Conference, held in Victoria, August, 1892.
 (2.) Copies of papers, &c., relating to the dismissal of Richard Tarrant, Telegraph Messenger at Adamstown.

Ordered to be printed.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.

- (1.) By Mr. Garrard—From A. B. James, Presiding Officer of the General Gordon Tent No. 20 of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Granville.
 (2.) By Mr. Fegan—From James Richardson, Presiding Officer of Bright and Morning Star Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Islington.
 (3.) By Mr. Garrard—From John Bailey, Presiding Officer of the Golden Hope Division No. 43, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Granville.
 (4.) By Mr. Kirkpatrick—From A. M. Greenaway, Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at Gunnedah.
 (5.) By Mr. Fegan—From James Kerr, Presiding Officer of Pride of the Meadow Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Broad Meadow.
 (6.) By Mr. Grahame—From David J. Steenbhom, Presiding Officer of the Day Dawn Division No. 5 of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Newcastle.
 (7.) By Mr. Martin—From Rev. E. E. Crosby, Chairman of a public meeting held in connection with the Band of Hope at the Hay-street Wesleyan Church, Sydney.

Petitions received.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Albert John Gould, Esquire, James Hayes, Esquire, and James Torpy, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

6. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND SUPPLY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with view to the addition of 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, 7.

Mr. See,
 Mr. Gould,
 Mr. Crick,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Dawson.
 Tellers,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Dr. Cullen.

Noes, 77.

Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Dr. Hollis,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Colls,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Hogan,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. Donald,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Booth,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Sir Henry Parkes,
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Hindle,

Tellers,
 Mr. Hayes,
 Mr. Martin.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 78.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Curnuthers,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Perry,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Scott,

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. York,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McIville,
Tellers,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

Noes, 5.

Mr. See,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Crick.
Tellers,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The House divided.

Ayes, 74.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Curnuthers,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Gardiner,

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. York,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Wright,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Dowel,
Tellers,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sharp.

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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7. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Hollis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hutchison,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. York
Tellers,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Perry,

Mr. Collins,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Miller,
Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnoll,
Dr. Hollis.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Cook,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Vaughan,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Black,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hutchison,
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Mr. Collins,
Mr. McGowen,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. York,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dowcl,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. See.
Tellers,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Tellers,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Dr. Hollis, 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 this day fortnight.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyne 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 after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—William Channing a'Beckett, 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 Bogan.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, at twenty-six minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Business Days (*Sessional Order*); resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Barton, That it be a Sessional Order, 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;—until Wednesday next.
(2.) Medical Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
(3.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th October.
2. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain residents of Wentworth and District, representing that the tramway proposed to be constructed under the Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill would prove of great benefit to the Petitioners; submitting reasons why it should be made; and praying the House to take the facts stated in their Petition into favourable consideration.
(2.) Mr. Gormly presented a Petition from certain residents of Narrandera and District, containing similar representations and prayer.
Petitions received.
3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from G. Ricketts, Presiding Officer of the Advance Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Taree, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.
4. VOTE OF CENSURE:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the country.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cotton moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after paragraph (1), of the words “(2.) That this House desires at the same time to express its strong disapproval of the ‘payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds without the authority of Parliament.’”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.
Mr. Wise 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.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George 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 Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

LAND LAWS:—Mr. Gormly presented a Petition from the President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Secretaries of the Wagga Wagga Land Conference, representing that at a conference of delegates from Farmers' Unions throughout the Colony of New South Wales, held at Wagga Wagga, certain resolutions were agreed to, suggesting amendments in the land laws; and praying that the resolutions be taken into consideration by the House when the subject of land legislation is before it.

Petition received.

2. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:**—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—

(1.) By Mr. Burdekin—From B. Dinning, Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Band of Hope, Windsor.
 (2.) By Mr. Burdekin—From C. H. Ausburn, Presiding Officer of The Richmond Temperance Association, at Richmond.
 (3.) By Mr. Gardiner—From Edmund Best, Presiding Officer of Rescue Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars and others, at Parkes.
 (4.) By Mr. Hugh McKinnon—From A. G. Smith, Chairman of a public meeting held at Kendall.
 (5.) By Mr. Bavister—From George Kirk, Presiding Officer of The Rose of Ashfield Tent No. 6 of the Independent Order of Rechabites, at Ashfield.

Petitions received.

3. **VOTE OF CENSURE:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Reid,—

“(1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the “country.”

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.” Upon which Mr. Cotton had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after paragraph (1) of the words,—“(2.) That this House desires at the same time to express its “strong disapproval of the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, “without the authority of Parliament.””

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

Mr. Cann moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the words “the “payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds without the authority of “Parliament,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the way in which the “Government have administered the law at Broken Hill.””

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Barton 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 ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

NOTICES POSTPONED:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, That all the Notices of Motions on the Business Paper for to-day be postponed until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

(1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—

(1.) By Mr. Lees—From E. J. Price, Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at Penrith.

(2.) By Mr. Campbell—From Rev. W. Waller Taylor, M.A., Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Bulli.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from Henry Jones, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of the City of Bathurst, representing that the public sale of alcoholic drinks is inimical to the welfare and happiness of the people, and that they who have to bear the cost and shame which are the direct outcome of this traffic ought to possess the legal right to determine the number of licenses granted in their several electorates; and praying the House to pass the Bill of which the Postmaster-General has given notice.
Petition received.

3. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Reid,—

"(1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the country."

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor." Upon which Mr. Cotton had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after paragraph (1) of the words,—"(2.) That this House desires at the same time to express its strong disapproval of 'the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament.'"

In which proposed amendment Mr. Cann had moved the omission of the words "the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds without the authority of Parliament," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the way in which the Government have administered the law at Broken Hill."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—John Wilkinson, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Wright presented a Petition from the Directors of the Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the directors and shareholders of the "Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)," to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company,—And Mr. Wright having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Lithgow Mercury*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

(1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses:—

- (1.) By Mr. Burdekin—From the Licensed Victuallers of Windsor and District.
 (2.) By Mr. Kelly—From the West Sydney Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association.
 (3.) By Mr. Slattery—From the General Committee of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
 (4.) By Mr. Hoyle—From the Redfern Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
 (5.) By Mr. Reid—From the East Sydney Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
 (6.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor—From the Parramatta Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
 (7.) By Mr. Molesworth—From the Newtown Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
 (8.) By Mr. Gould—From the Licensed Victuallers of Singleton and District.
 (9.) By Mr. Young—From the Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Licensed Victuallers' of Taree, Wingham, and Districts.
 (10.) By Mr. Wright—From the Licensed Victuallers of Vegetable Creek and District.
 (11.) By Mr. McCourt—From the Licensed Victuallers of Moss Vale and District.

Petitions received.

- (2.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from Ebenezer Price, President of the Baptist Church Temperance Society, at Bathurst, stating that the Petitioner believes that there are manifest and terrible evils directly and indirectly resulting from the legalised traffic in intoxicating drinks; that as these with all their consequent sorrow and loss, fall upon the people, it is just and right that public law should vest in the electors of every Parliamentary Electorate the authority for dealing with the said traffic; and praying the House to pass a Bill which shall give such power to the electors of every Electorate throughout the Colony.
 Petition received.

22nd September, 1892.

4. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Broken Hill, protesting against the construction of a tram-line from Broken Hill to Menindie by private enterprise; urging that it be constructed by the Government as a State enterprise; alleging that the undertaking would prove a highly reproductive work; and praying that a Government official be deputed to inspect and report upon the proposed route, with a view to Parliament being asked to sanction the undertaking in the interest of the people as a whole.
Petition received.

5. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL:—Mr. Rose presented a Petition from certain Rate-payers of the Municipality of Goulburn, praying that, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, the House will refuse to pass the Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill.
Petition received.

6. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Reid,—

“(1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the country.
“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.” Upon which Mr. Cotton had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after paragraph (1) of the words,—“(2.) That this House desires at the same time to express its strong disapproval of ‘the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament.’”

In which proposed amendment Mr. Cann had moved the omission of the words “the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the way in which the Government have administered the law at Broken Hill.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Dr. Hollis moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. See, at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:

(1.) Mr. Murphy presented a Petition from the Balmain Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from S. Kirkley, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Campbell-street Lecture Hall, Balmain, stating that the meeting had heard that steps were about to be taken to secure more satisfactory legislation respecting the evils of the liquor traffic, and that as the Petitioners believe the traffic not only to be an injury to man, but detrimental to the welfare of the State, they pray that the Legislature now in session will pass such measures as will more largely restrict or wholly abolish the traffic with its attendant evils.

Petition received.

2. **MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:**—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain citizens of Broken Hill, representing that having attached their signatures to a Petition already presented to the House, praying for the construction of a Tram-line from Broken Hill to Menindie, their signatures were attached under the misconception that such Tram-line was to be a State undertaking, and not to be carried out by private enterprise; and praying that a Government official be at once deputed to inspect and report upon the proposed route, with a view to Parliament being asked to sanction the undertaking in the interests of the people of the Colony as a whole.

Petition received.

3. **VOTE OF CENSURE:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Reid,—

"(1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the country."

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor." Upon which Mr. Cotton had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after paragraph (1), of the words "(2.) That this House desires at the same time to express its strong disapproval of 'the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament.'"

In which proposed amendment Mr. Cann had moved the omission of the words "the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the way in which the Government have administered the law at Broken Hill."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, at eighteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

(1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses:—

(1.) By Mr. Bruce Smith—From the Glebe Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. Cullen—From the North Sydney Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

(2.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—

(1.) By Mr. Bruce Smith—From the Presiding Officer of the Morning Star Division, No. 7, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at The Glebe.

(2.) By Mr. Brunker—From the Presiding Officer of Olive Branch Division, No. 25, Daughters of Temperance, at East Maitland.

(3.) By Mr. Nobbs—From the Chairman of a Public Meeting of the St. Philip's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, held at Auburn.

Petitions received.

2. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Reid,—

" (1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the country.

" (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor." Upon which Mr. Cotton had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after paragraph (1) of the words,—"(2.) That this House desires at the same time to express its strong disapproval of 'the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament.'"

In which proposed amendment Mr. Cann had moved the omission of the words "the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the way in which the Government have administered the law at Broken Hill."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1892, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs 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 sixteen minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

LIQUTOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

(1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—

(1.) By Mr. Fuller—From the Presiding Officer of the Excelsior Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Jamberoo.

(2.) By Mr. Fuller—From the Chairman of a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of Jamberoo.

(3.) By Mr. Barbour—From the Presiding Officer of the Sunbeam Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Deniliquin.

(4.) By Mr. Gormly—From the President of the Temperance Society and Band of Hope, at Narrandera.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Cann presented a Petition from the Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Licensed Victuallers of Broken Hill, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses.

Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised 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, and section 41 of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

(6.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

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3. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Reid,—

“(1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the country.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,” Upon which Mr. Cotton had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after paragraph (1), of the words “(2.) That this House desires at the same time to express its strong disapproval of ‘the payment to the Premier of the sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament.’”

In which proposed amendment Mr. Cann had moved the omission of the words “the payment to the Premier of a sum of £1,000 out of the Public Funds, without the authority of Parliament,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the way in which the Government have administered the law at Broken Hill.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1892, A.M.

Unavoidable Absence of Mr. Speaker:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Whereupon, the Chairman of Committees, under the provision contained in the 2nd Standing Order, took the Chair of the House.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Martin,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Loudsdele,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Young,	Sir Henry Parker,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Tellers,
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Eve,	Dr. Cullen.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Danahay,	
Mr. Burdakin,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Bruce Smith,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Darney,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

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Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Daugar,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. See,	Mr. Black,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Colis,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. York,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Scott,	Tellers,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Bowes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment, in place of the words omitted, be so inserted.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Davis,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,

Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen.

Nocs, 99.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sutton,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. See,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Alfred Allen,

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put,—

(1.) That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House or the country.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 64.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Danahey,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Schey,

Tellers,

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Molesworth.

Nocs, 68.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sutton,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. See,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Scott,

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Newton.

And so it passed in the negative.

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George 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 two minutes before Six o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Net-fishing, Brisbane Water:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers, minutes, and other correspondence relating to the closure and opening to net fishing of Brisbane Water?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for the papers in the ordinary manner I will lay the papers upon the Table.

(2.) Copyright Act:—Mr. Darnley asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) What were the number of applications for registration and the number of registrations, during each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892, under Part I of the Copyright Act, 1879, classified as Literary, Dramatic, or Musical Works, giving also the number in manuscript and the number in which proof of publication has been furnished, the number of works delivered at Free Public Library and at University, in accordance with clause 5 of said Act, and the number of prosecutions instituted, and the result, under such clause?

(2.) What were the number of applications for registration, and the number of registrations, during each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892, under Part II of the Copyright Act, 1879, classified as follows:—(a) Paintings, (b) Drawings and Engravings, (c) Works of Sculpture, and (d) Photographs?

(3.) What were the number of applications for registration and the number of registrations, in each of the various classes under Part III of the Copyright Act, 1879, during each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892?

(4.) What were the total amounts of receipts, and the total amounts of expenditure, in each of the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and part of 1892, under each of Parts I, II, and III of the Copyright Act, 1879?

(5.) Who are the officers in the Copyright Department; when was each appointed, and at what salary; who was his predecessor, and his salary; and when were increases given, and to what amounts?

(6.) What legal and technical knowledge is required in the administration of the Copyright Department, and in what manner is it displayed?

(7.) Is it a fact that the Registrar of Copyrights gives legal decisions as to copyright and design matters, and refuses applications for registration, based on his opinion alone, and is such power conferred upon him by the Copyright Act?

(8.) Could not this Department be combined with and become a sub-branch of a "Patents, Designs, Trade Marks, and Copyrights" Department?

Mr. Barton answered,—I will lay the information asked for upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(3.) Camden Tramway:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total revenue received from Camden tramway from 30th June, 1891, to 1st July, 1892?

(2.) The total cost of working the line for that period, and also the interest charged on cost of construction for twelve months?

(3.) In computing the revenue, is credit given to the line for all goods sent from Camden, the freight for which is paid in Sydney?

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Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) £3,131.
- (2.) Working expenses, £2,578; interest on capital, £1,852; total, £4,430. Loss on the line of £1,299 for the year.
- (3.) Yes.

(4.) Census and Industrial Returns Act:—*Mr. M'Gowen*, for Mr. Bavister, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause a Return to be compiled from the information collected under the Census Industrial Returns Act, showing the number of persons of each nationality following each trade, calling, profession, or occupation in this Colony, and have the same laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will be good enough to move for a Return in the form in which he wishes the information the Government will offer no opposition.

(5.) Mr. Edwards, P.M., Parramatta—*Mr. Lee*, Stipendiary Magistrate:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that it is intended to appoint Mr. Edwards, P.M., Parramatta, to be a Stipendiary Magistrate in Sydney?

(2.) Is Mr. Edwards in any way connected or related to any member of the Ministry?

(3.) Can he furnish a precedent for the action taken by him in reference to Mr. Lee?

(4.) Is it not a fact that the decisions of many Magistrates and of the Supreme Court Judges themselves are often appealed against and reversed, and yet no action is taken against the Magistrates or Judges?

(5.) Will he lay all papers connected with Mr. Lee's case upon the Table of this House, and furnish the House with the reasons for the action of the Minister of Justice in every instance where he refers to any case dealt with by Mr. Lee, also furnishing all papers, together with Mr. Lee's replies?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Minister of Justice departed from the usual course in the matter, and by so doing shut Mr. Lee out from giving and getting on record his defence and explanation of this and other alleged reasons for his enforced retirement?

(7.) Is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to take similar action in the case of the Chamber Magistrate who issued the warrant on which Carraway was brought from Queensland?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) There is no vacancy in the Sydney Stipendiary Bench, and the question of making such appointment has never been under consideration.

(2.) Mr. Edwards is the brother of a connection by marriage of a connection by marriage of the Minister of Justice.

(3 and 4.) As these questions involve matters of argument, the Minister of Justice does not feel called upon to answer them.

(5.) There will be no objection to laying upon the Table of this House all papers connected with this matter if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) No.

(7.) No.

(6.) Alignment of Streets in the Borough of Hunter's Hill:—*Mr. Jeanneret* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is an alignment being now made by the Government of the public streets and streets of private subdivisions in the Borough of Hunter's Hill?

(2.) Is the alignment being made at the instance and cost of the Government, or of the Borough of Hunter's Hill?

(3.) What is the estimated cost of the alignment when completed?

(4.) Was any estimate of the probable cost to the Borough made and communicated to the Borough before the work of surveying was undertaken, or was it undertaken by the Borough without knowledge of the probable cost?

(5.) What was the date of the request to the Government to make the alignment now going on, and by whom was it made?

(6.) Did the applicant profess to convey a resolution of the Borough Council, or was it merely the request of the Mayor or Council Clerk?

(7.) If the applicant professed to convey the Council's instructions, will he give a copy of the resolution, together with the date of it?

(8.) Has he offered to align the streets of the Borough of Hunter's Hill in such manner as the Borough Council may by resolution direct, and so by this means obviate any necessity (if such exists) of destroying the works of kerbing and guttering and tree planting already executed by the Council in all the main thoroughfares of the Borough?

(9.) Has any reason been given why the Borough has not accepted his offer?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) An old survey begun some years ago is being finished by having alignment posts placed in position.

(2.) At the request of the Borough of Hunter's Hill, and mainly at the cost of the Crown, as the principal part of the work was undertaken before the existing regulation requiring boroughs to contribute one half cost of survey came into operation.

(3.) Survey not being completed, the data to allow of cost being estimated is not yet available.

(4.) No estimate was made, nor was the Borough Council communicated with on the subject of cost.

(5.) 11th March, 1891.

(6.) The request that alignment be completed was made by the Council Clerk, who was directed to apply by the Municipal Council of Hunter's Hill.

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- (7.) The application of 11th March, 1891, did not refer to any resolution of the Council.
 (8.) On a letter from the Borough Council of Hunter's Hill being received by the Department, asking that a plan showing the proposed alignment of streets under thirty (30) feet in width be submitted for the Council's consideration, and also expressing a willingness to receive suggestions as to each street separately, the Borough Council was informed by the Department that it could not undertake to submit a scheme of proposed alignment, that it was within the Borough's own powers to determine the widths to be adopted for the carriage and footways, and that the only arbitrary requirement to be observed by the Department was that a street of 1 chain in width should have footways of not less than 12 feet wide.
 (9.) The Borough Council decided on the widths to be given to the carriage and footways of the several streets and sent in a Schedule of them to the Department, with a request that the widths therein given should be adopted in alignment.

(7.) Coal taken out under land known as Little Redhead Lagoon :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken by the Government to recover compensation for the coal taken out by the Burwood Coal Company under land known as Little Redhead Lagoon, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland?

(2.) If not, is it their intention to do so, and when?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes; and it is expected that the royalty will be paid in a few days.

(8.) Recent Appointments made in the Department of Mines :—Mr. Danahey asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return of all appointments, whether permanent or temporary, on the clerical or professional staff, or as daily, weekly, or monthly labourers, or in any other capacity, to any Departments under his control since his entry upon office, and also of the salaries attached to each?

Mr. Slattery answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for the information as a Return no objection will be offered.

(9.) University Examination Fees :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the number of candidates who have applied to the University authorities for examination in the Senior, the Junior, and the Civil Service examinations now being held?

(2.) What fee is charged to each applicant?

(3.) Is the fee uniform for each division, and compulsory in all cases?

(4.) If any exemption from payment has been granted, what number in each division?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Senior examination, 172; junior examination, 2,145; Civil Service examination, 64.

(2.) Senior examination, £1 10s.; junior examination, £1 5s.; Civil Service examination, £1 10s.

(3.) First portion of Question answered by reply to Question No. 2. State bursars only are exempt from payment of fees.

(4.) Senior examination, 3; junior examination, 30.

(10.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Enmore :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) How long is it since the land was secured, and the money voted, for the erection of post and telegraph offices at Enmore?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The land was secured in June, 1890, but the money voted for that year was insufficient for the erection of a building thereon.

(2.) Tenders were invited in October, 1891, but were found to be largely in excess of the amount provided. It was, moreover, pointed out that the site of the new office was only 46 chains, or slightly over half-a-mile, from the Newtown office, which is being rebuilt at a cost of £5,000. It was further pointed out that no letter-carriers started from Enmore; that not a very great amount of office space was needed, as there was not a large exchange of mails; that the revenue from the existing office in the locality was only about £800 a year; and that all that was really wanted at Enmore was a room to be rented for an office, as in the case of the Sydney Exchange, without a residence, to be kept open for general postal, money order, and telegraphic business, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.—the letter boxes being available for posting throughout the night. On receiving these suggestions, and finding that the funds available were insufficient for the building, I have been holding the matter over, intending to pay a personal visit to the district, which I purpose doing as soon as possible.

(11.) Martin Byrnes, of Molong :—Mr. Barbour, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it true that one Martin Byrnes, of Molong, has repeatedly applied during the last ten or eleven years, to the Insolvent Court for his certificate, which has been refused?

(2.) Is there any limit to the time when an insolvent can claim or demand his certificate, or does the refusal to grant the usual certificate apply for life?

(3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to have the usual certificate granted or issued to Byrnes?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague, the Minister for Justice :—I am informed by the Registrar in Bankruptcy that Martin Byrne, baker, of Orange, on 12th April, 1883, applied for a certificate of conformity, which was refused by the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates; that under rider to 10 Vic. No. 14 the insolvent after a lapse of two years from the date of such refusal, and with the consent of a majority of his proved creditors could have applied to the Court to vary the decision referred to, but up to the present time he has failed to do so; and further, that on the 21st May, 1885, in reply to a letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, Dr. Ross was informed in terms of this Answer.

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(12.) Farmers of the Conomodine Creek, near Cargo:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that farmers at the head of the Conomodine Creek, near Cargo, county of Ashburnham, complain that they are unable to get their produce to market by the surveyed road?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the road formerly used by the settlers is now being fenced in?
 (3.) Will he see that something is done to rectify the grievance complained of, or that some competent person may be sent to the locality to report on the matter?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Resident Engineer, to whom the matter was referred, reports as follows:—

- (1.) It is a fact that farmers on the Conomodine Creek, near Cargo, county Ashburnham, have complained that they were unable to get their produce to market by the surveyed road; but there are so few people at present using it that expenditure cannot be recommended until further settlement takes place.
 (2.) It is true that fencing is being erected in the locality in question, but the surveyed road will not be interfered with in any way.
 (3.) The place referred to is well known, and steps will be taken to prevent the road set apart for the use of the settlers being encroached upon.

(13.) Land Valuators:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who are the gentlemen engaged as land valuers by the Government?
 (2.) The dates of their appointments?
 (3.) The rates of their remuneration respectively?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is only one salaried land valuer at present employed by the Department, namely, Mr. J. B. Thompson, who was appointed on the 14th of January, 1881, and receives a salary at the rate of £300 per annum.

(14.) Coinage of Gold by the Sydney Mint:—*Mr. Fuller*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Does the coinage of gold by the Sydney Mint result in a profit or loss to the Colony?
 (2.) What was the profit or loss for each of the last five years?

Mr. See answered,—The following particulars have been supplied by the late Deputy Master:—

- (1.) For some time after the establishment of the Mint the revenue was greater than the expenditure, but of late years the reverse has been the case. The total Mint revenue received from the opening of the Mint to the end of 1891 was £547,811, while the total expenditure, including preliminary expenses, buildings, machinery, additions, and repairs, was £546,901.

Year.	Revenue.			Expenditure.			Loss.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1887	10,328	7	7	13,486	12	9	3,158	5	2
1888	10,906	4	5	13,495	1	0	2,588	16	7
1889	12,084	5	9	13,622	9	6	1,538	3	9
1890	13,208	1	8	14,954	10	6*	1,746	8	10
1891	13,928	14	8	14,357	1	5	428	6	9

* Including £1,000 for machinery.

(15.) Clock in General Post Office Tower:—*Mr. Dale*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What was the amount of deposit in connection with the contract for the erection of the clock in the General Post Office tower?
 (2.) What amount has been paid in connection with the contract, and what was the original amount of the tender?
 (3.) How often did the contract specify that the clock should be wound up, and how often is it done at present?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The security was taken from two bondsmen in the sum of £570. No cash security was taken.
 (2.) £5,135. The amount of the original tender was £5,470.
 (3.) The contract provides "Going parts to go 8½ days with one winding, striking and quarter parts to be wound each day." The work of winding the clock, which has not yet been taken over by the Post Office, is undertaken daily by the contractor.

(16.) Illumination of Clock in General Post Office Tower:—*Mr. Dale*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) For what reason is the clock in the tower of the General Post Office not illuminated at night?
 (2.) Was it not specified in the contract that an electrical flash should denote the time of day at each stroke of the hammer on the bell after sundown?
 (3.) Is it a fact that gas illumination was tried, but failed, in consequence of the jets being too many, and wrongly arranged?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Arrangements are not completed for lighting by electricity, as there is not sufficient plant on the building, but an amount will be placed on the Estimates for 1893 to cover the cost of extra plant.
 (2.) The contract provides "Best approved automatic electrical switching appliances for flashing lantern arc light at each stroke of the hour hammer between sunset and sunrise." Contract, however, does not provide for the contractor furnishing the electric power to do the flashing.
 (3.) No.

(17.)

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- (17.) Increases to Temporary Clerks in Public Works Department:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

 - (1.) Have any increases been granted to the temporary clerks in the Works Department; if not, why not?
 - (2.) Have such increases been considered since the beginning of this year?
 - (3.) Did any officer of the Works Department make any inquiries relative to the work done by the temporary clerks; if so, was such report favourable?
 - (4.) Have the temporary field officers received any increases since the beginning of the year?

- (18.) Students at Hawkesbury College, at Richmond :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that additional students, to the number of eleven, are about to be admitted into the Hawkesbury College at Richmond, and that an examination of applicants was held on Thursday, the 1st September last by the Principal and teaching staff?

(2.) What is the reason of this increase in the number of new students?

(3.) At the opening of this College was it not reported that the full enrolment of students—viz., fifty—was complete; if so, how is it that an additional number of students is now being added to the list; and is it intended to provide any extra accommodation at the College for the increased number?

(4.) What has been the cost of this establishment to the general revenue since it commenced, and the amount of fees or income from all sources received from the same?

(5.) Will he furnish a list of the names of the teaching staff, and the amount of salary each receives respectively?

Mr. Slattery answered.—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) To fill vacancies caused by retirement of students.
 (3.) The number of students in the College after the eleven have been admitted will be fifty.
 (4.) Expenditure, £24,844 2s. 8d.; revenue, to 31st August, 1892, £2,247 8s. 3d.
 (5.) Principal (J. L. Thompson), £750; Science Master (E. C. Wood, M.A., B. Sc., B.E.), £250; English Master (C. T. Musson, F.L.S.), £200.

- (19.) Road Vote :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the Road Vote being exhausted, and the bad condition of a large number of the roads of the Colony, is it his intention to ask Parliament to provide sufficient funds for carrying out necessary works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I regret I am not in a position to answer this Question as the Estimates have not yet been considered by the Cabinet, but they will be on an early date.

- (20.) Court-house at Crookwell:—*Mr. Dale*, for Mr. Holborow, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) To whom was the contract for the Court-house, Crookwell, let?
(2.) What was the amount of the contract?
(3.) Has the full amount of the contract been paid?
(4.) If not, what is the amount owing?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

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|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|----|---|
| (1.) Mr. William Pearman. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2.) Contract | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1,466 | 18 | 0 |
| Extras | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 204 | 8 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deduction and Penalty | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1,671 | 6 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | | 64 | 19 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | £1,606 | 6 | 10 | |

- (3.) Yes.
(4.) There is no amount owing.

- (21.) Police Magistrate at Brewarrina.—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,— Was the position of Police Magistrate at Brewarrina filled by the appointment of a gentleman not a Civil Servant because there was no officer in the Service capable of filling the position?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No; I would refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given to a Question upon this subject on the 7th ultimo, in which the reasons for making this temporary appointment were fully stated.

- (22.) Salary of Dr. Paton :—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that Dr. Paton receives £500 a year for examining and attending the Police?

- (2.) Is he also allowed fees for examining lunatics, under the Lunacy Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—
(1) Dr. Paton receives a salary

- (1.) Dr. Paton receives a salary of £675 a year as Government Medical Officer for Sydney—the examination of the Police forming only a part of his duties.
(2.) No.

- (2.) 210.

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- (23.) Darling Island Improvement Scheme:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has he submitted for consideration to the Cabinet, as promised, the Darling Island Improvement scheme?
 (2.) If so, what conclusion has been come to?

Mr. Lyne answered.—One scheme was referred to the Public Works Committee last Session, and, as yet, the report of the Committee has not been dealt with.

- (24.) Dr. Bott, Balmain School Board:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 Is it a fact that the members of the Balmain School Board have recommended Dr. Bott for a seat upon the said Board?

Mr. See answered.—Yes.

- (25.) Members of Balmain School Board:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) What are the names of the members on the Balmain School Board?
 (2.) Is it a fact that a gentleman named Henry Evans, who was recommended by two of the Members of the district, has been objected to?
 (3.) Will he have any objection to state the precise nature of the objections raised?

Mr. See answered—

- (1.) Mr. Jacob Garrard, M.P.; Hon. S. H. Hyam, M.L.C.; Mr. George Clubb, J.P.; Dr. Joseph Bott; Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. J. S. Hawthorne, Mrs. John Macdonald.
 (2 and 3.) While Mr. Evans was recommended for appointment by two Members for the District, the existing Members of the Board unanimously requested Dr. Bott's appointment. The latter was looked upon as the more likely to interest himself in school matters, and in this and other respects he was regarded as the more eligible candidate. His nomination was accordingly approved.

- (26.) Leave of Absence to Mr. Benjamin Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Benjamin Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate, has been granted six months' leave of absence on full salary?
 (2.) Is it a fact that on the expiration of his six months' leave of absence, Mr. Lee is to resign his position as a Stipendiary Magistrate?

Mr. Barton answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Mr. Lee was granted and accepted six months' leave, on condition that at the expiration of such period he should retire from the Public Service.

- (27.) Amounts paid to Civil Servants on Leave of Absence:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return showing the amounts paid away in pensions, and also the amounts paid to Civil Servants on leave of absence, during the last five years, moved for on the 25th of November last, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—This Return will, it is expected, be completed in about ten days. The delay has occurred in obtaining information from the other Departments.

- (28.) Employment for the Unemployed:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is large increasing number of able bodied men in the metropolitan district, who find it impossible to obtain employment of any kind?
 (2.) Is it a fact that there are millions of acres of rich lands, including frontages to rivers and railway lines, inaccessible to those who would go upon the land and make it productive of wealth?
 (3.) Will he, in the interests of *bona fide* settlement, take steps for the immediate resumption of the Peel River, A.A., and other large estates, and have them cut up into workable areas, and let out under a system of perpetual leases to men who are prepared to settle upon the soil?
 (4.) Will he state if the Government is prepared to devise and bring into operation some practicable scheme for the immediate relief of the present condition of the labour market?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The question of resuming areas of agricultural land in the vicinity of large and progressive towns when no Crown lands exist for the extension of settlement on small areas is receiving consideration in connection with the proposed new Land Bill.

- (29.) Outbreak of Cholera in the Colony:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the possible outbreak of cholera in this Colony, and having regard to the evidence given last week before the Public Works Committee to the effect that no provision has been made at the sewage farm at Webb's grant to meet the occurrence of any epidemic in the metropolitan area, will he direct the obtaining of a report by a qualified sanitary engineer into the operations at Webb's grant, with a view to providing for the outbreak of any epidemic?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—I have not yet had an opportunity to read the evidence to which the Honorable Member refers, and I would therefore suggest to him that he should postpone the Question for a week.

- (30.) Magistrates of the Colony:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the list of magistrates be gazetted?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—Within the next three days,

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2. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dickens moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill,” which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. FISHERIES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Neild, for Mr. Frank Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the fisheries and oyster fisheries of the Colony; to provide for the substitution of a central authority in lieu of the Fisheries Commission; the establishment of local boards; and for other purposes connected therewith.
 Question put and passed.
4. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the directors and shareholders of the “Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)” to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Wright 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 directors and shareholders of the ‘Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited),’ to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company,”—read a first time.
5. HILLGROVE AND ARMIDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited), a company registered in Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, to construct and maintain machinery, works, and other appliances for making, generating, and transmitting electricity, and supplying the same to any city, town, mine, company, co-partnership, person, or persons whatsoever, within the county of Sandon, in the said Colony of New South Wales; and for other purposes therein mentioned.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Garrard having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable the ‘Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited),’ a company registered in Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, to construct and maintain machinery, works, and other appliances for making, generating, and transmitting electricity and supplying the same to any city, town, mine, company, co-partnership, person, or persons whatsoever, within the county of Sandon, in the said Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned,—read a first time.
6. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Suppression of Vice.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill for the better Suppression of Vice,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th October.
7. ILLEGITIMACY DISABILITY REMOVAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legitimatize the issue born before marriage of parents subsequently married.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to legitimatize the issue born before marriage of parents subsequently married,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd November.
8. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to lessen the cost of Litigation.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Walker then presented a Bill intituled “A Bill to lessen the cost of Litigation,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th October.
9. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Distress for Rent Abolition Bill,” which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 8th November,

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10. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill,” which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 8th November.
11. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Walker then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to restrict the power of Judges in certain respects and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd November.
12. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Party Processions Act.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal an Act, intituled ‘An Act to prevent for a limited time Party Processions and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales,’*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd November.
13. BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bank Holidays Act of 1875.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. McCourt then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Bank Holidays Act of 1875,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th December.
14. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Melville, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill,” which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 8th November.
15. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 45 Victoria No. 27, so as to provide power to award payment of judgment debts by instalments.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Small Debts Recovery Act,’ 45 Victoria No. 27, so as to provide power to award payment of judgment debts by instalments,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th October.
16. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, for Mr. Kelly, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill,” forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council :—Mr. President,—A Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Employers Liability Act of 1886,’*” forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.
 Question put and passed.
 Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
17. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Eight Hours Bill,” forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council :—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled “*An Act to declare eight hours to be a legal day’s labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects,*”—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.
 Question put and passed.
 Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.

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18. DOG ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fuller, for Mr. Morton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875." Question put and passed.
19. APPRENTICES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to apprentices. Question put and passed.
20. COURT-HOUSE, KIAMA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes of interviews, and other papers in connection with the proposed new court-house at Kiama. Question put and passed.
21. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption. Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd November.
22. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. See moved; pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply. Question put and passed.
23. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Question put and passed.
24. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 6th December:—
(1.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(2.) Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
25. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—
(1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House, with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses:—
(1.) By Mr. Lee—From the Licensed Victuallers of the Licensing District of Tenterfield, and the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
(2.) By Mr. Barton—From the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
(3.) By Mr. Wright—From the Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Licensed Victuallers of Glen Innes.
(4.) By Mr. Torpy—From the Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Orange.
(5.) By Mr. Young, for Mr. Wise—From the South Sydney Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers of New South Wales.
(6.) By Mr. Grahame—From the Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Vignerons, Licensed Victuallers, and Property Holders at Newcastle.
(7.) By Mr. Gormly—From the Narandera Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales.
(8.) By Mr. Gough—From the Licensed Victuallers of Murrumburrah and Harden Districts.
Petitions received.
(2.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide:—
(1.) By Mr. Barton—From the Chairman of a Public Meeting held at the corner of George and Hay Streets, Sydney.
(2.) By Mr. Garrard—From the Presiding Officer of the Band of Hope Society at Sutherland.
(3.) By Mr. Young, for Mr. Wise—From certain Members of the Congregation of the Wesleyan Church, Cleveland-street, Surry Hills, Sydney.
(4.) By Mr. Edden—From the Presiding Officer of Adamstown Division No. 55 of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance at Adamstown.
Petitions received.
(3.) By Mr. Young—From the Chairman of a Meeting of the Residents of Laurieton and surrounding District, stating that in their opinion a Bill should be passed at the earliest possible moment, providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the direct issue of prohibition, and praying that an Act legalising the taking of the said plebiscite vote may be passed at the earliest opportunity.
Petition received.
26. PAPERS:—
Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Return of Applications for Registration and of Registrations under the Copyright Act, since 1886.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting contracts let by the Government to Mort's Dock and Engineering Company.
(2.) By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act.
(3.) Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the Glebe section of the Northern main sewer. (4.)

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- (4.) Return respecting the Western Suburbs Sewerage scheme.
 (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Ber-magui, county of Dampier, in connection with an approach to Cuttagee Lake Bridge.
 (6.) Return respecting cost of the Hunter District Waterworks.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 24th March, 1892,—“Free Railway Passes.”
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 23rd March, 1892,—“Electric Tramway, Randwick to Waverley.”
 (3.) Return to an Order made on 16th March, 1892,—“Messrs. Angus and Company’s Railway Contract, Ryde to Hornsby.”
 (4.) Return to an Order made on 9th February, 1892,—“Railways—Special Trains, Free Passes, &c.”
 (5.) Return to an Order made on 17th March, 1892,—“Payments made to Railway Contractors Angus & Co., McSweeny, Proudfoot & Co., and John Ahearn.”
 (6.) Return respecting goods conveyed between Sydney and Glen Innes and Guyra and vice versa during 1891.
 (7.) Despatch respecting Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between Great Britain and Muskat.
 (8.) Ninth Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock, under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting proposed construction of Submarine cable between Australia and Vancouver, via New Caledonia.

Ordered to be printed.

27. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed railway from Grafton to Lismore.

Ordered to be printed.

28. CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the payment of half-a-million of money, during the last ten years, out of the Consolidated Revenue, to pensioners and gratuitants, has been a most unjust tax on the masses.

(2.) That with the view of checking the growth of the evil no items should be placed on the Estimates of 1893 for further increasing the list of gratuitants and pensioners.

(3.) That all sums of money paid by Civil Servants since 1884 towards the Superannuation Fund should be refunded, with “5” per cent. interest added.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the figure “5” in paragraph (3), with a view to the insertion in its place of the figure “8.”

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the figure proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Darley,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Bawister,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. O’ Sullivan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Colls,	Tellers,
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Danahay,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Cann,	

Noes, 11.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Wall,
Tellers,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

29. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs 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 Two minutes before Twelve o’clock, until To-morrow at Four o’clock.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales,

No. 17.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the widespread dissatisfaction felt among the Civil Servants at the provisions of the Civil Service Act, referring to allowances and gratuities, will he take into consideration the advisability of having a ballot taken among the Civil Servants as to whether this portion of the Act referred to shall be repealed, and the money returned with interest to those who have subscribed, or whether the law shall remain as it is?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This proposal has reference to dealing with an Act of Parliament, and the proper plan, therefore, appears to me to be to take the sense of this House, not that of the Civil Servants.

(2.) Revenue derived from Postal Department, Broken Hill District:—Mr. Kelly asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the cost of his Department in the district of Broken Hill within the last twelve months?

(2.) What is the amount of revenue derived therefrom by the Department within the last twelve months?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £6,833 6s. 9d. This includes salaries and allowances of officials, rent, interest on cost of building, and incidental expenses, but not the cost of mail communication, which, for the services terminating at Broken Hill, amounts to £1,100 10s.

(2.) £15,124. These particulars (which apply to the Municipal District of Broken Hill) are for the year 1891, as the notice given does not allow sufficient time to obtain later information.

(3.) Revenue derived from Lands Department, Broken Hill District:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the cost of his Department in the district of Broken Hill within the last twelve months?

(2.) What amount of revenue is derived therefrom by the Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Willyama Land District, within which Broken Hill is situated, is bounded on the north by the Colony of Queensland, on the east by the Land Districts of Bourke and Wilcannia, and on the south by that of Wentworth, and therefore it would be impossible to say what the revenue from land and the expenditure by this Department has been for the undefined part of this Land District, called Broken Hill. I may, however, state that during 1891 there was received from improvement purchases £16,212 15s. Sd., and from special leases £397 17s. There was also received the sum of about £8,257 as rent of pastoral leases, occupation licenses, and homestead leases, within a radius of about 20 miles from the town of Broken Hill.

(4.) Revenue derived from Public Works Department, Broken Hill District:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cost of his Department in the district of Broken Hill?

(2.) What amount of revenue is derived therefrom by the Department within the last twelve months?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £700.

(2.) £2,771 3s. 3d.

(5.)

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(5.) Leper Patients, Little Bay Hospital :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the attendants on the leper patients at Little Bay Hospital are allowed to mix with the other attendants at the other institutions, and then leave their quarters, and mix with the public at large?

(2.) Is it a fact that leper patients, when taken to the hospital, are placed in the strong room, which is generally used for persons in *delirium tremens*, previous to their being shifted to the lazarette?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes; under certain restrictions.

(2.) No suspicious cases in which definite diagnosis has not been made are placed in the isolation rooms attached to the general wards of the Coast Hospital, and on removal these rooms are thoroughly disinfected.

(6.) Revenue derived through Customs Department, Broken Hill District :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount collected through the Customs within the last twelve months in the district of Broken Hill?

(2.) The cost of collection?

(3.) What is the amount of revenue derived from the district by his Department in general?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) During the twelve months ended 31st August last the amount collected was £124,177.

(2.) The cost of collecting the above-mentioned sum, was £2,168.

(3.) The accounts of the Treasury are not kept in districts or electorates, but endeavours will be made to supply the information in the shape of a Return.

(7.) Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England :—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he any objection to state to the House the total amount placed at the disposal of the Premier towards the expenses of his recent visit to the old country?

(2.) Also the cost of cablegrams to and from the Premier during his absence from the Colony?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £1,000.

(2.) The information required to answer this Question is not in the possession of the Treasury.

(8.) Revenue derived from Crown Lands :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total annual revenue at present derived from the Crown lands of the Colony?

(2.) What was the amount calculated upon as the equivalent of the concessions granted to pastoral lessees under the Land Act of 1881?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The total amount of land revenue (exclusive of sales) for the year 1891 amounted to £1,103,297 18s.

(2.) The Question is not understood in its present form.

(9.) Appointment of Officer for Grading Export Butter :—Mr. Fuller, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have steps been taken to obtain the consent of the exporters of butter to the grading by a Government officer of butter intended for export?

(2.) When is a Government officer likely to be appointed?

(3.) Will the Dairy Farmers' Association and other such societies be given a voice in the appointing of such officer?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes, to the extent of making inquiries.

(2.) The matter is under consideration, but it has not yet been definitely settled.

(3.) The suggestions or recommendations of such a body as the Dairy Farmers' Association will receive due consideration.

(10.) Court-house Site, at Nowra :—Mr. Fuller, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

When is the question of the Nowra Court-house site likely to be settled?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The question is under consideration between the Department of Justice and the Department of Lands, and no doubt will be settled in a short time.

2. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Copeland 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 provide for mining on private lands; to obtain rents, royalties, and tributes therefrom, and to dispose of the same in certain cases; to validate certain Crown grants; to make better provision in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect amendments in such statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the above objects; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir George Dibbs, for Mr. Barton, 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 for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

Question put and passed.

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4. WATER CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne 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 define the rights of the Crown and private persons to water; to establish a Board for the conservation and utilization of water, and to define the constitution and powers of such Board; to also establish Water Trusts, and to define the constitution and powers thereof; to make provision for the drainage of land, and to confer certain powers on the Board and Trusts with regard to navigable waters; to empower such Board and Trusts to raise money on loans upon certain conditions, to make and levy certain rates and charges, and to provide for the establishment of a sinking fund for the liquidation of such loans; to provide for the payment of compensation for lands taken and damage done under the provisions of the Bill; to repeal certain enactments; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.
Question put and passed.
5. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR TRUST BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne 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 establish and appoint the Newcastle Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, rents, and charges; and to vest certain property on and in such body; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands, to repeal certain enactments, to abolish the local Marine Board, and to establish therefor the Commissioners appointed under this Bill; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.
Question put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne 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 amend the Public Works Act of 1888 in certain particulars, and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to public works; to repeal certain portions of such Act; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne 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 establish and appoint the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, and charges, and to vest certain property on and in such body; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands; to repeal certain enactments; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.
Question put and passed.
8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Kidd 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 provision in substitution for some and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas.
Question put and passed.
9. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice.—
(1.) That the Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company's 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. Alfred Allen, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Barbour, Mr. McFarlane, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
10. LESSEES LAND PURCHASE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give certain lessees the right to purchase their holdings.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give certain Lessees the right to purchase their Holdings,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th December.
11. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill," forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'" forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.
12. WORKMEN'S COMBINATION LAWS DECLARATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Hoyle, for Mr. Willis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature, sixth George IV, chapter 129, intituled "An Act to repeal the laws relating to the Combination of Workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," does not extend to, and is not in force in New South Wales.
Question put and passed. (2.)

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- (2.) Mr. Hoyle then presented a Bill intituled, "A Bill to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature, sixth George IV, chapter 129, intituled 'An Act to repeal the Laws relating to the Combination of Workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,' does not extend to and is not in force in the Colony of New South Wales,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
13. HILLGROVE AND ARMDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric 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. Cotton, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Lousdale, Mr. Crick, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dale, Mr. Lync, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
14. APPOINTMENTS IN DEPARTMENTS UNDER SECRETARY FOR MINES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Danahey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of all appointments, whether permanent or temporary, on the clerical or professional staff, or as daily, weekly, or monthly labourers, or in any other capacity, in the Departments under the control of the Secretary for Mines since his entry upon office, and also of the salaries attached to each.
Question put and passed.
15. FERRY AT KENDALL, CAMDEN HAVEN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, petitions, letters, minutes, &c., having reference to the establishment of a ferry, punt, or boat, at Kendall, Camden Haven.
Question put and passed.
16. NATIONALITY AND OCCUPATION OF PERSONS IN THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, to be compiled from the information collected under the Census and Industrial Returns Act, showing the number of persons of each nationality following each trade, calling, profession, or occupation in this Colony.
Question put and passed.
17. GOVERNMENT FEES TO BARRISTERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return for a period of three years ending 31st August, 1892, showing,—
(1.) The date of every payment by the Government to any barrister, not being a salaried member of the Civil Service.
(2.) The name of every such barrister to whom every such payment was made.
(3.) The purpose for which every such payment was made.
(4.) The amount of every such payment.
Question put and passed.
18. CASES TRIED IN PENRITH COURT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lees moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A complete return of the number of cases that have been tried in the Penrith Court for the period between 1st September, 1891, and 1st September, 1892, inclusive, which have emanated from the District of St. Mary's, including Colyton and Rooty Hill.
(2.) A like return as to the amount of fines imposed in connection with the same.
Question put and passed.
19. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 71st Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the town of Willyanna (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power, upon the said tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon,—the period of three months, within which the Petition is required to be presented, having expired.
Question put and passed.
20. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892, and to provide for compulsory arbitration, and enforcement of awards of Council of Arbitration.
Question put and passed.
21. BROOMBEE OR MULLAMUDY PUBLIC SCHOOL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all tenders, reports, and other correspondence in connection with the erection of a building at the Broombee or Mullamuddy Public School.
Question put and passed.
22. BROKEN HILL STRIKE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all correspondence, papers, &c., received by the Government on the Broken Hill strike.
Question put and passed.

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23. LAND LAWS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented on 20th September, signed by the President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Secretaries of the Land Conference held at Wagga Wagga, and containing a number of resolutions passed at the said Conference, be now read by the Clerk of this House.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the Petition to the House.
24. SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Bowes*, for Mr. Melville, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable a Company called The Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) to construct a railway from their Durham Colliery, in the parish of Kahibah to and to connect with the Great Northern Railway.
 Question put and passed.
25. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the release of mortgages.
 Question put and passed.
26. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Bowes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Agricultural Holdings Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 20th December.
27. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Sydney Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday, 20th December.
 (2.) Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.
28. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL :—*Mr. Ewing* presented a Petition from the Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise "The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited)," a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the "Companies Acts," or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the city of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line,—And *Mr. Ewing* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Windsor and Richmond Gazette*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.
29. FISHERIES AND OYSTER FISHERIES REGULATION BILL :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the laws regulating the Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries of the Colony, and to provide the substitution of a central authority in lieu of the Fisheries Commission, the establishment of local boards, and for other purposes connected therewith*";—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th January.
30. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL :—*Mr. Barbour* presented a Petition from John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the Town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the Town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon,—And *Mr. Barbour* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Western Grazier*, the *Barrier Miner*, and *Silver Age*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.
31. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—
 (1.) *Mr. Hassall* presented a Petition from the Brewers and Licensed Victuallers of Moree and District, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House, with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses.
 Petition received.
 (2.) *Mr. Martin* presented a Petition from the Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Band of Hope and Temperance Society of the Cleveland-street Wesleyan Church, Surry Hills, Sydney, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
 Petition received.

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32. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Wollongong Harbour Trust from 1st October, 1889, to 31st December, 1890.
 (2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Wollongong Harbour Trust for the year 1891.
 Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for the year 1891.
 (2.) Report on the Military Forces of the Colony for the year 1891.
 (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Randwick.
 (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Albury.
 (5.) By-law of the Municipal District of Katoomba.
 (6.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Rockdale.
 (7.) By-law of the Borough of West Maitland.
 (8.) Thirteenth Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
 Ordered to be printed.

33. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—*Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Melville, Mr. Reid, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Crick, Mr. Want, Mr. Young, Sir Henry Parkes, and Mr. Barton, 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.

34. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—*Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. Reid, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Traill, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Wise, Sir Henry Parkes, and Mr. Barton, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of 6th August, 1862.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Neild requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of * * * 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,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Barton, Mr. Traill, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Reid, Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Dickens.

35. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—*Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Levien, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Colls, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Morton, Mr. McGowen, and Mr. Barton, 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.

And Mr. Chapman requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of * * * 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,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Barton, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Levien, Mr. Colls, Mr. McCourt, and Mr. Bavister.

36. DOG ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Morton presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend the ‘Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875,’”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th December.37. BANKRUPTCY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—*Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill,” which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be further considered in Committee To-morrow.

38. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Barton, “That it be a Sessional Order, 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,”—
 And the Question being again proposed,—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, 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.

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Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Barton
Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Gruhame,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Marks,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Jones,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cotton,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Wright,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dickens.
Tellers,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Molesworth.

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Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Coils,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Darley,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Nicholson,

*Tellers,*Mr. Donald,
Mr. Cann.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question then put and passed.

39. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Medical Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until To-morrow.
40. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

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 for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

*Government House,
Sydney, 6th October, 1892.*

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

2. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Copeland, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
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 provide for mining on private lands; to obtain rents, royalties, and tributes therefrom, and to dispose of the same in certain cases; to validate certain Crown grants; to make better provision in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect amendments in such statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the above objects; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

*Government House,
Sydney, 6th October, 1892.*

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Josiah Thomas:—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Government of this Colony request the Government of Queensland, or the police authorities of that Colony, to watch the movements of Josiah Thomas, who travelled throughout that Colony lecturing and soliciting support for the men on strike at Broken Hill?

(2.) If so, by whom was such a request made, and for what purpose?

(3.) If no such request was made, can he inform the House the reasons actuating the Queensland Government in "shadowing" Mr. Thomas' movements?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government has no knowledge of any such action.

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- (2.) Financial Statement:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Financial Statement be made?

Mr. See answered,—The Financial Statement will be made as soon as the course of public business will permit.

- (3.) Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total amount of the expenditure out of Public Funds in connection with his visit to England?

(2.) Does that amount include all liabilities which it is proposed to charge to Public Funds on account of his visit?

(3.) Has he any objection to state the chief items of expenditure?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I shall be glad to answer these Questions when the honorable and learned Member who put them on the paper is in his place to hear the reply.

- (4.) Appointment of Mr. C. Lett:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he appointed Mr. C. Lett to any position in connection with the Imperial Institute in London?

(2.) If he has not made such appointment, is it his intention to do so?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes, as Curator of the Exhibit of this Colony at the Imperial Institute.

- (5.) Extension of Railway from Cooma to Bombala:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to place before the Parliamentary Works Committee for consideration the extension of the railway from Cooma to Bombala?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is one of the lines which I intend to bring before the Cabinet for consideration when the Public Works proposals are being dealt with.

- (6.) The Bathurst Burr:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to take any steps to compel land-holders in country districts to keep their lands free of Bathurst burr; also will steps be taken to abate the nuisance on Crown lands?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague, the Secretary for Mines, has this matter under consideration, and a Bill to deal with the eradication of Bathurst burr and other noxious weeds is, I understand, now in the hands of the Parliamentary Draftsman, and will be submitted to Parliament as soon as the state of public business will allow.

- (7.) Lee-Mitford Magazine Rifle:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Traill, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the evidence afforded by the cable intelligence that the troops dispatched to operate against the hill tribes in the Black Mountain country bordering India are armed with the Lee-Mitford magazine rifle, and that the British Military authorities have now adopted that improved weapon, will he take steps towards obtaining a supply to replace the Martini-Henry rifles with which our defence forces are armed?

(2.) Can he give information as to any steps which may have been taken by the Government in that direction, in accordance with a promise made by the ex-Premier, Sir Henry Parkes, in response to inquiries by Mr. Traill, about a couple of years ago?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Military Secretary:—

(1.) Having in view the large stock of Martini-Henry rifles in the Colony, it is not considered advisable to change that weapon until a thoroughly reliable magazine rifle has been adopted by the Imperial Government.

(2.) From the latest information obtainable a new mark of rifle is being tried by the Imperial Government which is an improvement on the first pattern issued.

I may add that when I was in England I made inquiries with regard to the issue of magazine rifles. I found that considerable improvement was being made in them, and that they were being produced at much less cost. In a few months we may hope to get a cheaper weapon and a better one.

- (8.) Test of Belgian Iron for Aberdeen Bridge:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Traill, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was it amongst the duties, for performance of which Sir John Fowler is paid by the Government of New South Wales, to test the Belgian iron recently imported for the Aberdeen bridge?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

- (9.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Mulwala:—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of post and telegraph offices at Mulwala?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The plans will be completed and tenders invited as soon as particulars of the site and levels, which were asked for on the 6th ultimo, are obtained from the Postal Department.

- (10.) Application of Joseph Lidster to Lease Reserves:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that one Joseph Lidster applied, on the 15th August, 1890, to lease (annually) reserves Nos. 372 and 1,554, in the parishes of Barton and Borree Cabonne, county of Ashburnham, and paid the usual deposit on the same, and that such application was refused, and for what reason?

(2.) Is it true that the said leases which were applied for by Mr. Lidster in 1890, and refused, have since been granted to one Mr. Wiley, of Orange; and for what reason was Lidster's application refused and Wiley's granted?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes, the land being within a travelling stock reserve, which the Board considered should not be leased.

(2.) Weily has been granted an annual lease of 100 acres, the area of water reserve No. 372, subject to the rights of travelling stock, against which Lidster did not appeal. At the time that Lidster's application was refused (April, 1891) it was held that the Boards had power to refuse applications for annual leases within travelling stock reserves, but the Land Court have since (viz., in April, 1892) decided that such applications cannot be refused.

(11.) Revenue derived from Colonial Secretary's Department, Broken Hill District:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cost of his Department in the district of Broken Hill within the last twelve months?

(2.) What is the amount of revenue derived therefrom by the Department?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The whole cost cannot be ascertained at present, but if the Honorable Member will move for a Return the information asked for shall be supplied.

(12.) Revenue derived from Public Instruction Department, Broken Hill District:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the cost of his Department in the district of Broken Hill within the last twelve months?

(2.) What is the amount of revenue derived therefrom?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The amount expended by the Department of Public Instruction in the District of Broken Hill for the twelve months ended 30th September, 1892, was £12,422 18s. 7d.

(2.) The amount of revenue derived from school-fees in that district during the twelve months ended 31st August, 1892, was £1,147 12s. 5d.

(13.) Mr. Evans, Balmain School Board:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that a member of the Balmain School Board, of which J. Garrard, M.P., is chairman, made charges of a damaging nature against Henry Evans, who was nominated for a seat on the said Board?

Mr. See answered,—There is no record in this Department of any such charges having been made.

4. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise "The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited)," a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the "Companies Acts," or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River, by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the city of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ewing 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 authorise 'The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited)', a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the 'Companies Acts,' or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River, by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the city of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line,*"—read a first time.

5. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Barbour 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 authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon,*"—read a first time.

6. LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law regulating the admission of persons to practise in Courts of Law.

Question put and passed.

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7. CAMEL DRIVING RESTRICTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit, with certain exceptions, the use or introduction of Camels within the boundaries of municipalities.
Question put and passed.
8. APPRAISEMENTS OF RENTS AND LICENSE FEES OF CROWN LANDS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Hutchinson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return (*in part*) to an Order—“Appraisements of Rents and License Fees of Crown Lands”—laid upon the Table of this House on 18th October, 1891, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. STATUES PROPOSED TO BE PUT IN MARTIN-PLACE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between Sir Henry Parkes and Sir G. R. Dibbs in regard to the statues of William Charles Wentworth, Sir James Martin, and Sir Charles Cowper, proposed to be placed in Martin-place.
Question put and passed.
10. PROPOSED BRANCH RAILWAY TO JAMBEROO (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports made during the last twelve months on the proposed branch line of railway to Jamberoo.
Question put and passed.
11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Workmens Combination Laws Declaration Bill, postponed until Tuesday next.
12. SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL :—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 a Company called The Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from their Durham Colliery, in the parish of Kahibah to, and to connect with the Great Northern Railway,”—read a first time.
13. 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, 28th February.
14. CAMEL DRIVING RESTRICTION BILL :—Mr. Willis presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to prohibit, with certain exceptions, the use or introduction of Camels within the boundaries of Municipalities,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL :—Mr. Neild presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to regulate the admission of persons to practise in Courts of Law,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th December.
16. FORMAL BUSINESS :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that on Mr. Speaker calling over the Business Paper with a view to Formal Motions, no Motion shall be objected to as formal unless at least four Members rise in their places and “object,” provided nevertheless, that no Motion shall be taken as formal which is objected to by a Minister of the Crown.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “object.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.
17. HILLGROVE AND ARMIDALE WATER POWER ELECTRIC BILL :—*Mr. Dickens*, for Mr. H. H. Brown, presented a Petition from George Frederick Beck Hancock, praying for leave for the Hillgrove Water and Electric Power Company to appear before the Select Committee on the Bill, in person, or by solicitor or counsel, and if necessary, to adduce evidence and send for persons and papers, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.
Petition received.
Mr. Dickens (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
Question put and passed.
18. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.
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 for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Barton then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects*,”—which was read a first time.

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

19. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, 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 mining on private lands; to obtain rents, royalties, and tributes therefrom, and to dispose of the same in certain cases; to validate certain Crown grants; to make better provision in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect amendments in such statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the above objects; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*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 mining on private lands; to obtain rents, royalties, and tributes therefrom, and to dispose of the same in certain cases; to validate certain Crown grants; to make better provision in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the above objects; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for mining on private lands; to obtain rents, royalties, and tributes therefrom, and to dispose of the same in certain cases; to validate certain Crown grants; to make better provision in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect thereto; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.

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

20. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill, postponed until Thursday next.

21. MEDICAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. See,	Mr. Hoyle,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Lecs,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Danahey.
Mr. Hassall,	Tellers,
Mr. Barnes,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Waddell,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Eden,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hutchinson.
Tellers,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. McGowen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,
Bill read a second time.

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

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

22. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

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

- (1.) Newcastle Harbour Trust Bill:—

JERSEY,

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 establish and appoint the Newcastle Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, rents, and charges, and to vest certain property on and in such body; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands; to repeal certain enactments; to abolish the local Marine Board, and to establish therefor the Commissioners appointed under this Bill; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th October, 1892.

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

- (2.) Sydney Harbour Trust Bill:—

JERSEY,

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 establish and appoint the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, and charges, and to vest certain property on and in such body; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands; to repeal certain enactments; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th October, 1892.

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

- (3.) Public Works Act Further Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,

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 amend the Public Works Act of 1888 in certain particulars, and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to Public Works; to repeal certain portions of such Act; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th October, 1892.

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

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(4.) Water Conservation and Utilization Bill :—

JERSEY,
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 define the rights of the Crown and private persons to water; to establish a Board for the conservation and utilization of water, and to define the constitution and powers of such Board; to also establish Water Trusts, and to define the constitution and powers thereof; to make provision for the drainage of land, and to confer certain powers on the Board and Trusts with regard to navigable waters; to empower such Board and Trusts to raise money on loans upon certain conditions; to make and levy certain rates and charges, and to provide for the establishment of a sinking fund for the liquidation of such loans; to provide for the payment of compensation for lands taken and damage done under the provisions of the Bill; to repeal certain enactments; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between himself and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or between himself and the Colonial Treasurer, or between himself or the Government and "the other high financial authorities," relating to the conferences referred to in paragraph 18 of His Excellency's Speech?

(2.) When will the "information" which the Colonial Secretary is stated in the Governor's Speech to have obtained from the Chancellor of the Exchequer and "other high financial authorities" be submitted to this House?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—When the honorable and learned Member who has put the Question on the Business Paper can make it convenient to come here and explain it I shall be very happy to give him an answer. At present I do not understand it.

(2.) Outbreak of Cholera in the Colony :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the possible outbreak of cholera in this Colony, and having regard to the evidence given last week before the Public Works Committee to the effect that no provision has been made at the sewage farm at Webb's grant to meet the occurrence of any epidemic in the metropolitan area, will he direct the obtaining of a report by a qualified sanitary engineer into the operations at Webb's grant, with a view to providing for the outbreak of any epidemic?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—This is a matter which deserves consideration, and will require more consideration than I am in a position to give to it now. As soon as I can get the information from the engineer to whom the Honorable Member refers, I shall lay it upon the Table of this House.

(3.) Sydney University Examination Fees :—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Having regard to the answer given by him to Questions asked by Mr. Stevenson, on the 30th March, 1892, when he stated that the fees charged to candidates for the University examinations were very high, and to his hope that some arrangement would be made by which they would be considerably reduced, will he say what steps have been taken to bring about the reduction desiderated by him?

Mr. See answered.—The Senate of the University was communicated with on the subject on the 26th July of the present year. On 3rd August a reply was received, stating that that body could not see its way to make any further reduction at present.

(4.) Conveyance of Military to Middle Head :—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that the guard-boat used for conveying military to Middle Head has been of late held in readiness for their transport at any moment?

(2.) If so, for how long a period has this been going on, and at what cost to the country?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—I am informed by the Military Secretary that the guard-boat was ordered to be in readiness for nine or ten days from 9 p.m. to daylight, and that the cost did not exceed £10 in all.

(5.) The Sydney Institute of Accountants :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he been requested to register, under the 54th section of the Companies' Act, a body styling itself "The Sydney Institute of Accountants," the membership in which is to be confined to public accountants and their clerks who have been in business for three years prior to 30th June, 1892?

(2.) Will he, before so registering such body, take into consideration the qualification for membership contained in the articles of association of the Victorian Institute of Accountants, with a view to imposing a condition on the Sydney Institute of Accountants for insertion in its articles of similar provisions?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) A letter has been received from Mr. A. J. Brierley respecting the registration of a proposed Institute of Accountants under the Companies' Act.

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- (6.) Experiments on Rodd Island, Long Cove:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What requests have been made, and by whom, for the use of Rodd Island, Long Cove, for the purpose of carrying out experiments in and propagation of diseases of man and animals?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the said island is in close proximity to the populous districts of Balmain, Leichhardt, Ashfield, Five Dock, and Drummoyne?
 (3.) Have any protests been made against the use of such island for such dangerous purposes; and if so, by whom?
 (4.) What requests have been made for the dedication of such island for recreation purposes; and by whom?
 (5.) What is his intention with respect to the future use of Rodd Island?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) (a) By the Department of Mines, that Dr. Loir may have the use of it for conducting his important investigations, and the preparation of Pasteur's vaccine of anthrax, and other work.
 (b) By the Department of Mines, with the view to the establishment of a temporary Inter-colonial Stock Institute thereon, with Dr. Loir as Director.
 (c) By the Board of Health, to enable that body to make researches into the diseases of men and animals, besides such investigations as may be necessary in connection with the Diseases of Animals and Meat, and the Animals' Infectious Diseases Acts.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) By the Honorable Member and Mr. Walsh, of Leichhardt.

(4.) By the Municipal Council of Leichhardt, and by the Honorable Member on behalf of a considerable number of his constituents.

(5.) This island, although dedicated for public recreation in 1879, has recently been loaned to the Mines Department for experimental purposes in connection with diseases of stock. Pending the voting by Parliament of a sum of money for the establishment of an Intercolonial Stock Institute, and of the appropriation of a site for the use of the Board of Health to make researches into diseases of men and animals, it has been decided to allow the island to be used for scientific purposes for the present, but it is anticipated that there will be only a temporary delay in applying it to public recreation as dedicated.

- (7.) Despatch of Letters for Western Districts on Sunday:—Mr. Willis asked the Postmaster-General,—Are letters posted at the General Post Office on Sunday afternoons not forwarded with the western mail leaving Sydney at 8 p.m. on Sundays; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No; the mails forwarded by Sunday evenings' trains are closed at 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays. To close them on Sundays would necessitate the attendance of the greater portion of the Mail Branch Staff on Sundays, thus requiring them to work during the seven days of the week, as their attendance would also be needed on Saturdays, inasmuch as a very large portion of the mails for country districts would still be despatched on Saturday evenings, viz., those for all places between Sydney and Goulburn on the South, Sydney and Bathurst on the West, and Sydney and West Maitland, and the Clarence and Richmond Rivers, on the North. For the convenience of persons desiring to write on Sundays to the far West, South, and North, letters can be posted, as has already been publicly notified, in the letter boxes at the Railway Station without late fee.

- (8.) Survey for Railway—Byrock and Brewarrina:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the proposed survey been made for the railway between Byrock and Brewarrina?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; the field work has been completed, and the plan and estimate are being prepared.

- (9.) Bridge over Narran River, at Angledool:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend putting a bridge over the Narran River, at Angledool?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A sum of £1,150 for a bridge at Yerambah has been noted for consideration in connection with the Estimates for next year.

- (10.) Bridge over Bogan River, between Bourke and Brewarrina:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the bridge over the Bogan River, between Bourke and Brewarrina, be open for traffic?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This bridge was opened for traffic on the 10th February last.

- (11.) Contracts for Bridges over the Bokirah, Biree, and Culgoa Rivers:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the contracts yet been finished for bridges over the Bokirah, Biree, and Culgoa Rivers; and if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, with the exception of the bridge over the Culgoa River; and it is expected this will be completed in about three weeks.

- (12.) Bridge over Boomi Creek, near Gongolgon:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the contract been accepted for bridge over Boomi Creek, near Gongolgon; if so, when will same be available for traffic?
 (2.) Have the contracts been accepted for bridges over Hospital Creek and Narran River, between Brewarrina and Goodooga?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the work is to be completed on or before 8th February, 1893.
 (2.) A tender has been accepted for the bridge over the Narran River, and an amount has been noted for next year's Estimates for the bridge over Hospital Creek.

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(13.) Temperance Lesson Books in Public Schools :—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are the temperance lesson books which were introduced by the late Minister of Public Instruction used in all the Public Schools of the Colony?

(2.) Will he cause these books to be placed on the list, and made subjects of examination for pupils, by the various School Inspectors of the Education Department, in all Public Schools?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) These books have been issued to all schools; the lessons taken from them are given under the same conditions as object and science lessons, and the pupils are examined by the Inspectors in all subjects alike.

(14.) Swimming Baths :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of money has been granted by the Government, at various times, for the purpose of erecting swimming baths?

(2.) What are the names of the places to which grants have been made, and how much has been granted to each place?

(3.) Who are the persons or public bodies who have had control over the expenditure of the grant? Sir George Dibbs answered,—As far as can be ascertained, no grants have been authorised for the purpose.

(15.) Appointment of Mr. C. Lett, in London :—*Mr. Dangar*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the duties Mr. C. Lett will have to carry out in connection with his recent appointment in London?

(2.) What is the amount of salary he will receive per annum for such duties?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. Lett is Curator, and will be employed in arranging and keeping in order all exhibits sent from the Colony.

(2.) £300 per annum.

(16.) Civil Service Act of 1884 :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to repeal or amend the Civil Service Act of 1884?

(2.) If not, will the Government assist a private Member in passing a Bill through this House, the object of which is to refund the 4 per cent. contributions of Civil Servants, and terminate pensions and gratuities for the abolition of office?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Civil Service Act of 1884 I think requires amendment in some particulars, but it would not be just or equitable to repeal it altogether; however, the matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government.

(17.) Amount paid to Proprietors of Newspaper called *Truth* :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the total amount of money paid to or owing to the proprietors of a newspaper called *Truth* for advertising on account of the Public Service from the accession to office of the present Government up to date?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A Return is being prepared in answer to this Question, and will be laid upon the Table when completed.

(18.) Detective Dechart, Broken Hill Strike :—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the evidence of Detective Dechart, in the Broken Hill conspiracy cases, in which he deposed, on oath, that he was employed by the mining companies to take notes of the speeches on the reserve, Broken Hill?

(2.) Do the police regulations permit of an officer of justice becoming an employee of one of the parties to a dispute?

(3.) Were the police authorities parties to the employment, by the mining companies, of Detective Dechart?

(4.) Was the permission of the magistrate in charge at Broken Hill, or any of the sergeants of police, given to Detective Dechart's proceedings?

(5.) If Detective Dechart acted on his own responsibility, will his action be investigated with a view to his dismissal?

(6.) If Detective Dechart acted at the command, or with the permission, of a superior officer, will an investigation be made of that officer's action with a view to his dismissal?

(7.) If the police regulations do not allow of a police officer becoming an employee of one of the parties to a dispute, will the Government institute proceedings against the mining companies or their agents in this matter for bribery, or for obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that Mr. Dechart is not connected in any way with the Police Department. He was simply a private witness.

3. METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES CATTLE AND SHEEP DRIVING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr.

Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, that the "Metropolitan Municipalities Cattle and Sheep Driving Bill," forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill intituled, "An Act to empower the Council of any Municipality in the Metropolitan District of Sydney to make by-laws for regulating the driving of cattle and sheep, and to repeal an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, numbered twenty-three, to prevent cattle being driven through populous towns and places, except within certain hours, as far as the same relates to the Municipalities in the Metropolitan District of Sydney,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

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4. SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) 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. Hayes, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Edden, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Levien, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Willis, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
5. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Australasian Rights Purchase 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. Lyne, Mr. Rae, Mr. Wall, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Cullen, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
6. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Agreements Validating Act, and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.
 Question put and passed.
7. MUNICIPAL WHARVES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867, to enable municipalities to lease and acquire lands, and to erect thereon wharves, and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Clark then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Municipalities Act of 1867,’ to enable municipalities to lease and acquire lands, and to erect wharves thereon, and for other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th November.
8. BIRDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the “Birds Protection Act of 1881.”
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend and extend the ‘Birds Protection Act of 1881,’*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th October.
9. VOTE FOR NATIONAL PRIZES FOR 1892 (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Gould, for Mr Morton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, &c., relating to the distribution of the vote for national prizes for 1892.
 Question put and passed.
10. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects.
 Question put and passed.
11. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—
 (1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses :—
 (1.) By Mr. O'Sullivan—From the Wine and Spirits Merchants of Sydney.
 (2.) By Mr. Copeland—From the Licensed Victuallers of the Licensing District of Walcha.
 Petitions received.
 (2.) The following Petitions were presented by Mr. Molesworth, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide :—
 (1.) From the President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales, presiding at a Public Meeting at the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney.
 (2.) From the Presiding Officer of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Newtown.
 Petitions received.
12. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL :—Mr. Willis presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the ‘Agreements Validating Act,’ and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
13. PAPERS :—
 Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return respecting application by Messrs. Robson and Schofield for Annual Leases at Nundle.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report by R. E. Jones, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on Branch Railway to Walcha.
 (2.) Report by H. A. Gilliat, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on proposed extension of the Railway Survey from Parkes, via Trundle Lagoon, to Condobolin.
 Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the items of expenditure on account of the Federation Convention.
- (2.) Statement showing the appropriations, under Act 45 Vic. No. 21, of the surplus of £697,130 for the year 1881.
- (3.) Report by the Board of Health on the epidemic of Influenza in New South Wales during 1891.
- (4.) By-law of the Municipal District of Tumut.
- (5.) By-law of the Municipal District of Kogarah.
- (6.) By-law of the Municipal District of Coraki.
- (7.) Electoral rolls for the years 1880 to 1892, showing the past operation of the expansive clauses (6, 7, 8, and 9) of the Electoral Act of 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Notification of reduction in rates for telegrams.
Ordered to be printed.

14. WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gormly 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. Gormly, 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. Gormly (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

15. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY 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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Donnelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wadell,
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 16.

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Johnston,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. York,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cullen

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

16. COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Rae moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “now” with a view to the addition of the words “this day six months.”

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Want,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. York,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Graham,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Jones,
Tellers,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Cullen.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Langwell,

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Melville,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Fegan,
Tellers,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Parkes.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. York,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Perry,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Nobbs,

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schey,
Tellers,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

Noes, 5.

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Gormly,
Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rae.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Reid,
Tellers,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Perry.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. York,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Reid,
Tellers,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Bavister,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Darnley,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Melville.

And so it passed in the negative.

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17. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Dickens moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Nobbe,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. York,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Langwell.
Mr. Bowes,	Tellers,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. Morgan,	

Noes, 20.

Tellers,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cullen,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dickens, 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. Dickens (*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 eight minutes after Eleven o'clock until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—

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

- (1.) Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill:—

JERSEY,
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 make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other, provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas.

*Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1892.*

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

- (2.) Postage Acts Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
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 amend the law relating to the Post Office, to provide for the issue of postal notes, and for the exemption of the same from stamp duty, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1892.*

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

- (2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

Funded Stock Bill:—

JERSEY,
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 authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.

*Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1892.*

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

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2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Revenue derived from Department of Mines, Broken Hill District:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What is the cost of his Department in the district of Broken Hill?
 (2.) What is the amount of revenue derived therefrom by the Department?
 (3.) What is the cost in the Water Conservation Department in the District of Broken Hill?
 (4.) What is the amount of revenue derived therefrom by the Department within the last twelve months?

Mr. Slattery answered,—During the late water famine at Broken Hill an expenditure of £1,033 5s. 3d. was incurred for pumping plant, service tanks, piping, &c., loaned to the Broken Hill Municipal Council, and which will be utilised for new Public Watering Places in the District. There are six Public Watering Places administered by this Department in and about Broken Hill and Silverton constructed by the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of £10,198. At four of these Public Water Places caretakers were employed during 1891, at a cost of £657; these yielded a revenue of £403 13s. 6d. Two were leased, yielding a revenue of £82. Total revenue of £485 13s. 6d.

- (2.) Dr. Bott, Balmain School Board:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that Dr. Bott, who has been appointed to a seat on the Balmain School Board, had to resign his position from the Balmain Cottage Hospital through not having the time to look after his private practice?

Mr. See answered,—There is no information recorded in this Department which would enable me to reply to this Question. Dr. Bott has accepted a seat on the Board, and it is understood that he is prepared to perform the necessary duties.

- (3.) Member of Balmain School Board:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that one of the members of the Balmain School Board, of which J. Garrard, M.P., is Chairman, gave information to the Minister of Public Instruction or some of his officials tending to damage the private character of a gentleman named Henry Evans who was nominated for a seat on the said Board?
 (2.) If so, has he any objection to give the name of his informant?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) There is no record of any such information being supplied to any officer of this Department, and no Member of the Board approached me in the matter.
 (2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (4.) Land Bill:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he make provision in his amended Land Bill to enable public roads to be opened with greater expedition than at present, owing to the Department working under (the Act William IV No. 11, with a view to that Act being rendered obsolete?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This question is receiving consideration with the view of amending the provisions of the Act of 1889, so as to give greater facilities for resuming and opening roads.

- (5.) Cemetery at Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What action has been taken to open a public cemetery at the mining township of Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay?

(2.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the necessity for a cemetery at Wallarah as all bodies have to be conveyed to Belmont, the nearest cemetery, a distance of about 10 miles for interment, over a bad road?

(3.) As there is a large population at the mines, and as the conveying of bodies in the summer, owing to the great heat, through Wallarah and Swansea townships, is injurious to health, will he take steps to have the cemetery, which has been measured over twelve months, opened for interment at an early date?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) A site of 11 acres, owned by the Wallarah Coal Company, Limited, has been measured, and it has been decided to resume it, on the company furnishing a written guarantee not to claim any compensation.

(2.) Yes, by the Honorable Member on the 4th August last, to which a reply was sent on the 16th of that month, informing him of the state of the case.

(3.) So soon as the necessary guarantee has been furnished, steps will be at once taken to resume the land under the Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for a general cemetery for the use of the three or four hundred people said to be residing in the neighbourhood. The Company will be again communicated with on the subject.

- (6.) Public School at Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has a site been chosen and surveyed, with a view to the erection of a public school at Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay; if so, when?

(2.) What is the number of children at present on the roll of the public school at Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay?

(3.) Is it a fact that the school has been held from its first establishment in the local church buildings?

(4.) What is the weekly rent paid for the use of the church building?

(5.) Is the church, in which the school is conducted, central, and does it contain the requisite school accommodation?

(6.) If the Wallarah Coal Company will not convey the site measured for a school, will he resume the land, and cause the necessary school buildings to be erected without delay, so as to bring the whole of the children within the school area?

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Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Enrolment, 81; average daily attendance, 62·9.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) £52 per annum.
- (5.) Inquiries are being made as to the position of the school. The present building gives accommodation for 130 children. See Answer No. 2 for number of children in attendance.
- (6.) The purchase has now been completed.

(7.) Pasteur's Vaccine Lymph:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) On what grounds was the alleged cholera vaccine and inoculation remedy submitted by Pasteur or the Chief Inspector of Stock, for the extermination of the rabbit pest, refused by the Government?
- (2.) Was it because of any danger of spreading disease, or risk to the sacrifice of human life, and to other animals, that Pasteur's proposals for exterminating the rabbit pest by the inoculation of cholera vaccine was declined to be put into operation by the Government?
- (3.) Has anything occurred since then to justify the Government in attempting to establish a Stock Institute at Rodd Island for the purpose of preparing the vaccine of diseases, as cholera, pleuro-pneumonia, black-leg, Cumberland disease, tuberculosis, &c.; and, if so, would the preparation of such vaccine not become a danger to public health?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The scheme submitted by M. Pasteur was refused on the recommendation of the Rabbit Commission. The Chief Inspector made no recommendation.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
- (3.) Yes, as regards pleuro-pneumonia, black-leg, and Cumberland disease, on the strength of the reported success of experiments carried out in various parts of the world and in this Colony, and the recommendation of the Australasian Stock Conference, held in Melbourne in November, 1889. The preparation of the vaccine is not considered dangerous to the public health.

(8.) Australian Stock Institute at Rodd Island:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Government are about taking steps for the establishment of an Australian Stock Institute at Rodd Island; upon whose recommendation is this being done; and what will be the cost to the Colony when the Institute is established?
- (2.) What public results are likely to be gained by the establishment of such an Institute, and who are the parties likely to derive the most direct benefit, if any, from the same?
- (3.) Is the Institute to be subsequently used for the inoculation of stock and the alleged eradication of diseases?
- (4.) Will the Government see that a similar Institute is established in connection with our University for the purpose of preparing (on similar principles) the virus and vaccine of diseases belonging to the human family, as cancer, cholera, fever, typhoid, syphilis, consumption, &c., so that the same alleged infallible scientific cures made with attenuated cultivated virus and vaccine used for the inoculation of stock, may also be made available and applicable for the cure of diseases belonging to the human family?
- (5.) Will the Government give a guarantee to the public that when stock have undergone the principles of repeated inoculations with cultivated virus or vaccine of disease prepared at this so-called Stock Institute that such diseases will not be communicated to the danger of the human family or public health, when the meat of such inoculated animals is subsequently used in the shape of food?
- (6.) In a question involving such grave and serious importance to public health, will the Government see that before anything is done in the way of establishing a Stock Institute for the purpose of preparing a vaccine of diseases, that the matter may first be referred to a Royal Commission, Board of Health, or some competent Board composed of thoroughly practical scientific men to collect evidence and report upon the same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in a temporary way, upon the recommendation of the Australasian Stock Conference, held in Melbourne in November, 1889. The cost cannot be accurately stated at present, but it is to be defrayed, *pro rata*, by the various Colonies, according to the number of stock in each.
- (2.) The benefits to be derived from obtaining a knowledge of the treatment of virulent diseases, especially those to which the live stock in the Colony may be subject, would be of the greatest value to stockowners, and indirectly to the public generally, and also as affording an opportunity of the study of bacteriology of diseases affecting the human subject.
- (3.) The Institute will be used for the preparation of vaccine for the inoculation of stock for the eradication of various diseases with which they are affected.
- (4.) It is probable that the Institute when permanently established will be in the vicinity of the Sydney University, and used for the purposes mentioned in this Question as well as for diseases in animals.
- (5.) It is unnecessary to give such a guarantee, as our own experience and that of other countries show that no such danger exists.
- (6.) Every necessary precaution will be taken to guard the public health.

(9.) International Monetary Conference:—Mr. Toohey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken with a view to the representation of Australia at the International Monetary Conference?
- (2.) If not, will the Colonial Secretary, if not too late, communicate with the other colonies with a view of appointing a representative to the said conference?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government is in communication with the Governments of the other colonies with regard to this conference.

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(10.) Pastoral Leases in Central Division:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Upon what date will the first pastoral lease or leases expire?

(2.) Will the new Land Bill be introduced sufficiently early to deal with the question of further extension or resumption of the leasehold areas in the Central Division?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Presuming the Honorable Member refers to the Central Division—on the 10th July, 1895.

(2.) An Amending Land Bill will be introduced this Session so soon as the state of public business will allow.

(11.) Noxious Shrubs and Plants:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session to provide means for the eradication of briars, Bathurst burrs, and other noxious shrubs and plants?

(2.) If so, will he include the Darling pea, which has become a great nuisance in the north-western district?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; this is dealt with in the Stock and Pastures Bill, which will be introduced as soon as the state of the Government business will permit.

(2.) The question as to the advisability of including the Darling pea will be considered.

(12.) Refunds to Crown Lesses:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount refunded to Crown lessees during 1891?

(2.) What amount has been so refunded to the 30th September during the present year?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No refunds under Crown Rents Act during 1891.

(2.) Refunds under Crown Rents Act to 30th September, 1892, £127,829 12s. 2d.

(13.) Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to Civil Servants, from 1880 to 1885:—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What were the annual amounts voted for superannuation and retiring allowances to Civil Servants for the five years preceding introduction of the Civil Service Act of 1884?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(14.) Recent Appointments of Magistrates:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many professional Bill discounters or money-lenders have been recently appointed to the Commission of the Peace?

(2.) How many of the persons recently appointed to the Commission of the Peace have been residents of New South Wales for less than twelve months?

(3.) Is it a fact that some of the persons recently appointed to the Commission of the Peace are not British subjects?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I am not prepared to answer the Question offhand, and I think a moment's reflection ought to satisfy the Honorable Member that it is not a fair question for him to ask. I purpose to leave to the Honorable Member the delicate task of inquiring into the private business of a large number of persons.

(2 and 3.) This information can be obtained if asked for as a Return.

(15.) Cost of the "Sobraon":—Mr. Murphy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total cost of the "Sobraon," including purchase money?

Mr. Lyne answered,—£31,429 18s. 3d. to date.

(16.) "Notes on the Medical Bill, 1892":—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—By whose authority, and at whose expense, was the pamphlet, entitled "Notes on the Medical Bill, 1892," printed and distributed among Members of the Assembly?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Doubtless by order of the Colonial Secretary.

(17.) Proposed Extension of Railway to Condobolin:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the extension of the western line of railway to Condobolin be included in the next railway proposals of the Government?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This extension will be considered when the railway proposals are before the Cabinet.

(18.) Proposed Railway from Young, *via* Forbes and Dubbo, to Werris Creek:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to include in the next railway proposals the extension of the cross-line of railway from Young, *via* Forbes, Parkes, Dubbo, to Werris Creek?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter has not yet received the consideration of the Cabinet.

3. BOARD OF HEALTH INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See 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 incorporate the Board of Health, and to make certain provision consequential thereto.
Question put and passed.4. FUNDED STOCK BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See 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 authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.
Question put and passed.

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5. QUARANTINE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. See 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 amend the laws relating to quarantine.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Kidd 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 amend the law relating to the Post Office, to provide for the issue of postal notes, and for the exemption of the same from stamp duty, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Agreements Validating Act Repeal Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 6th December.
 (2.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill ; third reading ;—until To-morrow.
 (3.) Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Tuesday, 25th October.
 (4.) Workmens Combination Laws Declaration Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 14th March.
 (5.) Camel Driving Restriction Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 14th March.
8. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain Residents of Menindie, representing that the tramway proposed to be constructed under this Bill would prove of great benefit to the Petitioners ; submitting reasons why it should be made ; and praying the House to take the facts stated in their Petition into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed sewerage works for Parramatta.
Ordered to be printed.
10. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to Amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th December.
11. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—
 (1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide :—
 (1.) By Mr. Cullen—From the Presiding Officer of the Congregational Total Abstinence Association.
 (2.) By Mr. Kirkpatrick—From the Presiding Officer of the Good Templar Lodge, at Gundedah.
 (3.) By Mr. Kirkpatrick—From the Presiding Officer of the Wesleyan Band of Hope, at Gundedah.
 (4.) By Mr. Reid—From the Sydney Wesleyan Ministers’ Meeting.
Petitions received.
 (2.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community ; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated ; and praying the earnest consideration of the House, with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses :—
 (1.) By Mr. Morton—From the Licensed Victuallers of the Shoalhaven Licensing District.
 (2.) By Mr. John Wilkinson—From certain Hotel-keepers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and others of Albury and District.
Petitions received.
12. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL :—Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from the Chairman of the Sydney Wesleyan Ministers’ Meeting, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the laws of this Colony for the protection of girls and young women, and for the suppression of open immorality, are totally inadequate for these purposes ; and praying the House to pass the Vice Suppression Bill now under consideration.
Petition received.
13. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from the Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Sydney Domain, representing that the said meeting passed a resolution deprecating the employment of females in public-houses, and praying the House to pass the Bill which will be introduced by Mr. Dangar, the Honorable Member for The Macleay.
Petition received.
14. WATER CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION BILL :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to define the rights of the Crown and private persons to water ; to establish a Board for the conservation and utilization of water, and to define the constitution and powers of such

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such Board ; to also establish Water Trusts, and to define the constitution and powers thereof ; to make provision for the drainage of land, and to confer certain powers on the Board and Trusts with regard to navigable waters ; to empower such Board and Trusts to raise money on loans upon certain conditions, to make and levy certain rates and charges, and to provide for the establishment of a sinking fund for the liquidation of such loans ; to provide for the payment of compensation for lands taken and damage done under the provisions of the Bill ; to repeal certain enactments ; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to define the rights of the Crown and private persons to water ; to establish a Board for the conservation and utilization of water, and to define the constitution and powers of such Board ; to also establish Water Trusts, and to define the constitution and powers thereof ; to make provision for the drainage of land, and to confer certain powers on the Board and Trusts with regard to navigable waters ; to empower such Board and Trusts to raise money on loans upon certain conditions, to make and levy certain rates and charges, and to provide for the establishment of a sinking fund for the liquidation of such loans ; to provide for the payment of compensation for lands taken and damage done under the provisions of the Bill ; to repeal certain enactments ; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to define the rights of the Crown and private persons to water ; to establish a Board for the conservation and utilization of water, and to define the constitution and powers of such Board ; to also establish Water Trusts, and to define the constitution and powers thereof ; to make provision for the drainage of land, and to confer certain powers on the Board and Trusts with regard to navigable waters ; to empower such Board and Trusts to raise money on loans upon certain conditions, to make and levy certain rates and charges, and to provide for the establishment of a sinking fund for the liquidation of such loans ; to provide for the payment of compensation for lands taken and damage done under the provisions of this Act ; to repeal certain enactments ; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects*

,”—which was read a first time.

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

15. DISORDERLY CONDUCT SUPPRESSION 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 Suppression of Disorderly Conduct*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th October, 1892.

JOHN LACKKEY,
President.

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

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

16. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR TRUST BILL.—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 appoint the Newcastle Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, rents, and charges ; and to vest certain property on and in such body ; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands, to repeal certain enactments, to abolish the local Marine Board, and to establish therefor the Commissioners appointed under this Bill ; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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 appoint the Newcastle Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, rents, and charges ; and to vest certain property on and in such body ; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands, to repeal certain enactments, to abolish the local Marine Board, and to establish therefor the Commissioners appointed under this Bill ; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to establish and appoint the Newcastle Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, rents, and charges ; and to vest certain property on and in such body ; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands, to repeal certain enactments, to abolish the local Marine Board, and to substitute therefor the Commissioners appointed under this Bill ; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects*

,”—which was read a first time.

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

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17. PUBLIC WORKS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 Public Works Act of 1888 in certain particulars, and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to public works; to repeal certain portions of such Act; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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 Public Works Act of 1888 in certain particulars, and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to public works; to repeal certain portions of such Act; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Public Works Act of 1888’ in certain particulars, and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to public works; to repeal certain portions of such Act; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects*,”—which was read a first time.

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

18. PAPER:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at Balgowlah, Bexley, Breadalbane, Bute, Codrington North, Dungog, Duri, Euroka, Goulburn North, Junee Junction, Marulan, Meryla, Moor Creek Upper, Rocky Hall, and Wellington.

Ordered to be printed.

19. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton 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 George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

20. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 appoint the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, and charges, and to vest certain property on and in such body; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands; to repeal certain enactments; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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 appoint the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, and charges, and to vest certain property on and in such body; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands; to repeal certain enactments; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to establish and appoint the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, and to confer certain powers, including powers to collect and levy certain tolls, dues, rates, rents, and charges, and to vest certain property on and in such body; to empower the Commissioners, subject to compensation, to resume lands; to repeal certain enactments; and for other purposes in furtherance of and consequent on the aforesaid objects*,”—which was read a first time.

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

21. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker, left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision in substitution for some and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas.

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.

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Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that to the Resolution submitted to the Committee, an amendment was proposed to add the words,—“and to provide payment by way of compensation to all persons who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder,”—to which objection was taken that the Committee had no power to consider the amendment, as it was outside the reference to the Committee; he, the Chairman, upheld the objection to the amendment on the ground taken; and the Point was ordered to be submitted to the House.

Mr. Speaker referred to precedents, as shown in Votes and Proceedings of 29th November, 1861, Entry 5; and of 9th February, 1870, Entry 2, and explained their effect. He then stated that he felt bound to dissent from the Chairman’s opinion; and, as the proposed amendment to the resolution did not go beyond the scope of the reference to the Committee, decided that it was in order.

On motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

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

Ordered, That the Resolution be received To-morrow.

22. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes before One o’clock, a.m., until Four o’clock, p.m.,
This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Member of Berrima Licensing Bench:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that one of the members of the Berrima Licensing Bench is interested, by way of a mortgage, in a public-house at Bowral?
(2.) Is it not contrary to the provisions of the Licensing Act that Licensing Magistrates should hold mortgages on premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors?
(3.) Will he issue such instructions as will prevent men who are directly interested in the sale of liquor adjudicating in cases connected with the licensing laws?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.

(3.) Prior to Mr. Nicholson's appointment the Berrima Bench were asked in the usual way to nominate a suitable person for the vacancy, who was not under any legal disability. The Bench nominated Mr. Nicholson, and their nomination was accepted without any knowledge by this Department of the facts mentioned in Question 1. On ascertaining these facts, Mr. Nicholson was requested to resign, and has readily complied with the request.

- (2.) Public School Site at Mount View:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Would he state what action is being taken *re* the triangular school site as measured at Mount View, which places some of the out-buildings outside the school fence?
(2.) Has any decision been arrived at in regard to a resurvey of the said land, so as to render the school buildings more accessible?
(3.) Has the site, as surveyed, the position of the buildings, and fencing received the approval of the school architect?
(4.) Is the drainage so constructed as to flow around the buildings to the detriment of health; if so, will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to remedy the evil?
(5.) What has been the total cost of the removal and re-erection of the old wooden buildings, including the clearing and fencing of the land, up to date, and upon whose recommendation were the old buildings removed?
(6.) What would have been the cost of new buildings of the same material?
(7.) Are the buildings already showing signs of decay or bad workmanship?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The matter has been referred to the Department of Lands.
(2.) No; the papers are under reference to the District Surveyor.
(3.) Yes; under the circumstances that additional land could not be obtained.
(4.) No.
(5.) £519 15s. 3d. The District Inspector and the Clerk of Works.
(6.) About £850.
(7.) No; ordinary wear and tear excepted.

- (3.) Appointments of Inspectors of Shows:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it a fact that he has appointed Inspectors of Shows?
(2.) If so, what are their duties, and what is the remuneration?
(3.) Will he take steps to cancel these appointments?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) One Inspector of Agricultural Shows was appointed by my predecessor. That inspector was removed from office, and I filled the vacancy.
- (2.) To visit and report upon the conduct of Agricultural Shows, and to endeavour to put such shows on a better footing, whereby it is thought the interest of societies and exhibitors will be promoted. His remuneration is 10s. per day, and 12s. per diem travelling allowance when absent from head-quarters at night.
- (3.) No proposal to cancel the appointment has yet been considered.

(4.) Baltic, Kauri, and Oregon Pine Timber used for Government Buildings:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that his Department is in the habit of specifying Baltic, Kauri, Oregon pine and other imported timber for use in buildings and other Government works?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this Colony produces timber fit for all descriptions of works?
- (3.) Will he see that timber grown in New South Wales is used in all public works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

With regard to the Questions of the Honorable Member, I have received the following replies from officers of my Department:—

(1.) The Government Architect states that, "Wherever possible the timber of this Colony is specified for roof timbers, flooring, partitions, &c., and large quantities are annually used by this Branch."

(2.) The same officer writes:—"The fact is not yet fully established. Some woods, suitable for the finer descriptions of work, are very difficult to procure, and the supply of seasoned woods for general purposes is uncertain. Furniture and fittings have been made during this year out of the following woods:—Cedar, blackwood, black and red beans, rosewood, beech, &c." The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers reports that "This Colony does not produce timber equally suitable in all respects to the timbers named for special purposes." He adds, "Wherever advisable, New South Wales timber is used in this Branch."

(3.) I have not yet had an opportunity of carefully considering these reports, but shall do so at an early date, and will take care that no tender is accepted for the use of imported woods where colonial timber can be made suitable.

(5.) Expenditure on Public Works to 1st October, 1892:—Mr. Brunker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount of expenditure authorised up to the 1st October, 1892?
- (2.) The amount expended on works for which tenders have been accepted?
- (3.) The estimated amount required to complete the various public works for which tenders have been accepted; and the period over which the payments extend?

Mr. See answered,—It is presumed that these Questions refer to loan expenditure; if so, the fullest information will be given by me in the course of a few days—probably to-day.

(6.) Surrenders and Exchanges of Land in Eastern Division:—Mr. Brunker asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any surrenders and exchanges of land been allowed in the Eastern Division of the Colony since the termination of the leases, under the provisions of the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889?
- (2.) The area granted in exchange?
- (3.) The holdings on which the exchanges (if any) were allowed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No surrenders have been accepted and exchanges allowed in the Eastern Division under the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

(7.) Temporary Appointments as Land Valuators during 1891-2:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What persons have been temporarily or occasionally employed by the Government during 1891 and 1892 as land valuators?
- (2.) What amounts have been paid to such persons respectively for such services?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Mr. E. J. Sievers temporarily, and Mr. T. F. Waller occasionally.
- (2.) This information will be obtained and forwarded to the Honorable Member on an early date.

(8.) Recent Appointments of Magistrates:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many persons have been nominated to the Commission of the Peace by Members of the Legislative Assembly since the present Government came into office?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given to a Question of this kind on the 6th September, 1892, when my honorable colleague, the Minister for Public Instruction, in reply to Mr. Kelly, stated, "The Government do not consider it just or advisable to furnish information of the character asked for by the Honorable Member, as such recommendations have always been considered confidential." I ask my honorable friend to accept that as an Answer to his Question now.

(9.) Amounts Voted for Pensions, Gratuities, Abatements, &c.:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total amount voted from the Consolidated Revenue since 1855 up to the end of 1891 under the heading of pensions, gratuities, abatements, and other charitable purposes?
- (2.) The amount voted for similar purposes from 1882 to 1891 inclusive?
- (3.) Exclusive of the £100,000 subsidy, what amount has been voted from the Consolidated Revenue as abatements and gratuities up to 1891 to assist the Superannuation Fund to retire Civil Servants, &c.?

Mr. See answered,—The information required will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next.

(10.)

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(10.) Cost of Resumptions; Erskine-street, below Sussex-street:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost of resumptions on the north side of Erskine-street, below Sussex-street?
- (2.) How much has been paid, and to whom?
- (3.) How much is still owed, and to whom?
- (4.) Has the money been voted by Parliament for these resumptions?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £75,990.
- (2.) £68,000. Eliza Cox and others, £60,000; T. Noonan (lessee), £8,000.
- (3.) £7,990 is owing to R. F. G. Henderson.
- (4.) Yes, under the Act 53 Vic. No. 23.

(11.) Smith and party, of Belmore Reefs, Grong Grong:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Was a promise made to Smith and party, of Belmore Reefs, Grong Grong, that a certain sum per foot would be contributed from the Prospecting Vote for sinking a shaft?
- (2.) Has the shaft been sunk; and, if so, has the promised contribution been paid?
- (3.) Has any deduction been made from the contribution promised; and, if so, what was the cause of the deduction?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; aid was granted at a certain rate per foot to sink a shaft to a certain depth.
- (2.) The shaft has been sunk to that depth.
- (3.) During the sinking it was found that the aid granted exceeded 50 per cent. of the cost of sinking, and following the practice in such cases, the Board recommended the reduction of the rate per foot, and for the remainder of the sinking aid was paid at the reduced rate.

(12.) Creek adjoining Police Barracks at Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware of the dangerous state of the creek adjoining the Police Barracks at Eugowra (on the road from Eugowra to Canowindra); if so, have any steps been taken for the erection of a suitable bridge, seeing that children living in the locality are debarred from attending school owing to the risk and danger of having to cross the creek?

Mr. Lyne answered.—An amount, with the view of providing for this work, has been noted for consideration in connection with the Estimates for next year.

(13.) Bridge at Goolagong, on the Lachlan River:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the erection of a bridge at Goolagong, on the Lachlan River, the erection of which has frequently been promised by Ministers in office; if so, what is the cause of the delay, and when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered.—A low-level bridge could not be recommended, and the traffic would not justify one above flood-level, but I have approved of a sum of money being spent to improve the crossing.

(14.) Dr. Loir, of the Pasteur's Institute:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Does the Mines and Stock Department derive any pecuniary benefit from the services of Dr. Loir; if so, in what capacity?
- (2.) Is the Stock Department aware that there are nearly a hundred forms of modified infectious and contagious diseases, demanding as many forms of attenuated so-called vaccine inoculations?
- (3.) In the treatment of diseases of stock, is it necessary to use only one form or kind of cultivated vaccine, or must there be a distinct vaccine and inoculation for every form of disease?
- (4.) Would the Department regard the daily inoculation of sheep and cattle with the alleged specific vaccine practical; if not, how often need the vaccine be used to effect a radical cure, and at what cost?
- (5.) Has the Stock Department agreed to pay Dr. Loir for the cultivation of pleuro-pneumonia, black-leg, cholera, Cumberland disease, tuberculosis, &c., virus or vaccine; if so, how much?
- (6.) On what terms has Dr. Loir the use of Rodd Island for his laboratory?
- (7.) Are there any qualified veterinary surgeons at present presiding over the Stock Department to advise the Government on the various diseases pertaining to stock; if not, from what source do the Government obtain their information in the management of these matters, and of the outbreak of epidemics?
- (8.) Is it considered by the Department a desirable, safe, or proper thing to be making experiments, or subjecting stock to the operation of inoculation with cultivated vaccine or virus, when the reading of the thermometer stands as high as 90 degrees and 110 degrees in the shade?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Department is aware there are many forms.
- (3.) A distinct virus for each disease.
- (4.) No; a radical cure is not attempted; immunity from infection is the object of vaccination.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Dr. Loir has the use of Rodd Island for his laboratory free of rent.
- (7.) There is a Government Veterinarian, whose services are availed of when necessary.
- (8.) No; it is better not to do so.

(15.) Public Health Bill:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session any measure dealing with the important question of public health or food and liquor adulteration?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to Honorable Member I beg to state that if there is time this session the Government will introduce such a Bill, and in the meantime a most exhaustive inquiry is being made in England and on the Continent, and will probably be extended to America, for the purpose of gathering up the fullest possible information on the subject, with a view of bringing in a comprehensive measure.

- (16.) Training College for Teachers within the University :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Does he intend to submit to this House the necessary Bill to give effect to the proposal to erect a Training College for teachers within the University; if so, when will he do so?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I will submit the Bill during the present session of Parliament.

- (17.) Public Works Committee :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many Members of Parliament compose the Public Works Committee?
- (2.) What fee is allowed each member per sitting?
- (3.) What is the maximum number of sittings per week?
- (4.) Does he propose in his Bill amending the Public Works Act to provide for the abolition of a political committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Thirteen—eight Members of the Legislative Assembly and five of the Legislative Council.
- (2.) Four guineas to the Chairman; other Members receive three guineas.
- (3.) Three.
- (4.) No.

- (18.) Recent Appointments of Magistrates :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the admission of the Minister, in reply to Mr. Neild, yesterday, that he was not aware how many professional bill discounters, or money lenders, had been recently appointed to the Commission of the Peace, is it a fact that the Government have appointed magistrates without ascertaining their occupations?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I must ask the Honorable Gentleman to be satisfied with the Answer that I gave him yesterday. I may, however, add that the Government in making the appointment of magistrates satisfy themselves as to the respectability and calling of every applicant for the office.

- (19.) International Monetary Conference :—Mr. Toohey asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the date of the first communication by the Ministry to any of the other colonies on the question of the International Monetary Conference?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member, I should like to draw his attention to the fact that I gave him an Answer to a Question yesterday which I think covers his Question to-day. I told the Honorable Member yesterday that the Government were in communication with the Governments of the other Colonies. I will lay the whole of the papers on the question upon the Table in the course of a few days, so the Honorable Gentleman will have an opportunity to read the correspondence.

- (20.) Trial Surveys for Railway from Forbes to Young, *via* Grenfell :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that no less than five trial surveys have been made for a railway line from Forbes to Young, *via* Grenfell. In view of this will he submit the matter to the Works Committee at an early date for their report?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Two trial surveys of this line have been made. I cannot give any definite information to the Honorable Member at the present moment, but the whole question will be considered by the Cabinet when the railway proposals are before it.

- (21.) Breakwater at Wollongong :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the conditions of contract for the construction of breakwater at Wollongong, which work is subsidised by the Government?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Wollongong Harbour Trust comes under the control of my honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer. I purpose referring the matter to him.

- (22.) Issue of Crown Grant to Executors of John Leach :—Mr. M'Court, for Mr. Wise, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has a Crown grant issued to the executors of one John Leach, of 320 acres of land, in the county of Mitchell, parish of Mundowre, application No. 810 of 1870; and, if so, what is the date of the grant?

(2.) Did the title of the said Leach depend upon an alleged transfer from Donald Cameron to one Ewan Cameron, from whom Leach bought?

(3.) Did not His Honor Mr. Justice Owen, sitting in Equity in suit of Cameron *v.* Cameron, heard in November, 1890, find such alleged transfer to be a forgery?

(4.) If so, has the said John Leach any other title to the said land except that which depends upon the said forged transfer?

(5.) How came the Department, after the abovementioned finding of Mr. Justice Owen, to issue the grant to the executors of the said John Leach?

(6.) Has the Full Court since held in the suit of Cameron *v.* Cameron that the said land was never properly selected, and is still Crown land?

(7.) Under the circumstances, will he take any steps to cancel or set aside the said grant, or to compensate the original selector of the land, whose title to the same has been defeated by the abovementioned forged transfer and the subsequent issue of the grant theron?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No grant has issued for this land, the balance of purchase money not having been paid. The papers having been impounded by the Supreme Court, the Department is not aware of the judicial decisions given, excepting from the reports published in the daily papers, and no action can therefore be taken until the papers are returned.

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2. FORMAL BUSINESS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in future he should not notice any objection made to "Formal Business" unless the Honorable Member making the objection should rise in his place and address the Chair.

3. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Dickens, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dickens then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878,' and for other purposes.*" Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878,' and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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4. WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Gormly, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Gormly then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof; and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease.*" 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 Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof; and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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5. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY 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 distribution of the surplus assets of a Company known as 'The Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)' amongst the shareholders, and for adjusting the rights of the contributories generally.*" 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 distribution of the surplus assets of a Company known as 'The Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)' amongst the shareholders, and for adjusting the rights of the contributories generally,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

(1.) Mr. Fuller presented a Petition from the Presiding Officer of the Southern Cross Division, No. 27, of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, at Kiama, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.

(2.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses:—

(1.) By Mr. Gormly—From certain residents of Narrandera.

(2.) By Mr. Johnston—From certain adult male residents of Balmain.

(3.) By Mr. Lees—From certain residents of The Nepean electorate.

(4.) By Mr. Nicholson—From the Licensed Victuallers of the Wollongong Licensing District.

(5.) By Mr. Suttor—From the Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Licensed Victuallers, and Aerated Water Manufacturers of Bathurst.

(6.) By Mr. Slattery—From certain residents of Sydney and suburbs.

Petitions received.

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7. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from Benjamin Crispin Simpson praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of an extension of the Railway commonly known as the Rosehill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Rosehill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the Districts of Rydalmer, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural,—

And Mr. Neild having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Cumberland Mercury* and *Saturday Parramatta Gazette*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

8. CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY ACT OF 1889 AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council —

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Church of England Property Act of 1889 so far as it affects the Diocese of Goulburn,*”— presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

9. RAILWAY FROM INVERELL TO GLEN INNES:—Mr. Cruickshank presented a Petition from certain Residents of Glen Innes, Inverell, and surrounding Districts, submitting reasons for the construction of the Railway from Inverell to Glen Innes, and praying that the said work may be proceeded with as early as practicable.
Petition received.

10. STANDING ORDERS:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without 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.

11. PAPERS:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report of the Nautical School-ship “*Vernon*” for the year ended 30th April, 1892.
(2.) Annual Report of the Australian Museum for 1891.
Ordered to be printed.

12. FUNDED STOCK BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.

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 authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto,*”—which was read a first time.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:

- (1.) Leper Patients, Little Bay Hospital:—*Mr. Black*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that so far from suspicious cases of leprosy not being placed in the strong-rooms attached to the general wards at the Little Bay Hospital, a leper patient who had been taken from one of the suburbs was not only placed in one of the rooms referred to, but actually died there some months ago?
 (2.) Is it a fact that at the present time a female leper patient is housed in one of the strong-rooms attached to the general wards there, and that the nurses belonging to the general staff refuse to nurse her?
 (3.) Is it a fact that a leper patient was removed from one of the strong-rooms mentioned to his proper quarters about a fortnight ago, and that a scarlet fever patient was placed in the room he had occupied?
 (4.) Is it a fact that the ambulance employed in conveying leper patients to the hospital is also used in conveying fever patients there?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the body of a leper, who died at the lazarette a fortnight ago, was allowed to be taken away and buried elsewhere, and that the body of a female leper was also allowed to be carried away about twelve months ago, and buried in a suburban cemetery?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the information asked for.

- (2.) Refined Sugar passed through Custom House as Raw Sugar:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a large shipment of refined sugar from China, per steamship "Ching Tu," has been passed through the Custom House as raw sugar, the loss to the Treasury being considerable?
 (2.) Have thousands of tons of refined sugar been arriving in the Colony during the past and been entered as raw, and are very large similar shipments now afloat from Europe, China, and America?
 (3.) Will the Government take steps to collect the proper duty?
 (4.) What is the difference in the duty payment on 1,000 tons of raw sugar and 1,000 tons of refined?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The quality of sugar imported by the "Chingtu" is admitted as raw sugar on a decision given by a specially appointed Board on the 10th February, 1870, and approved by the Treasurer at that time.

- (2.) All such sugars are admitted as raw sugar except loaf.
 (3.) The question will be considered when the present tariff is under revision.
 (4.) The difference between the two rates of duty amounts to £1,666 13s. 4d. per thousand tons. I may add that refined sugar should be free from invert sugar (*i.e.*, absolutely free from molasses). Sugar may be crystallised without being refined to the extent of removing all the molasses contained therein.

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- (3.) Prospecting Vote:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount of the Prospecting Vote has been expended up to date; and the localities in which the various sums have been expended?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I will lay upon the Table a Return giving the required information as soon as possible.

- (4.) Cost of Additions to Public Works Department:—*Mr. Black*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the cost of the additions to the Public Works Department up to date?
 (2.) Has this expenditure been submitted to the Public Works Committee for consideration?
 (3.) Was this money spent without the authority of Parliament?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £32,612 has been expended to date, exclusive of cost of land, and £3,000 for extras.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) No.

- (5.) Reformatory for Boys:—*Mr. Joseph Abbott* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to paragraphs which have appeared in the press, has he any objection to say what steps the Government propose to take in regard to establishing a Reformatory for boys?
 (2.) Will he at same time, state, for the information of this House, if any correspondence has passed between this or the preceding Government and the Home authorities with a view of procuring a suitable ship for the purpose of a Reformatory; and, if so, the nature of such correspondence?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to my Honorable friend's first Question, I desire to say that the intention is to use the building at Rookwood for a Boys' Reformatory. As to the second Question, there has been some communication with the Imperial Government, who offered the Colony the "Shah," a 50-gun frigate, in full commission. The ship was offered for the purpose for which the "Sobraon" was subsequently purchased. I will lay the correspondence upon the Table.

- (6.) Martin-place:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he bring in a Bill (as he undertook to do) for the purpose of improving that part of the City of Sydney fronting Martin-place before any buildings are erected upon land lately sold there by the Government?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I did not undertake to bring in such a Bill. I promised to make inquiries, and obtain information as to whether such a course could be followed without serious loss to the Government. I have made those inquiries, and find that the whole matter is surrounded with difficulty, and to carry out would entail very great expense.

- (7.) Bridge over Cuttaburra Creek, on Road from Bourke to Wanaaring:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he decided to place a sum of money on the Estimates for a bridge over the Cuttaburra Creek, on the road from Bourke to Wanaaring?
 (2.) If so, how much?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; the sum of £1,250 has been noted for consideration in connection with the Estimates for next year.

- (8.) Members of Australasian Stock Conference:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What are the names and the number of members of the Australasian Stock Conference, and by whom and when were such persons appointed?
 (2.) Is the Australasian Stock Conference composed of properly-qualified veterinary surgeons, or are the members only expert laymen?
 (3.) Is it intended that in reporting on and experimenting with diseases, in stock that such a Conference should consist of unqualified persons, to the exclusion of properly-qualified veterinary surgeons who have received a proper curriculum of training at some recognised Veterinary College?

(4.) Is it intended in the treatment of virulent epidemics and diseases belonging to stock that such grave and important scientific questions should be dealt with or referred to a Conference composed of unqualified persons?

(5.) Will he see that steps are taken to have a Veterinary School of Medicine and Surgery established in the Colony, where properly-qualified Professors may be appointed to teach students, in place of relying as at present on Stock Boards and Conferences composed of unqualified persons who hold no diploma or certificate from any Veterinary College?

(6.) Is it intended to allow Inspectors of Stock to busy themselves providing information for stud-books and the exportation of surplus meat?

(7.) Is it intended in future to leave such things to private enterprise in place of fostering the meat industry at the expense of the local market and consumers?

(8.) Will he see that similar encouragement and facilities are given to farmers to ship and export their wheat, &c.?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The Government has not been officially advised. The Conference consists of (say) three or less members, selected in each Colony, and meets triennially, but the same persons do not necessarily represent any given Colony at every meeting.

(2.) Answered by No. 1. Usually some of the members are properly-qualified veterinary surgeons.

(3.) No.

(4.) Certainly not.

(5.) Stock Boards and Conferences do not teach students.

(6.) Yes; such being considered beneficial to the public.

(7.) The Government, while encouraging the meat industry, does not anticipate private enterprise will be injured.

(8.) Every encouragement possible is being given to farmers.

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- (9.) Recent Appointments of Magistrates:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) How many deceased persons have been recently appointed to the Commission of the Peace?
 (2.) The date upon which such persons died?
 Sir George Dibbs answered.—I do not see how it is possible that a dead man can be appointed to any office; therefore, it is hardly necessary for me to inform the Honorable Member when the parties were supposed to have died. Perhaps the best answer I can give to the Honorable Member is, “*Requiescat in pace.*”
- (10.) Phylloxera Act:—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he carry out the promise made by him last Session to introduce a Bill to amend the present Phylloxera Act?
Mr. Slattery answered.—A Bill has been prepared and will be introduced during the next fortnight.
- (11.) Members of Public Works Committee:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to reduce the number of members constituting the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, or to effect a reduction in the fees paid to the members of such Committee?
 (2.) If not, will he state the nature of his objection to the reintroduction of a Bill to effect that object which passed its first reading during last Session?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
 (1.) Not at present.
 (2.) This seems to me to be a Question that I should not be asked to answer.
2. LABOUR PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sheldon* 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 restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Question put and passed.
- 3.] WHALING ROAD, NORTH SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, moved pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Whaling Road, North Sydney, brought up on the 15th March, 1892, be now adopted.
 Question put and passed.
4. RACING ASSOCIATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Crick, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the rights of the people in, and to the use and occupation of, all lands granted, dedicated, or leased to, or otherwise occupied by companies, clubs, or associations for horse-racing purposes; to provide for the establishment of a representative tribunal; to control all matters affecting horse-racing; to repeal in part the Australian Jockey Club Act; and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
5. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Crick, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the rights of Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 Question put and passed.
6. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Barbour* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Menindie and Broken Hill 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. Lyne, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Booth, Mr. Cann, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
7. FORFEITURE OF W. BAKER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, LAND DISTRICT OF MURWILLUMBAH (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in relation to the forfeiture of W. Baker's conditional purchases, land district of Murwillumbah.
 Question put and passed.
8. PAPERS:—
Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report by Dr. Manning on Loper Patients at Little Bay Hospital.
 (2.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Military Service of New South Wales.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. See laid upon the Table a Return showing,—
 (1.) Statement of amounts paid out of the Consolidated Revenue on account of pensions, gratuities, &c., from the date of the passing of the Constitution Act to 31st December, 1891.
 (2.) Statement showing receipts and disbursements in connection with the Civil Service Superannuation Account during the years 1885 to 1891 inclusive.
 (3.) Statements showing total amounts paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund on account of pensions, gratuities, abatements, &c., from 1882 to 1891 inclusive.
 (4.) Statement showing the amounts paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund on account of superannuation and retiring allowances, &c., to civil servants for the five years preceding the introduction of the Civil Service Act of 1884.
 Ordered to be printed. Mr.

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Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 6th October, 1892,—“ Proposed branch Railway to Jamberoo.”
 (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Wollom, county of Gloucester, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Khoribalk Creek, at Tattersalls.

Ordered to be printed.

9. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

- (1.) Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from the Independent Order of Good Templars Lodge of Young, representing that the Petitioners are strongly opposed to compensation of the liquor traffic; that they regard every license simply a privilege or permit granted to an individual to sell for one year only, and that such privilege does not create a vested interest; and praying the House to pass a Local Option or Prohibition Act, without compensation.
 Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Haynes presented a Petition from the Licensed Victuallers of Mudgee and district, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill of 1892 are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that in any legislation extending the principle of Local Option, it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses should be incorporated; and praying the earnest consideration of the House, with a view to the rejection of the Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for confiscation of licenses.
 Petition received.

- (3.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that in the opinion of the Petitioners no system of Local Option is complete without the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for the confiscation of licenses; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation as aforesaid,—
 (1.) By Mr. Cullen—From certain residents of St. Leonards Electorate.
 (2.) By Mr. Hoyle—From certain residents of Redfern Electorate.
 Petitions received.

10. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—Mr. Hoyle presented a Petition from the Minister of the Church, as Chairman of the Quarterly Meeting of Officers of the Cleveland-street Wesleyan Church, Surry Hills, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the laws of this Colony for the protection of girls and young women, and for the suppression of open immorality, are totally inadequate for these purposes; and praying the House to pass the Vice Suppression Bill now under consideration.
 Petition received.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes rising to move the adjournment of the House.—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the necessity of the Government bringing in a Bill to regulate the improvement of that central portion of the City of Sydney situated in the vicinity of Martin-place, before any buildings are erected upon land lately sold there by the Government.”
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
 Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.

12. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Wright, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on the 5th October, 1892, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Wright then moved that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 8th November.
 Question put and passed.

13. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Cann presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend the ‘Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1892,’ and to provide for Compulsory Arbitration and Enforcement of Awards of Council of Arbitration,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 31st January.

14. LAND TAX:—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this “House,” it is essential that a progressive land tax (allowing a fair exemption for agricultural and pastoral holdings) should be passed without delay, with a view to prevent the aggregation of large estates, and compel the owners of same to pay a fair proportion of the revenue of the country.
 Mr. Cotton 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, “a system of raising revenue by means of direct taxation upon land values, irrespective of improvements, would greatly promote the welfare of this Colony.”

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

Debate

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Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Willis requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the proposed amendment now under consideration did not anticipate the discussion of the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. Carruthers, for 13th December.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker quoted the ruling of the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Peel, that "it was out of order to anticipate discussion on a matter with regard to which there was a Notice for a future day," and stated that this ruling evidently referred to an amendment exactly the same as the Notice, but in this case the proposed amendment differed in some material respects from the Notice of 13th December, and he, Mr. Speaker, therefore ruled, although with considerable doubt, that Mr. Cotton's amendment was in order.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Melville.
Tellers,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chapman.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Egan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Slattery,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hutchinson,

Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Chantor,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Johnston.
Tellers,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Cruickshank.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Barton,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wise,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Chantor,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Danahey.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barnes,
Tellers,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Rose.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House, a system of raising revenue by means of direct taxation upon land values, irrespective of improvements, would greatly promote the welfare of this Colony.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Barton,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Wise,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Rae,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
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Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Bairster,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Johnston.

Tellers,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Chapman.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barnes.

Tellers,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Buildings and Court-house at Tinonee:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Young, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to accept the tender received in July last for the erection of police buildings and court-house at Tinonee?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is a work chargeable to Loans, and, with a number of other works, is being held over pending arrangements being made as to our future Loan Expenditure.

(2.) Appointments to Civil Service:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many employees of the character indicated in section 8 of the Civil Service Act have been appointed by the present Government since their accession to office in October, 1891, specifying the number in each Department?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If a Return is moved for in the usual way the information shall be furnished.

(3.) Appointment of Temporary Officers:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many temporary officers were appointed during the year 1891 under section 31 of the Civil Service Act?

(2.) How many of these appointments were made subsequent to 23rd October last?

(3.) How many temporary officers were appointed during the first nine months of the present year under section 31 of the Civil Service Act?

(4.) What is the aggregate annual amount of salaries payable to the officers appointed by the present Government under section 31 of the Civil Service Act, since their accession to office in October last?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return to embrace this information I shall endeavour to obtain it.

(4.) Bridge over Hunter River, at Jerry's Plains:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has provision been made by Parliament for the erection of a bridge over the river Hunter at Jerry's Plains?

(2.) Were tenders invited for that work?

(3.) Has a tender been yet accepted; if not, what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is a work chargeable to Loans. The tender, with a number of others in the same category, cannot, therefore, be accepted until further provision is made for our Loan Expenditure.

(5.) Appointments under the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) The names of the gentlemen appointed as members of the Courts of Conciliation and Arbitration under the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act?

(2.) In what manner and in what amount is it proposed to reimburse the members of such Courts for their services?

Mr.

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Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) The following are the names of the Members of the Council of Conciliation :—

Representing Employers: Mr. James McMahon, Mr. George P. Jones, Mr. Peter Dow, Mr. Stanley Cole, Mr. E. W. Jenkins, Mr. Henry Law, Mr. George Gale, Mr. Henry F. Marr.

Representing Employees: Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Edward Dunn, Mr. James Curley, Mr. Joseph Knight, Mr. George Peacock, Mr. Robert Harris, Mr. W. T. Plummer, Mr. James Wilson. The Council of Arbitration is composed of Dr. Garan, President, and Messrs. Alexander Kethel and Peter J. Brennan, members.

(2.) Every member of the Council of Conciliation receives, as announced in the *Government Gazette* of the 8th ultimo, the following fees :—Preliminary meetings, £1; whole day sittings, £1 10s.; half day sittings, £1. The President of the Council of Arbitration receives a salary of £750 per annum, with a fee of £4 4s. for each sitting of the Council, and the members each receive a salary of £100 per annum, with a fee of £3 3s. for every sitting of the Council. These arrangements are all pending, and subject to the approval of Parliament, which will be asked for in the usual course. It should be added that the President is forbidden, during his term of office (two years), from engaging in any employment outside the duties of his office.

(6.) Water Supply, Nyngan :—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is action being taken with a view to give the town of Nyngan a water supply; if so, what?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; and I hope to have the matter definitely settled in a few days.

(7.) Alleged offer of Appointments to certain Members :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a Government appointment has been offered to two Labour Members, viz., Messrs. G. D. Clark and F. Cotton, or to any other Members of the Labour Party; if not, to whom has such appointment been offered?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware that any Government appointment has been offered to any Honorable Member of this House.

(8.) Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many days in each week is the Government Savings Bank opened in Sydney?

(2.) What are the hours of business?

(3.) Will he extend the same provisions to the Government Savings Bank in Newcastle?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Six.

(2.) Daily (Saturdays excepted), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to noon; and from 7 to 9 p.m., for the receipt of deposits only.

(3.) The Government Savings Bank at Newcastle is open daily (Sundays excepted), from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and also on Saturdays, from 7 to 9 p.m., for the receipt of deposits only. It will be seen from the foregoing that the branch at Newcastle is open for two hours longer on five days of the week, and five hours longer on Saturdays, than the Head Office in Sydney; and it is not considered desirable to lessen the facilities granted to residents of a mining district in connection with the Savings Bank.

(9.) Stock Reserves :—Dr. Ross, for Mr. York, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in the interest of travelling stock, cause the withdrawal from annual lease of a given number of stock reserves, and set them apart for travelling stock alone?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Action has already been taken in this matter, and it is still under consideration. If the Honorable Member will distinctly specify any particular reserve I will have the matter attended to.

(10.) Bridge in O'Connell-street, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to complete the approaches to the bridge—erected at a cost of £10,000, in O'Connell-street, Parramatta—from Pennant-street, as the bridge cannot be used on account of the work having been left in an unfinished state?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The immediate approaches to the bridge were formed, ballasted, and metalled by the Department. As regards any work on the streets approaching the bridge the Council should carry it out, as it is entirely a municipal matter.

(11.) Post Office, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—When is it his intention to cause the necessary additions to be made at the Post Office, Parramatta, so as to enable the officers there to carry out their duties more efficiently?

Mr. Kidd answered,—So soon as the necessary funds have been voted for the purpose.

(12.) Public School, South Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are over 250 children packed in a room for which there should only be 100, at the Public School, South Parramatta, and that during the summer it will be dangerous to the health of the children?

(2.) Will there be any better arrangements made for the accommodation for the large number of children attending this school to prevent them leaving; if so, when?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No; but inquiries into the matter will be made.

(2.) As ample accommodation is provided for all children attending the school, additional accommodation is at present unnecessary; but it is contemplated to replace the present girls' schoolroom by a more suitable building at an early date.

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- (13.) Site for Sewerage Farm at Duck Creek:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Public Works Committee having reported against the site purchased by the Government for the sewerage farm at Duck Creek, what action do the Government intend taking so as to have the necessary works carried out for the preservation of the health of the inhabitants?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have not yet had time to consider the Report, but will do so shortly.

- (14.) Division of Rookwood into Wards:—*Mr. Dale*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Local Government Officer on the matter of the division of Rookwood into wards?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not usual to lay copies of such documents upon the Table, but I shall be happy to supply the Honorable Member with a transcript thereof upon application.

- (15.) Loans and Treasury Bills:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What loans fall due and will have to be provided for during the period ending with the year 1900, inclusive of the Treasury Bills authorised last Session, and loans from local banks?

(2.) What is the annual charge upon the Consolidated Revenue for interest upon all loans?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I will presently lay upon the Table a statement giving the information desired by the Honorable Member.

(2.) £2,065,830 18s. Sd.

- (16.) The Mortgage, Guarantee, and Mercantile Finance Corporation of New South Wales (Limited) and other Companies:—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to certain advertisements appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of Saturday, 15th October, 1892, soliciting public money on deposit for institutions trading as “The Mortgage, Guarantee, and Mercantile Finance Corporation of New South Wales (Limited),” “The Commercial Building and Investment Company (Limited),” “Colonial Finance, Mortgage, Investment, and Guarantee Corporation (Limited),” and “The Assets Realisation and General Finance Company (Limited)”?

(2.) Is it a fact that the recent balance-sheet issued by one of these companies indicates a condition of insolvency?

(3.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the shareholders of each Company, with the corresponding list of last year?

(4.) Will he (in view of recent financial failures) introduce at an early date a short Bill insisting upon a reserve fund, consisting of New South Wales Government Stock, in proportion to capital and public money received, making penal the hypothecation of uncalled capital?

Mr. See answered,—A comprehensive Bill, dealing with all kinds of institutions receiving moneys on deposit, has been prepared, and will be introduced as soon as the state of public business will permit. All the points referred to in the Honorable Member's Questions were carefully considered when the Bill was being framed.

- (17.) Public Baths at Lavender Bay:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on the 25th of April the North Sydney Council made application to the Government for permission to erect public baths at the head of Lavender Bay, and that on the 28th of June the application was refused, on the grounds that many houses overlooked the proposed site, and that it was adjacent to the outlet of the sewer?

(2.) Is it a fact that a private individual applied a few weeks after for a similar privilege, and notwithstanding the urgent protests of the residents of the Bay, the Government has approved of his application?

(3.) Is it a fact that the site of the public baths applied for by the private individual is more exposed to the view of private residences, and nearer to the main sewer down George-street, than the site applied for by the Council?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Department of Lands has refused to receive a deputation of the residents of the Bay, whose object was to present a petition against the establishment of the proposed baths?

(5.) Seeing that the local residents are unanimously opposed to the erection of the baths, will he stay the granting of a lease until they have further opportunities of urging their objections?

(6.) Is he aware that the applicant has already—and before the lease has been granted—commenced the construction of the baths; and will he order the discontinuance of such construction, pending further inquiry?

(7.) Why, in view of the refusal to the North Sydney Council of the right to construct public baths in Lavender Bay, should a private individual's application be approved?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The Council, by letter of the 25th April, asked for a site for baths, but the area desired was not available, having been appropriated for railway purposes. The Council was so informed on the 28th June, and also that the site described by it was overlooked by many private houses.

(2.) On the 22nd June, 1892, Mr. Halsted applied on proper form to lease a site for baths in front of his own property. On the 14th July (and on subsequent dates) objections were called for by notice in *Gazette*, and in the *Star* and *Telegraph* on the 26th, same to be lodged prior to the 14th August last. Only two objections appear to have been received in time, and they were considered by the Local Land Board, who reported on the 16th August, recommending the issue of a lease. Since the time for lodging objections expired, some ten letters have been received protesting against the lease, but prior to receipt thereof the Minister had approved of the Board's recommendation.

(3.) One of the conditions attached to the lease is that bathers shall be screened from the view of the public. The sewer is apparently on the north side of George-street. The land applied for by the Council fronts George-street, and Mr. Halsted's site is 140 feet farther from the sewer than the site applied for by the Council.

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- (4.) Mr. Dietrich wrote on the 7th instant to the Minister to stay proceedings pending the receipt of a petition to be presented by a deputation, to which a reply was sent on the 14th instant to the effect that the lease had been approved, and that objections called for in July last had been considered by the Board, and further that no action can now be taken to meet the views of the objectors even if thought desirable.
- (5.) The lease having been granted, I see no grounds of justification for withdrawing it, especially as the Council and local residents saw no objection to a bath when the Council's application was under consideration.
- (6.) (a) No. (b) I see no sufficient reason for taking this despotic action.
- (7.) This is answered by No. 2.
- (18.) Vine Diseases Bill:—Mr. Lees asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he bring in the Vine Diseases Bill this Session?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes.
- (19.) Government Steam Launches:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the practice of allowing Government steam launches to be used for private purposes be discontinued?
- Mr. See answered,—It is not customary to allow the Government steam launches, under the Treasury, to be used for private purposes.
- (20.) Artesian Tubing:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In the matter of artesian tubing, for which tenders have been invited for to-day, is there anything in the specifications limiting tenders to the manufacture of one particular firm?
- (2.) If not, will he see that, in the consideration of the tenders, the contract shall be open to the fullest competition, consistent with securing good material?
- (3.) With regard to the previous contracts let about the month of August—(a) did McWilliams supply certain tubing, and was it accepted by the Department; (b) did Lloyd and Lloyd (through their agent) supply tubing, and was it satisfactory?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) There were no contracts let by the Department for tubing about the month of August. I have ascertained from the Department of Mines that Mr. McWilliams tender was accepted by that Department; no tubing has been supplied by Messrs. Lloyd and Lloyd through their agents.
- (21.) Appointment of Officer for Grading Export Butter:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the papers, reports, and recommendations on which he proposes to appoint an officer to grade butter intended for export?
- (2.) Will he, before making the proposed appointment, give the House an opportunity of discussing the question of the advisability of such an appointment?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) The matter is still under consideration.
- (2.) No.
- (22.) Railway from Culcairn to Corowa:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The cost of the construction of the railway from Culcairn to Corowa?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the line will be used only three times a week?
- (3.) The approximate area of the three largest estates through which the railway runs?
- (4.) What compensation money has been and is to be paid for land resumed for the purposes of the line; and is such money paid from loan or consolidated revenue account?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) The cost of the line to 30th September is £175,155 9s.
- (2.) This is the present arrangement.
- (3.) I have not been able to get the exact acreage.
- (4.) The amount paid is £4,919 11s. 9d., and there is still to be paid about £5,883 7s. 10d., chargeable to Loans Account.
- (23.) Australasian Federation:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When will the question of Australian Federation be submitted by the Government to this House?
- (2.) In what form will it be submitted?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) As soon as possible after the Electoral Bill has been passed in this House.
- (2.) The course intimated to the Honorable Member when he asked a somewhat similar Question on the 23rd of February last, will be adhered to. The Answer then given to the Honorable Member will be found in *Hansard* of the date mentioned. Notice will very soon be given of the resolutions intended to be submitted.
2. AGRICULTURAL CENTRE OF MOAMA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the Inspector of Agriculture's Report upon the agricultural centre of Moama.

Question put and passed.

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3. FISH ACCLIMATISATION (*Formal Motion*) :—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 Estimates for 1893 a sum of money towards the purposes of fish acclimatisation.
Question put and passed.
4. CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of Civil Servants who have left the service since the inauguration of the superannuation fund up to date, without receiving a pension or gratuity.
(2.) The total amount provided by the 4 per cent. deductions on their salaries, for which they have received nothing in return.
(3.) The number of Civil Servants under 30 years of age at present employed; the number between 30 and 40 years of age; the number between 40 and 50 years of age; and the number between 50 and 60 years of age.
Question put and passed.
5. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the laws regulating Fisheries, so as to reconstitute the Commissioners of Fisheries, and to provide for the representation of licensed fishermen and others upon such Commission, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
6. PAPERS :—
Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Additional regulations under the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report on the recent importation of smallpox by the s.s. "Orooya."
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Amended and new by-laws of the University of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 5th October, 1892,—“Broombee or Mullanuddy Public School.”
7. MCINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Barbour (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petitions presented on the 7th, 15th, 22nd, and 27th September, and 12th October, respectively, in reference to the McIndie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Question put and passed.
8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—
(1.) Mr. J. D. FitzGerald presented a Petition from the Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Burdekin, presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Hawkesbury Electorate, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, no system of Local Option is complete without the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for the confiscation of licenses; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation as aforesaid.
Petition received.
9. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the laws of this Colony for the protection of girls and young women, and for the suppression of open immorality, are totally inadequate for these purposes; and praying the House to pass the Vice Suppression Bill now under consideration :—
(1.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From the Chairman of a Meeting of the Committee of the Sydney Rescue Work Society.
(2.) By Mr. Molesworth—From George Verey and others.
(3.) By Mr. Johnston—From certain Members of the Church of England in Balmain.
(4.) By Mr. Parkes—From the Most Reverend the Primate, Chairman of a Public Meeting assembled at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall in Sydney.
Petitions received.
10. EXTENSION OF THE ELECTORAL FRANCHISE TO WOMEN :—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from certain Residents of New South Wales, stating that it is expedient that the electoral franchise should be extended to women, and that the time is now ripe for such a measure; and praying that the House will take measures to further the object of the Petitioners.
Petition received.
11. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL :—Mr. Crick presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to extend the rights of Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales; and for other purposes in connection therewith,—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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12. RACING ASSOCIATION BILL:—Mr. Crick presented a Bill intituled “*A Bill to define the rights of the people in, and to the use and occupation of, all lands granted, dedicated, or leased to, or otherwise occupied by companies, clubs, or associations for horse-racing purposes; to provide for the establishment of a representative tribunal; to control all matters affecting horse-racing; to repeal in part the Australian Jockey Club Act; and for other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
13. FUNDED STOCK BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sec 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 George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Sec (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Baths at Newcastle and Wollongong:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has any public money been spent at any time at Newcastle and Wollongong for the purpose of erecting swimming baths?
 (2.) If so, how much?
 (3.) Has any public money been spent at any other places for the abovementioned purpose?
 (4.) If so, at what places, and how much respectively?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; at Wollongong.
 (2.) £200.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) Lavender Bay, £350; Manly Beach, £600.

- (2.) Pilotage Rates:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When is it his intention to bring in his promised Bill to reduce the Pilotage Rates of the Colony?

Mr. See answered,—An amended Marine Board Bill, dealing also with Pilotage Rates, has been prepared, and will be introduced shortly.

- (3.) Rodd Island:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) To what purposes is Rodd Island now devoted?
 (2.) Is it intended to permit the Island to be used as a station for the cultivation of the microbes of certain diseases; and if so, of what diseases?
 (3.) Are any animals to be inoculated with the virus of any disease on the Island?
 (4.) What safeguards will be provided against infection and contagion to the general community?
 (5.) Have any objections been made to the establishment of the bacteriological station at Rodd Island?
 (6.) Are there no places in New South Wales, save an island in the centre of a thickly populated locality, suitable for the purposes of a bacteriological station?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) It is being used by M. Pasteur's representatives (Drs. Loir and Momont) for the cultivation of vaccine of anthrax and black-leg. Those gentlemen are also carrying on a series of experiments in regard to pleuro-pneumonia on behalf of the Government of Queensland.
 (2.) Yes; at present anthrax and black-leg.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) The same safeguards as are adopted in other countries under similar circumstances, i.e., all infected animals being destroyed, and material being sterilised by heat.
 (5.) Yes; objections have been received, but not in the main directed against the particular use to which it is put.
 (6.) No doubt there are; but at Rodd Island there is a properly appointed laboratory available, easily accessible from all parts of the Colony, and it is so situated that no risk is incurred in using it for the purpose.

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- (4.) Water from Artesian Bores in Western Districts for Irrigation Purposes:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he caused any inquiries to be made with reference to the suitability of water from artesian bores in the Western District for irrigation purposes?
 - (2.) If so, with what result?
 - (3.) Is it his intention to establish irrigation farms at any of the Government bores?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes; at one of the bores.
 - (2.) At first it was thought neither the water nor the soil was suitable, but in order to place the matter beyond doubt, experiments have been made with certain vegetables, and have proved highly successful. Experiments are being made on a small scale with fodder plants, &c.
 - (3.) No decision has yet been arrived at.
- (5.) Pasteur's Vaccine Lymph:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What quantity of vaccine for inoculation purposes has been prepared at Rodd Island; to whom does it belong; and what becomes of it after it is prepared?
 - (2.) Does the person in charge of the Vaccine Institute at Rodd Island dispose of the vaccine to squatters and stockowners; if so, at what price, and how much has been sold, and to whom?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a measure to make it compulsory on the part of stockowners to inoculate their stock with vaccine?
 - (4.) Upon whose direction or authority was the vaccine laboratory at Rodd Island erected, and at what cost or outlay?
 - (5.) Has a lease of Rodd Island been granted to any person; if so, to whom, for what purpose, for what period, and at what rental?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) The Department is not advised as to the quantity of vaccine prepared. It belongs to M. Pasteur's representatives, and is disposed of to persons requiring it.
 - (2.) Yes; 2d. per sheep and 4d. per head of cattle. No record in the Department of the quantity sold. 200,000 sheep were vaccinated in 1890 and 98,261 in 1891.
 - (3.) The question has not been considered.
 - (4.) In 1888 Rodd Island was set apart by the Lands Department, at the request of the Royal Commission, as a site for experimenting for the extermination of rabbits, and, at the request of the Lands Department, the necessary buildings were erected by the Works Department at a cost of £2,500. (See Report of the Royal Commission, page 136.)
 - (5.) No.
- (6.) Import Duty on Sugar:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an import duty of £5 per ton is imposed upon sugar?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that for some time past the owner of Cudgen, one of the largest sugar plantations in the Tweed district, has been replacing white labour with Kanakas imported from Queensland?
 - (3.) Will he take steps at an early date to introduce a Bill to prevent the entrance into this Colony of Kanakas and other coloured labourers by the imposition of a tax similar to that imposed upon Chinese?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I am not aware, but inquiries are now being made.
 - (3.) This matter is engaging the attention of the Government.
- (7.) Government Contracts:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the general conditions in use during the last thirty years on all Government contracts have been annexed to the published conditions for the 175,000 tons of steel rails contract?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that under these conditions a Government officer has power at any time to override the Works Manager's authority, by exercising the power of dismissal of employees at his own pleasure?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the quantities in which the rails are specified to be delivered would necessitate either the doubling of the manufacturer's plant after three years working, in order to fulfil the remaining two years of the contract, or else the laying down at the first of a plant so large that it could be only half employed during the first three years of the contract?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that both or either of these stipulations will effectually prevent reliable firms from tendering for the contract, and depositing the called for sum of £15,000 as security?
 - (5.) Who is the officer of the Public Works Department responsible for the drafting of this contract?
 - (6.) Will he take prompt steps to advise the Agent-General by cable, and authorise him to accept tenders with such saving clauses, as the experience and knowledge of the tenderers may show to be necessary?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) They are practically the same, as they are of general application to all contracts.
 - (2.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Railways has power to do so, but this would only be exercised in extreme cases, through the contractor or his agent. It is a proviso inserted as a necessary safeguard, and it has never, so far as I am aware, been questioned in any way, nor caused friction.
 - (3.) A progressive rate of delivery is provided. The clause reads as follows:—"During the first three years of the currency of the contract, commencing from the time aforesaid, the delivery of the said rails shall be at the rate of twenty-five thousand tons per annum, and during the last two years of this agreement the residue of the said rails shall be delivered at the rate of fifty thousand tons per annum, in such quantities and at such times as the Minister for Public Works shall determine." It is for the contractor to decide what plant is required to provide for these conditions.
 - (4.) Not that I am aware.
 - (5.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
 - (6.) This is not necessary.

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- (8.) RECENT APPOINTMENTS OF MAGISTRATES:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) How many gentlemen have been appointed to the Commission of the Peace during this month?
 (2.) What fee is payable by newly appointed Justices on being sworn in?
 (3.) By what rule or law, and by whom framed, are these charges demanded?
 (4.) To whom are these fees actually paid?
 (5.) What are the full emoluments this officer or (if more than one) these officers now receive?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 708.
 (2.) If before a Judge of the Supreme Court, £1 6s.; if under writ of *deditus potestatem*, £1 11s.
 (3.) Under rules of Court and schedule of fees thereunder, framed by the Judges and confirmed by Parliament.
 (4 and 5.) The fees are paid into the Treasury as consolidated revenue.

- (9.) PROPOSED SWIMMING CLASS FOR BOYS:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Has he given any instructions to the head masters of the Balmain and Leichhardt Schools in reference to the proposed swimming class for boys?
 (2.) If not, when will the instructions be given?

Mr. Suttor answered,—It is not my intention to establish a class to teach swimming. I simply propose to encourage boys to learn to swim by giving them a certificate, when they can satisfy the Department that they have acquired the art of swimming.

2. FUNDED STOCK BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. See, read a third time and passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th October, 1892.*

3. SITE FOR PUBLIC BATHS AT LAVENDER BAY, NORTH SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, reports, minutes, and other documents in connection with applications for site for public baths at Lavender Bay by the North Sydney Borough Council and by Mr. Halstead.

Question put and passed.

4. CORONERS COURT 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 Coroners Juries,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th October, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.

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

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

(1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses; and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.

- (1.) By Dr. Hollis—From the Presiding Officer of the Sons of Temperance, at Goulburn.
 (2.) By Mr. Reid—From the Presiding Officer of the St. John's, Darlinghurst, Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. McMillan presented a Petition from Edward J. H. Knapp, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Domain, representing that the meeting views with indignation the proposal to compensate publicans, should the people veto the renewal of their licenses; that such a proposal will impose extra burdens upon the people; and praying the House to pass the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill as originally proposed.

Petition received.

Mr. Barbour (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.

Question put and passed.

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7. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the laws of this Colony for the protection of girls and young women, and for the suppression of open immorality, are totally inadequate for these purposes; and praying the House to pass the Vice Suppression Bill now under consideration:—
 (1.) By Mr. Cullen—From Members of the Temperance and Morality Committee appointed by the Congregational Union of New South Wales.
 (2.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From Samuel Wilkinson, Chairman of a Meeting of the Committee of the Association for the Promotion of Morality and Social Purity.
 Petitions received.
8. PAPERS:—Mr. Suttor laid upon Table,—
 (1.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888 of land for a Public High School for Girls at West Maitland.
 (2.) Notifications of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888 of land for Public School purposes at Clifton, Eveleigh, Martin's Creek, Spaniard's Hill, Townsend, Mowenbah Lower, Berima, and Hoskinson's Creek.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. G. D. Clark rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order, No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, abuses in connection with the administration of our licensing laws.” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
 Mr. Clark moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS 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.
11. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of postal notes, and for the exemption of the same from stamp duty; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of postal notes, and for the exemption of the same from stamp duty; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 On motion of Mr. Kidd, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Persons travelling in Public Vehicles suffering from Infectious Diseases:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a Bill at an early date making it a criminal offence for persons to travel in railway carriages, or other public conveyances, suffering from scarlet fever, erysipelas, or other infectious diseases, unless under proper precautions?

Mr. See answered,—I am given to understand that a Bill, dealing with this subject, is now engaging the attention of my honorable colleague, the Colonial Secretary.

- (2.) Site for Sewerage Farm at Duck Creek:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Public Works Committee having reported against the site purchased by the Government for the sewerage farm at Duck Creek, what action do the Government intend taking so as to have the necessary works carried out for the preservation of the health of the inhabitants?

Mr. See answered,—My honorable colleague has not yet had time to deal with this matter, but will do so at an early date.

- (3.) Sale of Crown Lands:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of acres of Crown lands, in blocks of 40 acres and over, advertised to be offered for sale by auction during the month of September?

(2.) The number of acres submitted for sale?

(3.) The number of acres sold?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Area advertised for sale, 77,821 acres 1 rood 18 perches.

(2.) Area submitted for sale, 65,723 acres 0 roods 22 perches.

(3.) Area sold, 20,863 acres 3 roods 11 perches.

- (4.) Sale of Crown Lands:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of acres of Crown lands, in blocks of 40 acres and over, advertised to be offered for sale by auction on 19th October?

(2.) The number of acres submitted for sale?

(3.) The number of acres sold?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Area advertised for sale, 47,098 acres 1 rood 20 perches.

(2.) Area submitted for sale, 36,524 acres 1 rood 20 perches.

(3.) Area sold, 5,283 acres 2 roods.

- (5.) Pasteur's Vaccine Lymph:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) For the information of the public will he obtain from his officers an explanation on what physiological and therapeutic principle the inoculation of stock with a cultivated vaccine or virus is carried out in the treatment of Cumberland disease, black-leg, pleuro, tuberculosis, &c., and in what way this alleged vaccine specific operates in effecting a cure of diseases of stock?

(2.) Will he also obtain from his officers a statement showing what effect inoculation with cultivated vaccine has upon animals that are healthy compared with those that are diseased, or if the operation of inoculation acts alike on the same principle in both cases, viz., the healthy and unhealthy?

(3.) If the theory of inoculating stock with a certain cultivated vaccine acts as alleged, as an infallible specific against Cumberland disease, black-leg, pleuro, tuberculosis, &c., will the Government see, in the interest of suffering humanity, that steps are taken to have a so-called cultivated vaccine or virus of leprosy, cancer, typhoid, diphtheria, syphilis, cholera, and snake-bite poison also prepared?

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prepared at Rodd Island under the guidance of his scientific officers, as a remedy against the fatal effect of these diseases in the human family on the principle (and which is now being practised in the treatment of diseases of stock) that "like cures like"?

(4.) If the principle of inoculating stock with vaccine is not applicable to diseases belonging to the human family, will his officers explain in what way the etiology of disease differs in the two cases, and on what physiological or therapeutic law the alleged inoculation vaccine specific takes effect in the one case and not in the other?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) As stated in my reply to a Question by the Honorable Member for Molong, on the 13th instant, the object of vaccination is to give immunity from infection, not to cure.

(2.) Inoculation would not be performed upon unhealthy animals.

(3.) Experiments by this Department have been confined to the lower order of animals only.

(4.) This is answered by answer to Question No. 3.

(6.) Australian Banking Company Conspiracy Cases :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) What amount of fees on behalf of the Crown have been paid in connection with the Australian Banking Company conspiracy cases?

(2.) To whom have the fees been paid?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I must respectfully decline to give any answer to these Questions whilst similar cases against some of the persons lately tried are still pending, and while the charge to which the Honorable Member's Questions have reference remains undisposed of.

(7.) Cemetery at Tenterfield :—*Mr. Lee* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has a code of regulations for the better management of the Presbyterian and Wesleyan portions of the general cemetery, Tenterfield, been submitted for approval, and what is the date of same?

(2.) Has the approval of same been withheld, and for what reason?

(3.) Is it a fact that serious inconvenience is caused to Cemetery Trustees for want of proper authority, and will he expedite the preparation of a general code of regulations for all denominational burial-grounds?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Rules and regulations for the better management of the Presbyterian and Wesleyan portions of the general cemetery, Tenterfield, purporting to have been made under the Necropolis Act (which does not refer to the cemetery in question), were received in the Department on the 13th August, 1891.

(2.) The Parliamentary Draftsman has been asked to draft a model set of rules and regulations for the denominational portions of country cemeteries, and pending the completion thereof, the rules in question have not been submitted for approval, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 23rd ultimo.

(3.) I am not aware.

(8.) Police Magistrate at Moree :—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any one yet been appointed to fill the position of P.M. at Moree, *vice* Mr. Oslear transferred; and, if so, when will the duties of the office be resumed?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that Mr. D. E. Troughton, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Campbelltown, has been appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moree. Mr. Troughton will take up the duties of his new office without any unnecessary delay.

(9.) Police Magistrate at Warialda :—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to the reappointment of a resident Police Magistrate at Warialda?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the matter is now under consideration.

(10.) Railway from Narrabri to Moree :—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to include the line from Narrabri to Moree amongst the railway proposals to be submitted to the House for reference to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. See answered,—My honorable colleague the Minister for Works is personally in favour of this extension, and informs me that it is his intention to submit the proposal to the Cabinet in connection with the railway policy of the Government.

(11.) Local Government Bill :—*Mr. Sheldon* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider the advisability of creating authority, in the proposed Local Government Bill, to prevent the erection of unsanitary dwellings within town boundaries similar to that provided in sections 30, 31, 32 of City of Sydney Improvement Bill?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The suggestion made by the Honorable Member will be considered by the Government.

(12.) King-street to Ocean-street Cable Tramway :—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it intended to make the terminus of the King-street to Ocean-street cable tramway at Sussex-street, Sydney, or is it intended to extend the tramway to Day-street, so as to meet the ferry traffic from Balmain and the Parramatta River?

(2.) If this latter extension is intended, when will the necessary steps be taken to carry out such extension?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As soon as it can be reasonably arranged.

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- (13.) Pastoral Leases in Central Division :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Can he state when the pastoral leases in the Central Division will terminate; if not, will he get the opinion of the Crown Law officers?
 (2.) Does he intend to give two years' notice, as provided in section 78, sub-section (iv), of the Land Act of 1884, that no extension will be given?
 (3.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Crown Law officers as to whether the 43rd section of the Land Act of 1889 gives pastoral lessees any right of extension of lease, if the two years' notice, as provided by section 78, sub-section (iv), has been given?
 (4.) Will he have information procured at as early a date as possible, and place it before Parliament?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) On July 10th and 30th, August 4th, September 7th, and October 13th, 1895.
 (2.) This involves a question of policy, about which no definite decision has yet been arrived at by the Government.
 (3 and 4.) The opinion of the Attorney-General has already been obtained, but it is not customary to lay these documents on the Table.

- (14.) Rodd Island, Parramatta River :—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence, dating from the year 1859, between any and all Ministers of the Crown and Mr. B. C. Rodd, of Five Dock, and any other persons in connection with the sale or alienation or reservation of an island in Long Cove, Parramatta River, now called Rodd Island, and all reports, minutes, notations, and all other papers or matters concerning or relating to such correspondence, &c., and concerning the alienation, reservation, uses, or proposed uses of such Island?

Mr. See answered,—There will be no objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the papers required, if moved for in the usual manner.

- (15.) Sewerage Farm at Duck Creek for Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount paid by the Government for the land at Duck Creek, intended for a sewerage farm for Parramatta?
 (2.) The amount expended on the same up to date?
 (3.) The amount expended for all other works in connection with the sewerage farm?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) £5,846 11s. 1d. for resumption of land.
 (2.) Nothing has been expended on the farm.
 (3.) £1,084 4s. has been expended on fascine-work at this place.

2. MARINE BOARD RECONSTRUCTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Davis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Marine Board Reconstruction Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 31st January.

3. SALE OF CROWN LANDS SITUATED SOUTH OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all moneys received from the sale of Crown lands situated south of the Murrumbidgee River.

Question put and passed.

4. SURVEY OF RESERVES CONTIGUOUS TO THE PUNT CROSSING-PLACE AT TOCUMWAL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all papers in connection with the recent survey of reserves contiguous to the punt crossing-place at Tocumwal, on the river Murray.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Church of England Property Act of 1889 Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—

- (1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide :—
 (1.) By Mr. Garrard—From the Baptist Union of New South Wales in annual session assembled.
 (2.) By Mr. Wright—From the Presiding Officer of No. 19 Northern Star Tent, at Glen Innes.
 Petitions received.
- (2.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that in the opinion of the Petitioners no system of Local Option is complete without the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for the confiscation of licenses; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation as aforesaid :—
 (1.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor—From certain adult male members of Parramatta.
 (2.) By Mr. Sharp—From certain male adult members of Redfern.
 (3.) By Mr. Molesworth—From certain adult male members of Newtown.
 Petitions received.

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(3.) Mr. Eve presented a Petition from Thomas Roseby, M.A., LL.D., Chairman at a Public Meeting of the residents of Marrickville, representing that the meeting regards with satisfaction the introduction of a Local Option Bill, giving the people their undoubted right to either reduce or prohibit the traffic in intoxicating liquors within prescribed districts without compensation, and praying the House to favourably consider the premises, with a view of granting the relief asked for.
Petition received.

7. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—

(1.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the laws of this Colony for the protection of girls and young women, and for the suppression of open immorality, are totally inadequate for these purposes; and praying the House to pass the Vice Suppression Bill now under consideration:—
(1.) By Mr. Lees—From Richard Bennetts, Chairman of a Meeting of the Sydney City Mission.
(2.) By Mr. Garrard—From the Baptists Union of New South Wales, in annual session assembled.
(3.) By Mr. Molesworth—From the Most Reverend the Primate, Chairman of the Social Reform Committee, appointed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney.
Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Hindle presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing that the age provided by the present law of the Colony at which a girl may consent to her seduction is too low, and praying the House to pass the Vice Suppression Bill.
Petition received.

8. SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the Baptist Union of New South Wales, in annual session assembled, representing that Petitioners deplore the alarming prevalence of betting and gambling, and urging that stringent legislation be adopted to repress the evil; that not only should the law against totalisators be more effectually enforced, but that the gigantic "sweeps" that are carried on should be stopped; that the Post Office should not be used for transmitting sweep tickets; that the publication of all betting information in newspapers and other forms should be strictly prohibited; and praying the House to take such measures as in its wisdom it may deem best to carry out the above objects.
Petition received.

PAPERS:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 25th November, 1891,—“Civil Service Pensions and Leave of Absence.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 6th October, 1892—“Statues proposed to be put in Martin-place.”
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Report of the Executive Commissioner on the Tasmanian Exhibition held at Launceston, during 1891-2.

10. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACTS AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dowel 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. Dowel, 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. Dowel (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

11. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this “Bill” be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Wall invited Mr. Speaker's attention to several clauses of this Bill, especially to clause 12, providing for the right of re-entry upon premises by owner or lessor, and clause 13, providing that no action, &c., shall be maintainable for rent of premises used as a brothel, which he, Mr. Wall, considered were outside the order of leave.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker read to the House the rules which should be observed in the preparation of Bills, and decided that these rules had not been transgressed, and that the leave given to bring in a Bill “for the better suppression of vice” completely covered the clauses referred to, which were clearly designed to carry out the objects of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Morton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “Bill,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “be referred to a Select Committee, “with power to send for persons and papers, for inquiry and report.”

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barton, Mr. Neild, Mr. Ewing, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Wall “Mr. McMillan, Mr. Crick, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Lees, and the Mover.”

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.

Main Question,—

(1.) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for inquiry and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barton, Mr. Neild, Mr. Ewing, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Wall, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Crick, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Lees, and the Mover,—put and passed.

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12. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Walker 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. Walker, 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. Walker the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:

(1.) Bridge over Yarramunmun Creek, Yalwal:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to accept the tender received some months back for the erection of a bridge over the Yarramunmun Creek, Yalwal?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, as soon as the transfer of the land required for the approaches is completed, which is now being arranged.

(2.) Non-attendance of Children at School:—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that parents whose children do not attend school are very seldom prosecuted, but that those whose children are absent a few days short of the minimum period for attendance are invariably punished?

(2.) Will he consider the advisableness of cancelling the appointments of truant officers with a view to having the work more efficiently carried out by the teachers, in conjunction with the police?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) All children, whether attending Public Schools or not, are dealt with under the compulsory clauses of the Public Instruction Act, when found to be defaulters.

(2.) I do not consider it advisable to make any change in existing arrangements while the Public Instruction Act remains as it is.

(3.) Proposed New Public Wharves, White Bay, Balmain:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works—

(1.) Have any instructions been given about surveying for the proposed new public wharves about to be erected at the reclamation works, White Bay, Balmain?

(2.) If not, when will the necessary instructions be given?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I cannot give a definite reply to this Question just at present.

(4.) Appointment of Inspectors under Diseased Meat Bill:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any inspectors been appointed under the Diseased Meat Bill (recently passed) at the following slaughter-yards:—Rookwood, Strathearn, Riverstone, Druitt Town, Narrandera, Aberdeen?

(2.) If not, will inquiry be made as to how the inspection (if any) is carried out at the above-mentioned slaughter-yards?

Mr. Kidd answered,—An Inspector has been appointed at each of the places mentioned by the Honorable Member.

(5.) Proposed Railway to Walgett and Coonabarabran:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it intended to submit any new lines of railway for consideration, in addition to those now before the Public Works Committee?

(2.) If so, will consideration be given to the claims of Walgett and Coonabarabran for railway communication?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is a matter which will have to be decided by the Cabinet, but, in the event of any new lines being considered, the claims of Walgett and Coonabarabran will not be overlooked.

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(6.) Bombo Quarries:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Were the Bombo Quarries purchased by the Railway Commissioners?
- (2.) What was the amount paid for them?
- (3.) Is it a fact that these quarries are now shut up; if so, why?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The lease of the Bombo Quarries, together with the plant and machinery, was purchased by the Railway Commissioners.

(2.) The amount paid was £18,159.

(3.) The quarries are temporarily closed, consequent on the ending of the co-operative agreement under which the same was worked, and pending the completion by the quarrymen of a fresh agreement.

(7.) Reballasting of Portions of Western Line:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some portions of the Western Railway Line are being relaid and reballasted?
- (2.) Why is this being done?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am informed that some portions of the Western Line are being relaid where it is necessary to be done, and it is being done in the ordinary course of renewals.

(8.) Public Documents Left in Possession of Mr. Smith:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that public documents are left in the possession of Mr. Robert Smith, solicitor?
- (2.) If so, why are such documents left in his possession?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Mr. Robert Smith is the Acting Solicitor for Railways, and, in the ordinary course of business, papers are necessarily sent to him to advise or act thereon where legal action or advice is required.

(9.) Tests of Steel Rails:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any tests been made of steel rails recently imported?
- (2.) If so, by whom were the tests made?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the results of such tests, together with the names of the makers of such rails?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am informed that a quantity of steel rails, ordered some time since, are undergoing test before acceptance. It is not considered expedient to publish results of tests, which are confidential reports of experts.

(10.) Tramway Extension, South Side of Western Road, Balmain West:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the names of the original owners of property resumed by the Government for the purpose of tramway extension on the south side of Western Road, Balmain West?
- (2.) The date of such resumptions by the Government?
- (3.) The price paid to each person?
- (4.) Have those claims been signed by the power of attorney?
- (5.) If so, the name of the attorney?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Matilda Symons.
- (2.) 11th May, 1891.
- (3.) £1,696.

(4 and 5.) No; the claim was signed by, and the money has been paid to, Matilda Symons.

(11.) Appointment of President of Hunter River Water Supply Board:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who was appointed President of the Hunter River Water Supply Board?
- (2.) What is the salary of such President?
- (3.) Who appointed him?
- (4.) Who is the President of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board?
- (5.) What is his salary?
- (6.) Who appointed him?
- (7.) Which of the two offices is the most important in point of revenue collected and expenditure to be controlled, and in general administration?
- (8.) Why was not a Civil Servant appointed to the position of President of the Hunter River Water Board in like manner as a Civil Servant was appointed President of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Honorable A. Brown.

(2.) £500 per annum.

(3.) The Governor-in-Council.

(4.) C. W. Darley, Esquire, Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers.

(5.) £500 per annum as President of the Metropolitan Board of Water and Sewerage.

(6.) The Governor-in-Council.

(7.) Sydney; so far as revenue and expenditure are concerned. In the case of the Hunter District Board, it was necessary to select a gentleman of known ability, as a new Department had to be organised, entailing a large amount of labour, and necessitating very considerable experience in commercial matters. In the case of the initiation of the Metropolitan Board, a gentleman was selected at a salary of £1,000 per annum, but that Department is now in good working order, and there is not the same necessity for supervision on the part of the President as there was at first, and is now the case at Newcastle.

(8.) Because the services of no Civil Servant of sufficient standing for this important position were available at Newcastle.

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- (12.) Mineral Leases :—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any company holding a mineral lease been given power to sublet any portion of such lease for other than mining purposes, or have any leases been issued giving such power?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No; except that in one instance, some time ago it is thought, permission was given to allow a building on one of the leases to be used by the Miners' Association. No leases have been issued giving power to sublet for other than mining purposes.

- (13.) Report on Lead Poison in Silver-lead Mines :—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the board appointed to inquire into the effects of lead poison upon those working in and about silver-lead mines completed its work; if so, will he lay a copy of the Report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The proceedings of the Board were stopped by the strike, and they cannot be resumed until legal proceedings, in which a member of the Board is interested, have been brought to a conclusion.

- (14.) Land Reserved for Irrigation Purposes near Menindie :—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large area of land has been reserved near Menindie for irrigation purposes?

(2.) Is it a fact that such land has been granted to a private company; if so, on what terms?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) An area of about 25,000 acres was reserved from lease for irrigation on the 23rd July, 1892.

(2.) No.

- (15.) Tunnel at Lapstone Hill :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the grade and length of the tunnel at Lapstone Hill, on the western railway, and when is it likely to be opened for traffic?

(2.) Are any provisions being made for the ventilation of the tunnel in the shape of air-shafts?

(3.) Without suitable air-shafts, is there any risk of the engine-driver, fireman, or passengers being suffocated from the smoke or heated state of the air, when the train is passing through in warm weather; and will he see that the necessary steps are taken to prevent such a contingency occurring before the tunnel is opened?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the length of the Lapstone Hill Tunnel is 31½ chains, and the grade 1 in 33. It will probably be completed by the 1st December next.

(2 and 3.) There will be no ventilating-shaft; the tunnel is not a long one, and the current of air passing through the tunnel should provide sufficient ventilation.

- (16.) Laboratory, Technical College :—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is the laboratory in connection with the electric department of the Technical College completed?

(2.) If so, why is it not open for the students?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (17.) City and Eastern Suburbs Railway Extension :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any decision been arrived at respecting the extension of the railway into the city and to the eastern suburbs?

(2.) If not, when is such extension likely to be decided upon and announced to the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I cannot at present give any definite date, but the matter will be dealt with by the Cabinet when the Railway policy of the Government is being considered.

- (18.) Lyons and Farrelly v. Erwin :—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the trustees of the late P. Farrelly paid into the Equity Court the share of John Joseph Farrelly; what was the amount, and on what date was it paid in?

(2.) Has the money been paid out, and to whom, on what date, and what amount?

(3.) What balance is now in Court, and to whom is it payable?

(4.) Is it a fact that F. T. Humphery, Esq., certified to any amounts received *re* suit Lyons and Farrelly v. Erwin?

(5.) What are the amounts so certified to?

(6.) Did the Master-in-Equity give any certificate by direction of His Honor Sir William M. Manning?

(7.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence in reference to the above?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am requested by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice to refer the Honorable Member to an answer given to him upon this subject on 8th ultimo, which appears to apply now asked in this matter.

- (19.) Floating Baths in Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who gave permission for the erection of floating baths in Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour?

(2.) The name of the lessee?

(3.) What rent per annum will he pay, and what is the term of lease?

(4.) Did the application go through the usual course, and if not, why not?

(5.) Did the Public Works Department report upon the matter; if so, was it in favour or against the lease?

(6.) Has he any objections to lay upon the Table of this House all papers connected therewith?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The Minister for Lands, on the report of the Land Board.
- (2.) Frederick Cavill.
- (3.) Twenty pounds (£20) per annum; the lease to be for one year, with right of renewal for a further term of five years, subject to the Minister's approval of such renewal, prior to the expiration of the first year's tenure.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes; the Works Department saw no objection to the issue of the lease.
- (6.) There will be no objection, if the papers are moved for in the usual manner.

2. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Barton*, for Sir George Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Land Boilers Inspection Bill," forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the inspection and regulation of steam boilers on land; the examination of persons in charge of the same, and the granting of certificates to such persons; to define the duties and liabilities of the owners of such boilers; to make provision for the holding of inquiries into accidents caused by the explosion of such boilers; and for other purposes incidental to the objects aforesaid,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

3. TRADE UNION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Trade Union Act Amendment Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 31st January.

4. RODD ISLAND (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Darnley* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all correspondence, dating from the year 1859, between any and all Ministers of the Crown and Mr. B. C. Rodd, of Five Dock, and any other persons, in connection with the sale or alienation or reservation of an island in Long Cove, Parramatta River, now called Rodd Island, and all reports, minutes, notations, and all other papers or matters concerning or relating to such correspondence, &c., and concerning the alienation, reservation, uses, or proposed uses of such Island.

Question put and passed.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF A MODEL FARM, OR FARMS, IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence reports, minutes, and other documents in reference to the establishment of a model farm, or farms, in the western district.

Question put and passed.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUSTRALIAN STOCK INSTITUTE AT RODD ISLAND (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, correspondence, reports, minutes, and other documents, having reference to the establishment of an Australian Stock Institute at Rodd Island, for the purpose (it is alleged) of preparing the vaccine or virus of diseases—such as Cumberland disease, black-leg, pleuro-pneumonia, tuberculosis, &c.—to be used for inoculation purposes.

Question put and passed.

7. MR. BENJAMIN LEE, STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Parkes*, for Mr. Tonkin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The total number of cases heard before Mr. Benjamin Lee, S.M., since his appointment as Deputy S.M., distinguishing the Small Debts Division cases from others.
 - (2.) The number of prohibitions applied for against convictions by Mr. Lee, giving the number of prohibitions refused or granted respectively.
 - (3.) The time that Mr. Lee has acted in the absence of one or both of his colleagues, and thus has had double work cast upon him.
 - (4.) The number of warrants issued against Carraway (and his partner Davorell), the defendant in the case Fisher v. Carraway out of the Police Offices of Sydney and suburbs; for what offences; by whom issued in each instance; and what was done under each warrant.

Question put and passed.

8. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Alfred Allen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a new Standing Order should be prepared and adopted providing that the Speaker shall decide whether any subject forming the basis of a motion for adjournment of the House, under the 15th Standing Order, is of such urgent public importance as to justify such motion for adjournment being submitted to the House; the decision of the Speaker being subject to an immediate appeal (without debate) to the House in case the Speaker declines to submit the Motion, if the member proposing such Motion for adjournment ask for such appeal.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Suttor, Mr. Donald,
 Mr. Barton, Mr. John Wilkinson.
 Mr. Dickens, *Tellers,*
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Kidd, Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Slattery, Mr. Waddell.
 Mr. Hoyle,
 Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Melville,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. York,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Perry,
 Dr. Cullen,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Hayes,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Morgan,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Booth,

Noes, 52.

Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Chanter,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Danahey,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Dole,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Dr. Hollis,
 Mr. Williams,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Chapman,

Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Bavister,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Darbley,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Newton,
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Rose,
Tellers,
 Mr. Traill,
 Mr. Lees.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. WILLoughby AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACTS AMENDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Dowel, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887' and 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act.'*" Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887' and 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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10. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Walker, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Walker then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to lessen the cost of Litigation.*" 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 lessen the cost of Litigation,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1892.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amending Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 8th November.
 (2.) Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 17th January.
 (3.) Labour Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales, and for purposes connected therewith;—until Tuesday, 14th February.

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

(1.) Matrimonial Causes Procedure Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law and Practice in the Matrimonial and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and to validate certain proceedings therein,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

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

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

(2.)

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(2.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this Day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878, and for other purposes,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 26th October, 1892.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Omit "1891" insert "1893."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday, 8th November.

13. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. McMillan, presented a Petition from the Chairman of the Committee of the Sydney Female Refuge, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the laws of this Colony for the protection of girls and young women, and for the suppression of open immorality, are totally inadequate for these purposes; and praying the House to pass the Vice Suppression Bill now under consideration.
Petition received.

14. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

- (1.) Mr. Danahey presented a Petition from the Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Burwood, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.

- (2.) The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners view with indignation the proposal to compensate publicans, should the people veto the renewal of their licenses; that such a proposal will impose extra burdens upon the people; and praying the House to pass the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill as originally proposed.
(1.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From Joseph Morris, Chairman of a Public Meeting of residents of Molong.
(2.) By Mr. Young—From the Good Templars of Kendall and Laurieton.
Petitions received.

15. PAPERS:—*Mr. Lyne* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 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 the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and section 41 of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Cotton* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15 respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing a definite question of urgent public importance, viz., the necessity for such a change in the basis of assessment of rentals paid by Crown tenants in this Colony as shall secure to such tenants the right of property in improvements effected by them upon Crown Lands."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Cotton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

17. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—*Mr. Newman* presented a Petition from certain residents in the District of Orange, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.

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18. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS 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,—

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Loan Expenditure:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) With reference to the announcement that the present Government intend to limit loan expenditure to an annual rate of £1,000,000, or £1,500,000, what is the probable period of supply, if any, named in the advertisement calling for tenders for 175,000 tons of steel rails?

(2.) How many miles of new railway line would these 175,000 tons be sufficient for?

(3.) How many miles of line were constructed in the year 1891; and the cost?

(4.) How many miles have been constructed this year to 30th June; and the cost?

Mr. See answered,—A Return is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House in a few days.

(2.) Inquests and *Post Mortems*:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The number of inquests held during the first six months of 1892?

(2.) The number of inquests in which *post-mortem* examinations were held; and the names of the medical gentlemen who performed such *post-mortems* in each case?

(3.) The cost of such *post-mortems* in each case?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the information asked for can be more conveniently furnished in the shape of a Return, which will be presently laid upon the Table.

(3.) Granting of Auctioneers' Licenses at Young:—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was there a special meeting of the District Bench of Magistrates called at Young on the 6th September, 1892, for granting auctioneers' licenses?

(2.) How many of the magistrates on the roll for the district were summoned to attend on that occasion?

(3.) If not all of them, how many; and for what reasons were they not all summoned?

(4.) What are the instructions (if any) that are given to the Clerk of Petty Sessions or Police officers at Young by the Police Magistrate for ensuring the attendance of Justices of the Peace during his absence from time to time?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—I am informed by the Police Magistrate, Young, as follows:—

(1.) On the 6th ultimo a meeting of the Bench was summoned for hearing a special application for an auctioneer's license.

(2.) All the magistrates residing in Young were requested to attend, with one exception. Mr. Broughton, who is usually out of town, was not communicated with. He, however, attended the meeting.

(3.) Seven magistrates were asked to attend the meeting, and five of these were present, who, with the Police Magistrate and Mr. Broughton, made seven in attendance. It has not been usual to ask the country justices to attend the hearings of special applications for auctioneers' licenses.

(4.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions at Young is under instructions to secure the attendance of magistrates to adjudicate during the absence from head quarters of the Police Magistrate, and such instructions are duly attended to:

(4.)

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- (16.) Pasteur's Vaccine Lymph, Rodd Island :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Are the representatives of Pasteur now in possession of Rodd Island ; if so, for what purposes ?
 (2.) Are these persons British subjects ?
 (3.) Has the Government any officer on the island to see that proper precautions are taken to prevent contagion and otherwise to safeguard the public health ?
 (4.) What rent is being paid by Pasteur's representatives for the use of Rodd Island ?
 (5.) Are Pasteur's representatives making any charge to the public using the vaccine prepared by them on Rodd Island, or are they working simply from a love of science and to assist this Colony ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; and the purpose for which they are so is stated in my reply to the Honorable Member on the 20th instant.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) There is a caretaker on the island. Occasional visits are made by the Chief and other Inspectors of Stock, and also by the Government Veterinarian when necessary.
 (4.) No rent is paid. I stated so on the 13th instant in reply to a Question by the Honorable Member for Molong.
 (5.) Yes ; and particulars of the charge were also given by me on the 13th instant. The charges to pastoralists have been reduced at the instance of the Department of Mines and Agriculture in view of the facilities afforded by the use of Rodd Island.

- (17.) Transfer of Vernon Boys to the "Sobraon" :—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When are the Vernon boys to be transferred to the "Sobraon" ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The ship has not yet been handed over to my Department, but I am informed by the Public Works Department that the probabilities are that the boys will be transferred in about ten days.

- (18.) Loans Accounts :—Mr. Danahey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is there any truth in the statement that moneys have been taken from the Loans Accounts for the purpose of paying the interests upon other loans ?
 (2.) If so, what are the dates on which the payments were made, and the amounts ?
 (3.) What Loans Accounts were the moneys taken from ?
 (4.) Upon what Loans Accounts were such moneys paid ?

Mr. See answered,—The interest on all loans is paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

- (19.) Customs Duties on Sugar :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the answer given to Mr. Perry on the 31st August last, in the matter of duties collected on refined sugar, has he taken the necessary steps to collect the full amount of duty, £6 13s. 4d. per ton ; if not, when does he propose to deal with the matter ?

Mr. See answered,—At present I am only in a position to inform the Honorable Member that the duty on refined sugar is being collected in terms of the Tariff Act. I gave the Honorable Member, Mr. McCourt, a complete answer to similar questions a few days ago in the matter of refined sugar, and as to how the duty is assessed.

- (20.) Architect for Sydney Hospital Buildings—Arbitrators for Crown in cases of land resumed for Railway purposes :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who is the architect of the Sydney Hospital Buildings ?
 (2.) What Minister nominated him ?
 (3.) Who was the umpire or arbitrator for the Crown in the Culcairn to Corowa Railway land cases ?
 (4.) What Minister nominated him ?
 (5.) Who was the arbitrator for the Crown in the Lismore to Tweed land cases ?
 (6.) Have there been arbitrations in any other cases of land resumptions in connection with the Public Works Department during the last twelve months ?
 (7.) If so, who has been appointed arbitrator for the Crown ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John H. Kirkpatrick.
 (2.)
 (3.) Mr. John H. Kirkpatrick, arbitrator.
 (4.) The Minister for Works.
 (5.) Mr. J. H. Kirkpatrick.

(6 and 7.) Yes. Nyngan to Cobar, three cases, T. F. Waller, arbitrator ; Kiama to Nowra, two cases, T. F. Waller, arbitrator ; Milson's Point, one case, T. F. Waller, arbitrator ; and one, Milson's Point, John H. Kirkpatrick, arbitrator.

- (21.) Mr. Waller, Land Valuator :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Waller, who acts for the Government in many valuation and arbitration cases, a Civil Servant ?
 (2.) If not, when was he first employed by this Government ; and in what capacity ?
 (3.) Has he ever been appointed a Royal Commissioner ; if so, by what Ministry ?
 (4.) What fees were paid to him as such Commissioner ?
 (5.) How often has he been employed by the Government since the present Ministry came into office ; and in what particular matters ?
 (6.) What fees have been paid to him in respect of these last matters ?
 (7.) What fees are still due to him ?
 (8.) Has Mr. Waller been employed to value land resumed by the Crown ?

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(9.) Has a Mr. Siever, who until recently acted as assistant valuator, been dispensed with ; if so, on what grounds ?

(10.) Why was Mr. Waller employed as valuator on the part of the Crown ?

(11.) Is he still so employed ; if not, when was he last employed, and in what case ?

Mr. See answered.—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House as soon as possible.

(22.) Travelling Allowances to Police Sergeants and Constables :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the promise made during the debate on the last Estimates, has he made provision for sergeants and constables receiving a fair travelling allowance ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The Inspector General of Police informs me that the Superintendents of Police are instructed, when considering claims for travelling allowances, to see that the police receive a reasonable amount to recoup them for necessary extra expenses when absent from their stations. A special additional allowance has been granted to police engaged in collecting Electoral Lists, and also Stock and Crop Statistical Returns.

(23.) Post and Telegraph Office at Dalmorton :—*Mr. Kirkpatrick* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the building now in use as a telegraph office at Dalmorton is rented from the person who acts as post and telegraph master ?

(2.) What rent is being paid ?

(3.) Is it a fact that a suitable building was offered rent free for twelve months and accepted ?

(4.) For what reason was the alteration made after every preparation had been completed to open the telegraph office in the building that had been offered rent free ?

(5.) Is it a fact that the person who offered the building was put to a great deal of trouble and expense by the action of the Department ?

(6.) Is it a fact that the person holding the office of post and telegraph master has lately had several charges preferred against him, and have such charges been investigated by Mr. Warden Clarke ?

(7.) Is he aware of the result of such investigations ; if so will he state them ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1 and 2.) The building at present used is provided by the postmaster, free of rent.

(3.) The building offered rent free for twelve months as a telegraph office was accepted by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, but it was found unsuitable for the combined purpose of a post and telegraph office.

(4.) For the purpose of amalgamating the post and telegraph offices, a step which was decided on in the public interest.

(5.) Not that I am aware of.

(6 and 7.) No intimation has reached me on the subject, but I am making inquiry.

(24.) Mining Registrar at Dalmorton :—*Mr. Kirkpatrick* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Mining Registrar at Dalmorton holds several mining interests, in contravention of the 12th section of the Mining Act ?

(2.) Have the several charges made against this officer and investigated by Mr. Warden Clarke been proved ; if so, what action does he intend to take in the matter ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The question has not been determined yet.

(2.) Yes ; and the warden's report and evidence are now being dealt with.

(25.) Appointment of President of the Hunter River Water Supply Board :—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the Honorable A. Brown, who has been appointed President of the Hunter River Water Supply Board, a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales ?

(2.) Upon what terms and conditions has that gentleman been appointed to his position, and has any written or verbal agreement been entered into ?

(3.) Is he to hold his position as a civil or public servant, or under a special arrangement ; and, if the latter, what is the arrangement ?

(4.) Referring to the answer to Question 7, asked by *Mr. Carruthers* on 26th instant, viz. :—“ In the case of the Hunter District Board it was necessary to select a gentleman of known ability, as a new Department had to be organised, entailing a large amount of labour, and necessitating very considerable experience in commercial matters. In the case of the initiation of the Metropolitan Board a gentleman was selected at a salary of £1,000 per annum, but that Department is now in good-working order, and there is not the same necessity for supervision on the part of the President as there was at first, and is now the case at Newcastle,”—is it a fact that *Mr. Rowe* was the gentleman who initiated the Metropolitan Board, and under whose presidency it was brought into good working order ?

(5.) Why was *Mr. Rowe* superseded and *Mr. Darley* appointed in his place ?

(6.) Was any offer made to *Mr. Rowe* to continue in the position of President of the Metropolitan Board at a lower salary ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Honorable A. Brown was offered the position referred to, but I am not aware that any written or verbal agreement was entered into.

(3.) He holds his position by virtue of the powers conferred on the Governor by section 5 of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act.

(4.) *Mr. Rowe* was the first President of the Metropolitan Board.

(5.) *Mr. Rowe* cannot be said to have been superseded, as the period of his appointment had expired, and it was then open to the Government to appoint any person they chose.

(6.) No.

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2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell (Formal Motion)*:—Sir George Dibbs, for Mr. Lyne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works upon a proposed line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell be remitted to the said Committee for its further consideration and report, for the following reason:—That since the said report was made, fresh evidence concerning the commercial value of the said line of railway has been obtained which was not before the said Committee when that report was completed, and which evidence would probably have led the said Committee to arrive at a different and favourable conclusion.
Question put and passed.
3. REMOVAL OF THOMAS FRAWLEY, SHERIFF'S OFFICER, FROM DUBBO TO COONAMBLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Booth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the removal of Thomas Frawley, Sheriff's officer, from Dubbo to Coonamble.
Question put and passed.
4. LIMITATION OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Morgan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, no person having conditionally purchased under the Act in either Division shall be permitted at any time to make any further conditional purchase, except such as may be required to enable him to obtain an aggregate area not exceeding 1,280 acres in the Eastern Division, and 2,560 acres in the Central Division.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Trail, Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Chantler, Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Melville, Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Barbour, Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Miller, Mr. Reid,
 Mr. York, Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Danahay, Mr. G. J. Clark,
 Mr. Newton, Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Hayes, Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Gormly, Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Rose.
 Mr. Cann, *Tellers,*
 Mr. Williams,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bowes.
 Mr. Colls,
 Mr. Bavister,

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Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Booth,
 Mr. Bartou, Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Kidd, Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. See, Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Young, Mr. Toohey,
 Sir George Dibbs, Dr. Cullen,
 Mr. Sutton, Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Morton, Mr. John Wilkinson,
 Mr. Dowel, Mr. Newman,
 Mr. Scobie, Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Hutchinson.
 Mr. Hassall, *Tellers,*
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Dr. Rose, Mr. Wall,
 Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Cullen.
 Mr. Donnelly,

And so it passed in the negative.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Birds Protection Act Amending Bill postponed until Tuesday, 14th February.
6. PAPERS:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return respecting inspection of plans in the Registrar-General's Department.
 (2.) Correspondence respecting International Monetary Conference.
 (3.) Despatch forwarding instructions to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.
 Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease*,”—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 27th October, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th October, 1892.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
 Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 5, line 48. *Omit “one” insert “two.”*
 Page 3, clause 5, line 49. *Add “s” to “newspaper.”*

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.)

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(2.) Funded Stock Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th October, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

8. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the laws regulating Fisheries, so as to reconstitute the Commissioners of Fisheries, and to provide for the representation of licensed fishermen and others upon such Commission, and for other purposes connected therewith,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th February.

9. RAILWAY FROM GLEN INNES TO INVERELL:—Mr. Lonsdale presented a Petition from certain Residents of Tingha, Wandsworth, Ollera, Kangaroo Camp, Elsmore, and Gilgui, referring to the rejection by the Public Works Committee of the proposed Railway line from Glen Innes to Inverell; alleging that the line from Guyra *via* Tingha to Inverell being the alternative one, it is desirable that the claims to railway communication of the residents along, and within easy distance of, that line should be recognised; that the first recognition of those claims would be manifested by a resurvey being ordered of those portions of the line where the grades are greater than 1 in 60; and praying the House to take such steps as may seem to it expedient to cause such resurvey to be made as soon as conveniently possible.

Petition received.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Young (*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 remaining stages this day of a Bill to amend the Church of England Property Act of 1889, so far as it affects the Diocese of Goulburn.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Young (*by consent*) then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Church of England Property Act of 1889, so far as it affects the Diocese of Goulburn,*” through all its remaining stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, That all the Business standing on the Notice Paper before the Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business be postponed until after that Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

12. CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY ACT OF 1889 AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Young, 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. Young, 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. Young, passed.

Mr. Young then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the Church of England Property Act of 1889, so far as it affects the Diocese of Goulburn,*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Church of England Property Act of 1889, so far as it affects the Diocese of Goulburn,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th October, 1892.*

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Neild rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the recent appointments to the Commission of the Peace.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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14. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the
further consideration of the Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1892, 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 sixteen minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Sir George Dibbs and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Church of England Property Act of 1889 Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor. Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Church of England Property Act of 1889 so far as it affects the Diocese of Goulburn,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1892.

- (2.) Funded Stock Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor. Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the creation and issue of Funded Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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 October, 1892.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Crown Lands between Namoi and Castlereagh Rivers:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of hundreds of thousands of acres of land, between the Namoi and Castlereagh Rivers, having been abandoned, will he take immediate steps to have it surveyed in small areas of (say) 10,000 to 20,000 acres, so as to enable persons to obtain the land in question at a low rental and on a long tenure?

Mr. Copeland answered.—The District Surveyor at Tamworth has reported on about 1,000,000 acres of this land, and advises it should be offered as inferior lands under section 37, Crown Lands Act of 1889. This land has been designed into blocks ranging from 8,400 acres to 50,000 acres in the counties of Pottinger, Baradine, and White, lying between the Namoi and Castlereagh Rivers. If the recommendation is approved of, leases can be granted for periods not exceeding twenty years at rentals to be determined by the Minister after report by the Local Land Board. I, however, have some doubts whether this land and other similar land should not be held over pending the passing of an amended Land Act, in which it is intended to have special provisions for land of this character.

(2.)

1st November, 1892.

(2.) District Lands Office, Tamworth:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the different country Lands Offices reported that a saving of at least £7,000 per annum could be effected by the removal of the District Lands Office from Tamworth to Narrabri?

(2.) Is it a fact that most of the available land in the Tamworth District has been alienated; if so, and in view of the leases in the Central Division soon expiring, will he give effect to the recommendation of the Commission with regard to the removal of the District Lands Office from Tamworth?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) In 1889 the Commission were of opinion that an annual saving of from £5,000 to £6,000 would be effected by the abolition of the Tamworth Land Board Office and the distribution of the land districts dealt with thereunder amongst the adjoining divisions of Armidale, Maitland, Moree, and Dubbo, but the then Secretary for Lands decided that, in view of the increase of business which might be expected to accrue from pastoral leaseholds in the Eastern Division being thrown open to settlement, the recommendation of the Commission must stand over.

(2.) As the anticipations of Mr. Secretary Brunker have been fully realised, and the work at the Tamworth Office is still very considerable, it would not be advisable at present to disturb the existing arrangements.

(3.) Cost of Cast-iron Pipes:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What would the 20,000 tons of cast-iron pipes advertised for by the Government cost if obtained at the price of the lowest local tender?

(2.) What, at the price of the lowest tender, for the imported article?

(3.) Is there any condition to the effect that the Colonial article is to be made from iron produced in the Colony?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Taking item No. 2 the schedule, which is three-quarters of the whole, viz., 15,000 tons of cast-iron pipes of the following sizes:—8 in., 6 in., 4 in., and 3 in. D. Y. Stewart's price is £6 per ton for dry sand castings cast vertically. Pope, Maher, & Co., for green sand castings on the bank, is £7 10s. per ton, which, less 7s. 6d. per ton for duty, leaves, as cost of pipes, £7 2s. 6d. 15,000 tons at £6, £90,000; 15,000 tons at £7 2s. 6d., £106,875. Difference in favour of Messrs. D. Y. Stewart & Co., £16,875. Messrs. D. Y. Stewart & Co.'s price per ton is 15·79 per cent. lower than Messrs. Pope, Maher, & Co. Messrs. Pope, Maher, & Co.'s price per ton is 18·75 per cent. higher than Messrs. D. Y. Stewart & Co.

(2.) £120,000 for 20,000 tons; exclusive of special castings, seeking to bind the Department to 20,000 tons.

(3.) No.

(4.) Attendants at Gladesville and Callan Park Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the promise he made during last session of Parliament that the matter of reducing the hours of duty of the attendants employed in the Gladesville and Callan Park Lunatic Asylums by the employment of additional attendants would receive his consideration, has he come to any decision in the matter?

(2.) Is it a fact that the attendants in those asylums are at present working thirteen hours per day (Sundays included)?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of the Insane:—

(1.) The matter has received consideration, and it has been decided that as the attendants are fairly paid, and receive in addition to their pay, board, lodging (or an allowance in lieu thereof), fuel, light, uniform clothing, and washing, the hours of duty cannot be further reduced by employing additional attendants.

(2.) No; the average number of hours on duty is eleven, and although a certain number must necessarily be on duty on Sundays, every one receives leave for fifty-two days in each year to make up for this. All employed are fully aware, when engaged, of the rate of remuneration and the hours they are expected to be on duty.

(5.) Appointments held by Mr. Alexander Brown:—*Mr. Rae*, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many appointments does Mr. Alexander Brown hold under the Crown?

(2.) What is the salary attached to each position?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—He is a Magistrate of the Colony, Consul for Belgium, Consul for Italy, a Member of the Legislative Council, a Commissioner for the Chicago Exhibition, and Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Board at Newcastle, under which, by law, he receives salary of £500 per annum.

(6.) Abatements under the Civil Service Act:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) If abatements are to be provided for on the Estimates of 1893, will he have information so compiled as to show—(a) how much the prospective recipient of a pension has drawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund as salary during his tenure of office; (b) upon what grounds Parliament is to be asked to vote the abatement; (c) the total amount paid into the Superannuation Fund by the person or persons who claim abatements from the Consolidated Revenue; (d) the proposed amount that each person will annually receive from the Superannuation Fund in the form of a pension?

(2.) The same information, as far as possible relative to gratuities proposed to be voted from the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

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Mr. See answered,—I think that the Honorable Member will readily understand that it is quite impossible to prepare such a Return as he desires until after the 1893 Estimates are placed on the Table. I will, however, endeavour to furnish all information that may be required.

- (7.) Amount of money paid to Mr. Alexander Brown :—*Mr. Rae*, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of money has been paid to Mr. Alexander Brown by the State for services rendered during the past three years?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—£227 17s. 2d. in fees as a member of the Baldwin Engine Inquiry Commission.

- (8.) Mr. Waller, Arbitrator, Culcairn-Corowa Railway :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to Mr. Lonsdale's Question, asked on the 31st August last, and the Answer thereto, viz. :—

“(1.) How many cases of disputed compensation were arbitrated upon in connection with the Culcairn-Corowa Railway ?

“(2.) Who was the arbitrator appointed by the Minister to represent the Crown ; and in how many cases was he appointed ?

“(3.) What were the qualifications of the person appointed for the position ?

“(4.) What amount has been paid to the Crown Arbitrator for his fees and expenses ; and what has been his total charges in connection with the said cases ?

“(5.) Were awards made against the Crown valuation in any cases ; and, if so, in how many ?

“(6.) Has the same gentleman been appointed arbitrator in any other cases in connection with the Department ; if so, in how many ; what has been his total fees for same ?

“(7.) In how many cases has Mr. Waller been appointed arbitrator ; and what has been the amount paid or due to him during the last ten months for the same ?

“Mr. Lyne answered,—I will have a Return prepared and laid upon the Table of this House, giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member,”—

When will he lay the promised Return upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—When dealing with the question of costs generally in these and other cases, which I hope will be shortly.

3. TENDERS FOR ARTESIAN TUBING (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The names of the persons from whom tenders were received (directly or through agents) by the Water Conservation Branch of the Mines Department for artesian tubing on 22nd June, 1891.

(2.) Copies of all correspondence concerning the above tenders between the firms or agents concerned and the Department.

(3.) The name of the successful tenderer, with particulars as to prices and conditions agreed upon, and the quantities and deliveries arranged for.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments ;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Fish Acclimatisation ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1893 a sum of money towards the purposes of fish acclimatisation ;—until Tuesday, 14th February.

5. HILLGROVE AND ARRIDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC BILL :—Mr. Garrard, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 5th October, 1892, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd November. Question put and passed.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Railway from Eden to Bega. Ordered to be printed.

7. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-SERGEANT OF POLICE :—Mr. Darnley presented a Petition from William Stafford, in reference to the inquiry by a Select Committee into the matter of his dismissal from the Police Force, and praying the House to complete that inquiry by the immediate appointment of another Select Committee. Petition received.

8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—

(1.) Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from Albert G. Smith, President of the Band of Hope, Kendall, stating that, in the opinion of Petitioner, there are enormous evils resulting from the traffic in intoxicating liquors ; and praying the House to pass a Bill, providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the question of prohibition. Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from the Loyal Albert Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Bathurst, alleging that there are many and frightful evils flowing from the legalised traffic in intoxicants ; that as this traffic is declaredly kept up for the convenience of the people, and as they have to bear all the sorrow, suffering, and loss incident to and caused by such traffic, Petitioners are of opinion that the people should have the right to determine whether it shall cease or be continued ; and praying the House to pass the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill. Petition received.

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9. OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL:—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from the Borough of Paddington, near Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Paddington to close certain portions of Marshall-street, a public street in the said Borough, and a certain right-of-way leading therefrom; and to vest the fee-simple of part of the land comprised in the closed portion of the said street and said right-of-way in the Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), a Company duly registered under the "Companies Act," and the remaining part thereof in the trustees of the will of George Brereton, deceased; and to vest in the said borough for the improvement of Oxford-street certain pieces and parcels of land owned by the said Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), fronting Oxford-street; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects,—
And Mr. Neild having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Paddington Times*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

10. PAPERS:—
Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 5th October, 1892,—
"Cases tried in Penrith Court."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Seaham, county of Durham, in connection with the establishment of a public park at Hinton.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of a road adjoining the Shaftesbury Reformatory.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Effington, county of Durham, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Tumbledown Creek.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting an Act to amend the Colonial Stock Act, 1877, so far as regards the mode of transfer of stock to which that Act applies.
Ordered to be printed.

11. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from the Loyal Albert Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Bathurst, representing that they are in favour of the Vice Suppression Bill, and strongly urging that clauses be inserted in the said Bill for the suppression of the circulation by post and otherwise of immoral literature, and the exposing to view of indecent pictures; and praying the House to pass into law the Vice Suppression Bill, with needed amendments.
Petition received.

12. PROTECTED INDUSTRIES:—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that powers be given to the Colonial Treasurer to compel the manufacturers of any protected article to deposit in the Treasury a substantial guarantee that they will share the benefit of any increase in prices arising from the tariff equitably with their employees.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Danger moved, "That the Question be now put."
Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Original Question put and negatived.

13. CIVIL SERVICE RETRENCHMENT:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, a scheme of Civil Service retrenchment is imperative.
(2.) That with the view of carrying out a retrenchment policy, provision should be made in the Estimates of 1893 for a 10 per cent. reduction on all Civil Servants salaries paid at the rate of and over £300 per year, such reduction to include salaries of Members of Parliament and railway employees.
Mr. O'Sullivan 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 "it has become imperative to reduce the national expenditure by at least £500,000 per annum, and with a view to the achievement of this result, the Administration should provide for the following:—
"(1.) The reduction of the salary of the Governor by £3,000, to take effect from the appointment of the next occupant of the office.
"(2.) The reduction of the salaries of the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by £300 each.
"(3.) The reduction of the salary of the Chairman of Committees by £200.
"(4.) The reduction of the salaries of Ministers by £300 each.
"(5.) The reduction of the salaries of Members of Parliament by £50 each.
"(6.) The reduction of the number of the Public Works Committee to seven, and the reduction of their fees to £2 2s. per sitting.
"(7.) The reduction of the travelling allowances of Supreme Court Judges from £10 10s. to £5 5s. per day.
"(8.) The reduction of all other travelling allowances by 25 per cent.
"(9.) The reduction of the Military Estimates to £200,000 per annum, exclusive of votes for fortifications and material.

" (10.)

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- "(10.) The abolition of special grants-in-aid to all associations and institutions which are in receipt of yearly subsidies.
 "(11.) The withdrawal of all votes for gaols, court-houses, and other buildings which may be considered premature or unnecessary.
 "(12.) The submission to the Public Works Committee of all proposals for sections of work which, when completed, may cost more than £20,000.
 "(13.) The reduction of the total amount of the proposed ordinary expenditure for each Department (save that of Public Works) by at least 10 per cent. on the sum proposed for each, last year.
 "(14.) No other appointments to be made to the Civil Service for a period of three years, and all new positions in the meantime to be filled by persons now in the service, save where special skill or knowledge is required."

Question proposed.—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question.
 Mr. Alfred Allen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put.—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Sir George Dibbs,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Bruce Smith,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. Hoyle,
 Mr. Gillies,
 Mr. Dangar,
 Mr. Gould,

Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Barton,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Morgan,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Scobie,
Tellers,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Darnley.

Noes, 13.

Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Selby,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Rose,
 Mr. Rae,
 Mr. Hutchinson.

Tellers,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Original Question then put.—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a scheme of Civil Service retrenchment is imperative.
 (2.) That with the view of carrying out a retrenchment policy, provision should be made in the Estimates of 1893 for a 10 per cent. reduction on all Civil Servants salaries paid at the rate of and over £300 per year, such reduction to include salaries of Members of Parliament and railway employees.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Willis,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Rose,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Mr. O'Sullivan.
Tellers,
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Rae.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Gould,
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 Mr. Bruce Smith,
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 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Sir George Dibbs,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Hoyle,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Morgan,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. See,
Tellers,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir George Dibbs and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Vote of Credit:—

JERSEY,
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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1892.

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

- (2.) Marine Board Reconstruction Navigation Acts Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
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 reconstruct the Marine Board; to amend and extend the operation of the Navigation Acts; and to make provision subsidiary thereto.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1892.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land Granted to W. Welfair, at Ash Island:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What is the area of Ash Island, county Northumberland?

(2.) Has any land been granted to W. Welfair at Ash Island; if so, how much?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) About 3,000 acres.

(2.) No part of this island has been granted to W. Welfair, but a smaller island, known as Hexham Island, adjoining the western end of Ash Island, and containing 83½ acres, was purchased at auction by William Welfair in 1853.

- (2.) Text-book for Examinations used in Public Schools:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a complaint has been made to him about certain passages of doubtful propriety to be found in a text-book for the examinations, now being used by public school children?

(2.) Will he have the book referred to withdrawn and corrected, on the ground that the passages referred to may prove demoralising to the children who use it?

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Mr. Suttor answered,—It is a fact that a complaint has been made about certain passages in the text-book in English—"Selections from the Spectator" (Piddington)—prescribed by the University authorities for the Junior Examination. I brought the matter under the notice of the Senate, who reported that, as the questionable passages are confined to the first three papers of the book, it had been decided to examine from the fourth paper only, to announce the alteration in the ensuing manual, and to inform the various schools to that effect. The Senate felt that the withdrawal of the book altogether would be breaking faith with teachers and intending candidates, and be contrary to the regulation which requires the publication of any change in stated subjects at least eighteen months before the examination.

- (3.) Royal Commission on Defence Forces :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the commanding officers of Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery were called upon to give evidence before the Royal Commission on the Defence Forces?
 (2.) Is it also a fact that the Commander of the Mounted Infantry was not called upon to give evidence before that Commission?
 (3.) In view of this omission, and also in view of the fact that he is calling upon other officers to supply reports on the Commissioners' recommendations, will he call for a report on the organisation of that most important branch of the Military Service, the Mounted Infantry?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The Officer Commanding the Mounted Infantry does not, according to the report, appear to have given evidence.
 (3.) It is not considered necessary at present.

- (4.) Mr. D. H. Neale, of the Railway Department :—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that Mr. D. H. Neale, of the Railway Department, has gone to America; if so, has he gone on leave of absence, or on public business?

Mr. See answered,—Mr. Neale has been granted leave of absence to visit England on urgent private business, on condition that he would proceed *via* America, where the Railway Commissioners required some business attended to. Mr. Neale is not being paid any expenses.

- (5.) Duties Charged on Imported Manufactured Goods :—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Do the Railway Commissioners pay the duties charged on imported manufactured goods?

Mr. See answered,—Not on articles imported by them direct.

- (6.) Proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Humula :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does he intend to have a fresh estimate made of the cost of constructing the proposed railway line from Wagga Wagga to Humula; and, if so, when?
 (2.) Is it a fact that in order to have the cost reduced it will be necessary to have a fresh survey made, so that difficult parts of the line, as now surveyed, may be avoided?
 (3.) Will he have a party of surveyors sent to do the work; and, if so, when will the survey be commenced?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes, immediately.
 (2.) A revision of the present survey is, in any case, necessary. Until careful examination of the line is made I cannot say how much of it will require to be altered. It is not expected that the whole will require alteration.
 (3.) Whatever is necessary will be undertaken at once.

- (7.) Employment of Workmen :—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it customary, in any of the branches of his Department, to engage skilled workmen or tradesmen as labourers, at labourers' rates of wages, afterwards employing such persons at their particular trade as skilled workmen without any corresponding increase of wage?
 (2.) If so, will he state in which branch he is now practising such method?
 (3.) Is it with his concurrence?
 (4.) Will he cause it to be discontinued?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not aware that such a practice is customary, but am having enquiries made in the matter. I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will furnish me with any instances of the kind which he thinks may exist.

- (8.) Free Passes Issued by Labour Bureau :—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—In connection with the Return recently issued as to free railway passes from the Labour Bureau, were all communications sent to the Superintendent of the Bureau by Members of Parliament, and having reference to applicants for free passes, considered as recommendations for the issue of free passes in the compiling of the said Return?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes.

- (9.) Strike at Broken Hill :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that as soon as the present strike at Broken Hill terminates there is a probability that several thousand men, with wives and children dependent upon them, will be left in a state of distress?

(2.) In view of the foregoing, will he at once have a report made as to the feasibility of settling some of these men in irrigation colonies on the banks of the Darling, and expedite the carrying out of all public works in the far west which are likely to afford employment to others?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not prepared to give the Honorable Member an answer at this moment on a question of this great importance. I may, however, state that if the proposals of the Government for legislation be passed into law, considerable relief would be afforded to persons in distress or in want of employment.

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- (10.) Trustees of Terragong Common:—Mr. Fuller asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Kiama and Shellharbour Municipalities have been proclaimed trustees of the Terragong Common, and the Jamberoo Council ignored?
 (2.) If so, at whose instance was it done?
 (3.) Has any report been received by the Mines Department from the Local Government Officer in regard to the matter; if so, what is the nature of it?
 (4.) Is it now the intention of the Mines Department to proclaim the Shellharbour and Jamberoo Councils trustees of the above common, and ignore the Kiama Council, and, if so, at whose instance or recommendation, and on what principle is this being done?
 (5.) On what principles do the Mines Department act in regard to the proclamation and other dealing with commons lying between and under the control of different municipalities?
 (6.) What are the various powers of the Mines Department and the Local Government office over the commons of the Colony?
 (7.) What notice does the Mines Department take, and what effect has the recommendation of the Local Government Officer, after inquiry made in regard to commons?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) There is no such common now. On the 8th February, 1890, Terragong Swamp was divided into two commons, one to be known as the Shellharbour Common, and the other as the Kiama Common, and the Municipal Councils of Shellharbour and Kiama were appointed trustees of their respective commons. The old Borough of Kiama has recently been reproclaimed as the Borough of Jamberoo, and a new borough adjoining Jamberoo formed, which is now known as Kiama. In regazetting the trustees for Kiama Common on the 7th ultimo, the old name of the Council (Kiama) was used in error in place of Jamberoo.
 (2.) No one moved the Department in the matter, it was purely an error as stated above.
 (3.) No; but the Local Government Officer telephoned to the Department on the 18th instant asking that an officer might call on him in reference to the notice in the *Gazette* appointing the Council of the Borough of Kiama as trustees of the Kiama Common. An officer waited upon him next day and explained that an error had been made, and that it was intended to appoint the Council of the Borough of Jamberoo as trustees of Kiama Common.
 (4.) It is intended to correct the error made in regard to Kiama Common.
 (5.) In appointing Municipal Councils as trustees of commons, the Department follows section 6 of the Commons Regulation Act of 1873.
 (6.) The Commons Acts are administered by the Department of Mines and Agriculture.
 (7.) His recommendations would no doubt receive due consideration, but he has not made any recommendation to the Department in regard to commons.

- (11.) Subsidy to Schools of Arts in Country Districts:—Mr. Fuller asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) What is the principle on which the Department of Education acts in regard to subsidising Schools of Arts in the country districts?
 (2.) Are there any cases in which the Government have helped in any way Schools of Arts purchasing sites where no Government land is available?
 (3.) Where Schools of Arts have purchased sites in towns, have the Government on any occasion, partially or wholly, recouped the before-mentioned body for the outlay?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The Department subsidises cash contributions only at the rate of £1 for £1 in the erection of buildings, and £1 for every £2 towards endowment.
 (2.) No subsidy is granted for the purchase of sites.
 (3.) Not so far as I am aware.

- (12.) Proposed Railway from Eden to Bega:—Mr. Garvan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the report from the Public Works Committee on the Bega-Eden Railway, will he take steps to resubmit to the Public Works Committee the proposed work as a cheaper railway line than in the original proposal?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, if it can be shown that a cheaper line is practicable; and I am having inquiries made with that end in view. The whole subject of cheap railways is at the present time engaging my earnest consideration, as I am satisfied that the development of the country depends on our being able to carry out branch railways at a considerably lesser cost than has hitherto been attempted. I have given instructions for the immediate despatch of a reliable officer to report upon the practicability of cheapening this line.

- (13.) Redemption of Loans:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government bring in a Bill at an early date to enable municipalities to borrow money for the redemption of loans?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter will be considered.

- (14.) Financial Statement:—Mr. Brunker, for Sir Henry Parkes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Considering that we have now entered into the eleventh month of the financial year, can he inform the House when he will be prepared to make the financial statement?

Mr. See answered,—The financial statement will be ready for delivery at an early date, and will be made as soon as a reasonable estimate can be formed of the extent to which the finances of the country must be affected by pending legislation.

- (15.) Proposed Railway, Nyngan to Broken Hill, via Cobar and Wilcannia:—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Works Committee reported in favour of the extension of the railway from Nyngan to Broken Hill, via Cobar and Wilcannia?
 (2.) Is it also a fact that the railway to Cobar was constructed as a portion of the line recommended by the Public Works Committee, and solely on that ground?

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(3.) Pending the construction of the full extension from Cobar to Broken Hill, will he take immediate steps with a view to the construction of the section of the proposed line from Broken Hill to Wilcannia, in order that the residents of the former town may have access to agricultural lands of the river Darling, and be brought into communication with Sydney, *via* Bourke and Cobar?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It was no doubt a large factor in determining the construction of the line.

(3.) The matter will be considered by the Cabinet when the railway policy of the Government is being dealt with.

3. AMOUNT OF GOLD AND SILVER IN COINS EXPORTED FROM NEW SOUTH WALES (*Formal Motion*) :—

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return showing the amount of gold and silver in coins exported from New South Wales in each of the following years,—1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890.

(2.) A like Return with regard to the period during which the present tariff has been in operation.

Question put and passed.

4. KING'S SCHOOL COUNCIL 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 incorporate the Council of the King's School, and to vest certain lands and other property in such Council, and to confer certain powers thereon, and upon the Bishop of Sydney, and for other incidental purposes*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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JOHN LACKEY

President.

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

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

5. PAPERS :—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table.—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Orange, under the Municipalities Act of 1857 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd March, 1892,—“The Civil Service.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting the Prospecting Vote.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 19th October, 1892,—“Agricultural Centre of Moama.”

Ordered to be printed.

6. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Kidd presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of Postal Notes, and for the exemption of the same from Stamp Duty; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,”—which was read a first time.

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

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—Mr. Murphy presented a Petition from certain adult male members of Balmain, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, no system of Local Option is complete without the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for the confiscation of licenses; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation as aforesaid.

Petition received.

8. RAYMOND TERRACE MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS SALE BILL :—Mr. Hart presented a Petition from Lot Bishop, Mayor of Raymond Terrace, and John P. Green, President, Raymond Terrace School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the present or other the trustees for the time being of the Mechanics School of Arts, at Raymond Terrace, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the lands, hereditaments, buildings, and premises, and goods and chattels vested in them as such trustees as aforesaid, and to apply the proceeds of such sale if, and when effected, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter specified,—

And Mr. Hart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Gloucester Gazette*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS 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,—

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

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Amounts paid by Railway Commissioners to Messrs. Angus & Co., Justin McSweeney, Messrs. Proudfoot & Co., and John Ahern:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer.—
 (1.) What amount of money has been paid by the Railway Commissioners to the following contractors since March, 1892:—Messrs. Angus & Co., Justin McSweeney, Messrs. Proudfoot & Co., and John Ahern?
 (2.) Have their final claims been sent in to the Commissioners; if so, what are the amounts of such claims?
 (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all contracts and correspondence with these different contractors?
 (4.) Will he state how much of the total amounts paid to these contractors was for work let by public tender, and how much without public tender?
 (5.) What was the estimated cost of the quadruplication of the suburban line; has the estimate been exceeded; if so, by what amount?
 (6.) What was the estimated cost of the duplication of the line from Granville to Picton; has the estimate been exceeded; if so, by what amount?
 (7.) What amount of money have the Railway Commissioners had from loan funds since they took office?

Mr. See answered,—The reply to this Question is so very voluminous that I propose to lay it upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Grant to H. Smith, of Belmore Reef, Grong Grong:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines.—

(1.) Was a letter sent from the Department of Mines, dated 12th May last, and addressed to James Gormly, M.P., informing him that a grant had been made to H. Smith, of Belmore Reef, Grong Grong, to sink a shaft on the reef to a depth of 100 feet, and to drive to the lowest level along the reef 50 feet, at 17s. 6d. a foot for sinking and driving?

(2.) Has the work been done; and, if so, has payment been made?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.
 (2.) The work has been done and payment has been made, but, as stated in my reply to the Honorable Member on the 13th ultimo, it was found that the aid granted was in excess of 50 per cent. of the cost of the work, and this rate per foot was reduced accordingly.

- (3.) Cost of Public Works Committee to date:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What has been the total cost incurred by the Public Works Committee up to date?
 (2.) When was the first appointment of the Public Works Committee made?
 (3.) What has been the total cost incurred by the present Public Works Committee; the answer to include the cost of printing, clerical labour, &c.?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return giving the required information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table of this House as early as possible.

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- (4.) Gold Leases on Church and School Lands in Western District :—Mr. Garrard asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many gold leases are held or exist on Church and School Lands in the Western District?
- (2.) The total amount of rent owing on same?
- (3.) Is it a fact that by paying the yearly rental such leases can be held for twenty-one years, and exempt from any labour conditions?
- (4.) Will he cause the rent to be paid, or cancel such leases?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-seven under the old Act, and thirty-nine under the new Act.
- (2.) £205 7s. 6d. on the leases held under the old Act (£97 since April, 1892, and £108 7s. 6d. since 1st October, 1892); twenty-eight days' grace is allowed.
- (3.) Yes, as regards leases held under the old Act.
- (4.) Yes.

- (5.) Distinguished Visitors Travelling on New South Wales Railways :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that distinguished visitors, Governors, and other high officials, and their families, from other colonies and countries, while travelling through New South Wales, are provided with refreshments at the various stopping-places on the Government railways at public expense?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not customary to provide refreshments for distinguished visitors generally, but when the Governors of the Colonies are travelling, it is usual to provide refreshments when the trains stop for that purpose.

- (6.) Members of Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many members of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board are there; who are they; and what salaries and fees are paid to them?
- (2.) How many officials are connected with the Board; and what is the total of the yearly salaries and wages?
- (3.) What are the total annual expenses of the Board, including working expenses, interest, and sinking fund?
- (4.) What is the estimated yearly revenue of the Board?
- (5.) For what period is Mr. A. Brown appointed as president?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This information will be prepared as early as possible, and laid upon the Table of this House in the shape of a Return.

- (7.) Crown Rents :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The amount of rent demanded, under the Crown Rents Act of 1890, from the lessees of the pastoral lease and occupation license of Gragin and Graman holding, No. 681, Central Division?
- (2.) The amount of refund payable under same Act to the same lessees on the pastoral and resumed areas of Strathbogie and Rocky Creek holding, No. 488, Eastern Division?

- (3.) Has the amount demanded on holding 681 been paid by the lessees?

- (4.) Has the refund due to the lessees on No. 488 been paid to them?

- (5.) Were the lessees fined £20 10s. 3d. for the alleged late payment of the rent on No. 681?

- (6.) Have they paid the amount?

- (7.) Was not the delay in paying the rent occasioned by the Department of Lands refusing to furnish the lessees with full particulars respecting the sums demanded?

- (8.) Are the lessees now in arrears?

- (9.) Are they in the habit of being late with their payments?

- (10.) Under the circumstances, will he order a refund of the amount of fine?

- (11.) The number of acres per annum charged for in pastoral lease No. 681, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from the 5th August, 1885, to the 4th August, 1890?

- (12.) The number of acres per annum charged for in the occupation license of same holding from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1889?

- (13.) The rate per annum per acre charged for on the pastoral lease of the same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to the 4th August, 1890?

- (14.) The same under the Crown Rents Bill of 1890?

- (15.) The rate per annum per section of 640 acres charged for in the occupation license of same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1889?

- (16.) The same under the Crown Rents Act of 1890?

- (17.) The number of acres per annum charged for in the pastoral lease No. 488, Eastern Division, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890?

- (18.) The number of acres per annum charged for in the occupation license of same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1892?

- (19.) The rate per annum per acre charged on pastoral lease No. 488, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890?

- (20.) The rate per annum per section of 640 acres charged on the occupation license of same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1892?

- (21.) The same under the Crown Rents Act of 1890, as to 20 and 21?

- (22.) The amount of rent paid on the pastoral lease of Gragin and Graman holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890?

- (23.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 for the same period?

- (24.) The amount of rent paid on the occupation license of same holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1889?

- (25.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 for the same period?

- (26.) The amount of rent paid on the pastoral lease of Strathbogie and Rocky Creek holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890?

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- (27.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 for the same period ?
 (28.) The amount of rent paid on the occupation license of same holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1892 ?
 (29.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 for the same period ?
 (30.) Will the lessees now be furnished with such particulars as will enable them to ascertain whether the amounts demanded and paid under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 have been correctly computed ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member being of no public importance, I cannot undertake to furnish it unless authorized to do so by a resolution of the House. I may add that the expense of preparing a return embodying this information would be very considerable, and when prepared would be of no value to any person other than the lessees; moreover, the whole, or nearly so, of the information asked for must necessarily be within the personal knowledge of the lessees.

- (8.) Bridge at Derowie Creek, near Obley :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has any petition or application been made for the erection of a bridge at Derowie Creek, near Obley ; if so, by whom and when ?
 (2.) Is it a fact that a young man named Madden, in attempting to cross this creek, was drowned during the week, and no tidings have since been heard of the body ?
 (3.) Will he see that steps are taken for the erection of a bridge at Derowie Creek to prevent similar accidents occurring ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on an application of the Honorable Member, dated August 4, 1891.
 (2.) Not that I am aware.
 (3.) The reports in the office show that the traffic does not warrant the necessary expenditure, but I am obtaining further information on the subject.

- (9.) Pasture and Stock Protection Boards :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The number of Pasture and Stock Protection Boards in the Colony ; the duties such Boards have to perform ; by whom they are appointed ; how often are they supposed to hold meetings ; the amount of revenue, if any, derived from such Boards, or the annual expenses of the same ?
 (2.) The number of Inspectors of Stock ; the amount of salary each receives, and the amount paid annually in the shape of travelling expenses ; and out of what fund are the salaries and travelling expenses paid ?
 (3.) What are the duties pertaining to the office of Inspectors of Stock ?
 (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring the operation of the Stock Department directly under the control of the Director of Agriculture, or for what reason is it deemed necessary that stock and agricultural branch should be dealt with by two separate heads ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) There are sixty-three Pasture and Stock Protection Boards in the Colony whose duties are to administer the Pasture and Stock Protection Acts in their respective districts. They are elected by owners of stock. They are supposed to meet at least once a quarter. No revenue raised by them reaches the Treasury, the whole of it and the subsidy granted by Government is expended locally in carrying out the provisions of the above Acts.
 (2.) There are fifty-one permanent Inspectors of Stock and seven Acting-Inspectors at present, with salaries ranging as follows :—1. Chief Inspector, at £650 per annum ; 10 Inspectors, at £360 per annum ; 5 Inspectors, at £310 per annum ; 1 Inspector, at £270 per annum ; 26 Inspectors, at £260 per annum ; 5 Inspectors, at £250 per annum ; 2 Inspectors, at £160 per annum ; 1 Inspector, at £25 per annum ; 3 Acting-Inspectors, at £280 per annum ; 1 Acting-Inspector, at 15s. per diem ; 1 Acting-Inspector, at £25 per annum ; 2 Acting-Inspectors, at £20 per annum. For 1891, £1,468 11s. 7d. was paid as travelling expenses to Inspectors. All salaries and travelling expenses are paid from a fund contributed by owners of sheep.

- (3.) The enforcement of the Sheep Acts (including the prevention of diseases and trespass on reserves), Brands Act (including the registration of brands and the prevention of stock stealing and straying), Impounding Acts (supervision of pounds and poundkeepers), and enforcement of the Pastures and Stock Protection Acts.

- (4.) No ; the Stock Branch is a branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture ; both are under the same ministerial and official head.

- (10.) Cancellation of Eugene Finn's Annual Lease :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In referring to his communication to Dr. Ross, 92-6,542, will he state the reason why Eugene Finn's annual lease, No. 10,834, parish of Chaucer, county of Bathurst, was cancelled ?
 (2.) Are there in this, and also the Molong Land District, several annual leases on travelling stock reserves (and some in close proximity to Mr. Finn's lease) that have not been cancelled ?
 (3.) On what ground has Mr. Finn's lease been cancelled and not the others ; and is it his intention to cancel them all, without respect to persons ?
 (4.) Is it a fact that many of the reserves in this locality that have not been cancelled are used by fully 30 or 40 per cent. more stock travelling in a year than on reserve 227, under lease to Mr. Finn ; if so, why is Mr. Finn's lease cancelled, while others that are more generally used by travelling stock are still retained ?
 (5.) Will he see that a full inquiry is made into this anomalous state of land administration relating to these leases ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) In the interests of travelling stock, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed in my letter of the 26th ultimo.
 (2.) I am not aware, but a report shall be obtained.
 (3.) (a) It is proposed to withdraw from occupation by annual lease all such reserves as are really needed in the interests of travelling stock ; (b) Yes.
 (4.) I am not aware.
 (5.) Not necessary. See reply to Question No. 3. (11.)

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- (11.) Appointment of Magistrates in The Hastings and Manning Electorate:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he supply this House with a list of the recently appointed magistrates in The Hastings and Manning Electorate, with the name of the person on whose recommendation each one was appointed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A similar Question was asked by the Honorable Member, Mr. Neild, on the 13th October last, to which I gave the following Answer:—"I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given to a Question of this kind on the 6th September, 1892, when my honorable colleague, the Minister of Public Instruction, in reply to Mr. Kelly, stated, 'The Government do not consider it just or advisable to furnish information of the character asked for by the Honorable Member, as such recommendations have always been considered confidential.' I ask my honorable friend to accept that as an Answer to his Question now." I must ask the Honorable Member to accept that as an Answer to the present Question.

- (12.) Free Postage on Parliamentary Debates:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Postmaster-General,—Has he given any consideration to the question of allowing copies of the "Parliamentary Debates" to be transmitted free of charge through the Post Office in the same way as newspapers; if not, will he consider the question at an early date?

Mr. Kidd answered,—This question has not previously been brought under my notice, but I may inform the Honorable Member that under the present postal law, these documents cannot be sent post free.

- (13.) Regulation of Factories and Workshops:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he a Bill prepared for the regulation of factories and workshops; if so, when will it be introduced for the consideration of Honorable Members.

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A Bill to deal with factories and workshops will be introduced this Session if time permits of its being discussed.

2. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the Vice Suppression Bill have power to sit during any adjournment of this House.

Question put and passed.

3. EXPENDITURE UPON PUBLIC WORKS (*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 money spent, or authorised to be spent, upon Public Works, since the introduction of the present tariff, specifying the names of the works and the amount each is likely to cost.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) King's School Council Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 17th January.
 (2.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 20th December.
 (3.) Racing Association Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 20th December.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

- (1.) *Mr. Danahey*, for Mr. Newman, presented a Petition from certain residents of Orange in Public Meeting assembled, representing that they deplore the existing evils caused by the drink traffic, and pledging themselves to use all legitimate means for their removal; and that in their opinion it is desirable that electors should be empowered to decide whether there should be an increase in the number of public-houses or a reduction therein, or whether the trade in intoxicating liquors should be prohibited; and praying the house to support the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, as introduced by the Honorable Mr. Kidd.

Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from M. J. Smail, Secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Redfern Branch, representing that at a Meeting of adults of both sexes held in the Town Hall, Redfern, resolutions were unanimously passed in favour of full local option, without compensation, and praying the House to pass a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill with as little delay as possible.

Petition received.

- (3.) Mr. Gough presented a Petition from the Licensed Victuallers of the Young and Temora Licensing Districts, representing that the provisions of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill are unjust, and calculated to inflict great injury upon all classes of the community; that it is desirable that an efficient system of compensation should be incorporated; and praying for the rejection of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, or the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation.

Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

- Mr. Copeland* laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

- Mr. See* laid upon the Table,—Return showing amounts paid by the Railway Commissioners to Messrs. Angus & Co., Justin McSweeney, Proudfoot & Co., and John Ahearn, since March, 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

- Sir George Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Coroners' Inquests, &c.

Ordered to be printed.

- Mr. Lyne* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Bong Bong, county of Camden, in connection with the establishment of a Public Park at Moss Vale.

- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Manly Cove, county of Cumberland, in connection with the enlargement of the Post and Telegraph Office, Manly.

Ordered to be printed.

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7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Thursday next.
Question put and passed.

8. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the rights and liabilities of Married Women,*”—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the Prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Bruce Smith and Mr. Reid be discharged from attendance upon the Library Committee, and that Mr. Fuller and Dr. Cullen be added to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. See 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 1891, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £100,000 towards recouping the Treasurer's Advance Account, 1892, for payments made therewith for Supplementary Services of 1891, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan, pending Parliamentary appropriation for the same.

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

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1891, the sum of £100,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, 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 1891, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. See 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 1891, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered (after Debate), that the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. See, 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. See, passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MN. 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 1891, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir George Dibbs 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 *Thursday next at Four o'clock.*

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hotel License at Coonamble:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Morgan, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Was application made, and permission granted, on 23rd October, for the provisional license of an hotel at Coonamble?
 (2.) Is the applicant the same man who was fined £30 and costs, on the 1st of December, 1889, for keeping a “common gaming-house,” and on the same date fined £5 and costs of Court for keeping his house open after hours?
 (3.) If so, will the permission granted be countermanded?
 (4.) Was the application opposed by petition from the townspeople on the grounds of the unsuitability of the applicant, and also that sufficient accommodation was already afforded by the existing hotels?

Mr. Barton answered,—

The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—
 I am informed by the Licensing Bench of magistrates as follows:—

- (1.) On the 18th October a conditional license was granted.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) The conditional license was granted for premises to be built in accordance with plans submitted to the Court, and, upon the completion of the premises, the Court will have to be satisfied, before granting the certificate for a publican's license, that applicant's character is unobjectionable, as provided by section 33 of the principal Licensing Act.
 (4.) Yes; it was opposed by counter-petition. The following further information has been elicited from the Chairman of the Licensing Bench:—“Objection was made by twenty-one residents, four being publicans. The grounds were (1) that additional accommodation was not necessary; (2) being opposite a place of worship, namely, temporary Salvation Army Barracks; (3) quietude of neighbourhood would be disturbed; (4) that the applicant was convicted of selling liquor without a license (this was withdrawn before the Court as untrue); (5) that he suffers unlawful games to be played upon his premises. This was unsupported by evidence. Objection 4 is presumed to be based upon the fact of applicant having been fined at Brewarrina in 1886 for keeping a common gaming-house. The reasons for granting the application were a counter-petition signed by twenty-seven residents of the town and district, the necessity for additional accommodation—the applicant having held a wine license for nearly two years, throughout reported by the police as perfectly satisfactory. The Bench do not consider that a conviction six years ago should militate against the good character of the applicant since, and that in the face of the strong recommendation of Senior-sergeant Francis as to the character of the applicant, and his manner of conducting his present house, they could not refuse to entertain the application.”

- (2.) Re-decking of Iron Wharf at Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, although the contract for re-decking the iron wharf at Darling Harbour has been completed about three months ago, the contractor cannot get his money?
 (2.) If so, what is the cause of such delay?

Mr. See answered,—The contract was finished on 7th July, 1892, and the maintenance period expired on 7th September, 1892. The balance due to the contractor (£316 19s.) has only recently been paid, in consequence of the vote to which it was properly chargeable being exhausted.

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- (3.) Dismissal of Nurses, Little Bay Hospital:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Dr. Manning, Medical Adviser to the Government, has caused the dismissal of one of the head nurses, and the compulsory resignation of another head nurse, at the Little Bay Hospital, for having refused to nurse leper patients?
 (2.) Is it a fact that he caused the compulsory resignation of the sub-matron for the same reason; if such is the case, will the Government take steps to have them reinstated?
 (3.) Are the regulations of the hospital such as to leave it optional with nurses whether they shall nurse leprosy, small-pox, cholera, or not?
 (4.) Is it not a fact that Dr. Manning, in order to obtain information upon which to base his recent report to the Government on the treatment of the lepers, ranged the nurses in front of him, and upon their stating that leper patients had been placed in the strong room before removal to the lazaret, told them that such was not a fact?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the Premier, in answer to a Question by Mr. Kelly, stated that no cases where a true diagnosis of leprosy had been made, had been placed in the strong rooms at Little Bay, and that about a week later Dr. Manning, in his report to the Government, stated that these rooms had been specially erected for cases of the kind referred to?
 (6.) If, as Dr. Manning states, leprosy is not an infectious disease, and only contagious under certain circumstances, why does the Government compel the retention of leper patients?
 (7.) What are the restrictions the leper attendants at Little Bay are subjected to, as reported by Dr. Manning, before they are allowed to mix with the other attendants at the hospital and the general public?
 (8.) Is it a fact that the Government pay the leper attendants more salary than the nurses receive; if so, why are the nurses now being made to consent by Dr. Manning to nurse leprosy cases?
 (9.) Is it a fact that a Chinese leper, who had been placed in one of the rooms at the hospital a few weeks ago, was removed to the lazaret, and that a man was taken to the hospital from Botany suffering from sore eyes, was afterwards placed upon the same bed the Chinaman occupied, the only difference being that clean bed-clothes were provided?

Mr. Barton answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to these Questions.

- (4.) Application by Messrs. Fred. Foster and Party, of Forbes, for a Gold-mining Lease:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Fred. Foster and party, of Forbes, made application for a gold-mining lease near the Britannia Reef, at the Warden's office, on or about the 26th of May last?
 (2.) Was that application refused; if so, what were the reasons for such refusal?
 (3.) Did another gentleman of the name of Mr. E. Vanzetti make application for the same ground previous to Foster and party, and was such application lodged with the Warden's Clerk?
 (4.) Did that gentleman hold a miner's right at the time of marking out the claim; and, if so, what was the date and number?
 (5.) Was that application completed and the money paid for lease; and was Vanzetti's application the cause of Foster and party's first application being refused?
 (6.) Have the Mines Department established a regulation to prevent dummyism by repeated application of the same party, and non-completion of any; and is it observed in all cases?
 (7.) Did Mr. Vanzetti subsequently make another application for a portion of the same ground under the 28th section of the Mining Act; and what was the date of such application and the date and number of the applicant's miner's right; and what was the cause of that application being refused?
 (8.) Were those applications of Messrs. Foster and party and Mr. Vanzetti's refused through the reports received from the Warden?
 (9.) How many inquiries were there held before the Warden respecting these cases; and did the Warden demand the production of miners' rights from Messrs. Foster and Macdougal and not require the same evidence of *bona fides* from Mr. Vanzetti?
 (10.) Will he permit copies of the reports of Mr. Warden Sharpe on the cases referred to being obtained; and will he cause an inquiry to be made into these matters, and insist that justice shall be meted out to miners as well as speculators?
 (11.) Did Foster and party make a second application on the 6th October last; when was that application received in the Department; and what is the cause of the delay in transmission from Forbes?
 (12.) When will that application be finally dealt with; and is there any redress or compensation for keeping a party of working miners nearly six months out of possession of their claim?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No; but F. Foster and P. M'Dougall made application on the 2nd of June, 1892. Application No. 235, at Forbes.
 (2.) Yes; on the 30th September, 1892, because possession was taken during the period within which Vanzetti and another had a right to apply for the land.
 (3.) No; but he took possession and gave notice of intention to apply.
 (4.) This question has been referred to the Warden for inquiry.
 (5.) No; Vanzetti's possession was the cause of refusal.
 (6.) Yes.
 (7.) Mr. Vanzetti's application section 28 for permission to mine under a road (part of same land) was dated 30th May, 1892; received in the Department 2nd June, 1892; application was made by virtue of his miner's right, dated 30th May, 1892. Refused on account of Foster and M'Dougall's prior possession.
 (8.) No.
 (9.) Only one inquiry was held, namely, into Vanzetti's objections to Forster's and McDougall's application to lease. No evidence to show that Vanzetti was required to produce his miner's right at such inquiry.

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- (10.) Yes; if asked for by Foster and McDougall.
 (11.) Yes; application received in Department 31st October, 1892; cause of delay not known in this office.
 (12.) The application is now being dealt with, and will be expedited.

(5.) Position of Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many gentlemen holding the position of Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages are there in this Colony whose names do not appear upon the Commission of the Peace?
 (2.) Is it a fact that, in the performance of the duties attaching to their position, these gentlemen are very frequently put to serious inconvenience through not being possessed of the powers conferred upon Justices of the Peace?
 (3.) Will he cause the names of all gentlemen holding such positions to be placed upon the Commission of the Peace without delay?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Registrar-General:—

- (1.) Two hundred and two.
 (2.) It is not. Whatever inconvenience there may be falls upon the informant, who has infringed the 21st clause of the Registration Act.
 (3.) This course is not considered desirable.

(6.) Pyrmont Bridge:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to submit the construction of the Pyrmont Bridge to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot fix any date at present for this as the whole question in a new light is being considered by me. Further information on this point is at present being obtained, and when ready no unnecessary delay shall take place in dealing with the subject. I may further state that the proposed work is estimated to cost something like £250,000, and I am considering whether it is not advisable to deal with the matter in a different way.

(7.) Federal Proposal:—Mr. Kelly asked the Attorney-General,—Is it his intention to embody in his Federal Proposal the resolution passed by this House, providing that no system will be acceptable to this House unless the electoral system provides for the principle of one man one vote at the election for Members to the proposed House of Representatives?

Mr. Barton answered,—When this House considers in detail the proposals embodied in the Draft Bill of the Federal Convention, I shall be found supporting the suffrage advocated in the Honorable Member's resolution.

(8.) Survey for Tramway from Parramatta Railway Station to Castle Hill:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a survey to be made for the purpose of laying down a tramline from the Parramatta Railway Station, and running through Toongabbie, Windsor Road, Seven Hills, Baulkham Hills, Kellyville, to Castle Hill, so as to enable a large number of persons to travel, and a quantity of produce to be taken to the metropolis, which cannot now be done owing to the bad state of the roads?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I can give no definite reply to this until the railway policy is being dealt with, and this cannot be just at present.

(9.) Appointment of Mr. Thomas Atherton as Inspector of Mines:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Thomas Atherton has been appointed Inspector of Mines?
 (2.) What experience or qualification has Mr. Atherton had to justify his appointment?
 (3.) What mine or mines (if any), either in these Colonies or elsewhere, has Mr. Atherton had the management of, or been employed in, otherwise than as an assayer?
 (4.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Atherton is an assayer or chlorinator, and as such has been employed on mines?
 (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of Mr. Atherton's testimonials, and other papers in connection with the appointment?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) He has been appointed for three months on trial.
 (2.) Having been a Mining Manager, and passed second in the recent competitive examinations.
 (3.) Had part charge of the reduction works, Mount Morgan; Mining Manager, Charters Towers Gold-field, Queensland, with the Standard Gold-mining Company, and the Puzzle Silver-mining Company; Mining Manager at Major's Creek, New South Wales, and at Nambucca Gold-mining Company as Metallurgist and Mining Manager.
 (4.) He may, at some period, have been so employed, but the papers show that, during the past five years, he has been employed as Metallurgist and Mine Manager.
 (5.) Yes.

(10.) Public School, South Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he made any inquiry respecting the following Question asked on 19th October last:—

- “(1.) Is he aware that there are over 250 children packed in a room for which there should only be 100, at the Public School, Parramatta South, and that during the summer it will be dangerous to the health of the children?
 “(2.) Will there be any better arrangements made; if so, when, for the accommodation for the large number of children attending the school, to prevent them leaving?”

Mr. See answered,—No; ample accommodation is afforded in all the departments for the number of children in attendance. It is intended, however, to erect a new girls' school as soon as funds are available.

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(11.) **Sewerage Farm at Duck Creek for Parramatta** :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the following Question asked on 25th October, and answered by the Colonial Treasurer, has the Minister yet had time to deal with this important matter, affecting the health of the inhabitants:—

“*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Public Works Committee having reported against the site purchased by the Government for the sewerage farm at Duck Creek, what action do the Government intend taking, so as to have the necessary works carried out for the preservation of the health of the inhabitants?

“*Mr. See* answered,—My honorable colleague has not yet had time to deal with this matter, but will do so at an early date.”

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Commissioner for Roads is preparing a report on the whole subject, which, I understand, will be ready in a few days. When that is before me I shall come to an early decision in the matter.

(12.) **Imported Explosives** :—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are all imported explosives examined before being admitted into this Colony?

(2.) Is there any official examination of explosives made in this Colony before their use is permitted, and under what Department, and by what officer is the examination (if any) conducted?

(3.) Is there an Inspector of Explosives here, holding an equivalent position to that held by the Inspector of Explosives in Victoria?

(4.) If not, is it the intention of the Government (having regard to the safety of the large number of people using explosives in New South Wales) to appoint such an officer?

(5.) If so, is it possible to make the appointment from the ranks of duly qualified men here without sending out of the Colony for one?

(6.) Is the Government aware that an explosive is largely used in New South Wales which has been refused a license by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives in the United Kingdom?

(7.) Does the Government take the responsibility of ignoring the opinion of such a high authority by permitting the continuous importation and use of the explosive referred to?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) It is understood that they are examined before shipment.

(2.) Yes, under the Ordnance Department, by the analyst appointed for the purpose.

(3., 4., and 5.) Yes.

(6.) No.

(7.) The Government is at all times prepared to accept the advice of the authority named.

2. **OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Gould*, for *Mr. Neild*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Paddington to close certain portions of Marshall-street, a public street in the said borough, and a certain right-of-way leading therefrom; and to vest the fee-simple of part of the land comprised in the closed portion of the said street, and said right-of-way in the Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), a company duly registered under the “Companies Act,” and the remaining part thereof in the trustees of the will of George Brereton, deceased; and to vest in the said borough for the improvement of Oxford-street certain pieces and parcels of land owned by the said Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), fronting Oxford-street; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects.

Question put and passed.

3. **FLOATING BATHS, FARM COVE** (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, and other documents in reference to the lease to Frederick Cavill of part of the waters of Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour, for the purpose of making floating baths.

Question put and passed.

4. **WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-SERGEANT OF POLICE** (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Darnley* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from William Stafford presented on 1st November, 1892, be now read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the Petition to the House.

5. **SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Neild*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of an extension of the railway commonly known as the Rosehill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Rosehill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the districts of Rydalmer, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural.

Question put and passed.

6. **MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL** :—*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 Bill was referred on 18th October, 1892, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION** :—

(1.) *Mr. Walker* presented a Petition from the Members of No. 9 Grand Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, of Sydney, alleging that the evils arising from the daily increasing use of intoxicants are so great that an alteration in the laws relating to the drink traffic is urgently required; and further, that whereas the drink traffic is supposed to be for the convenience of the people, the Petitioners affirm the desirability of full Local Option without compensation; and praying the House to take the above premises into favourable consideration.

Petition received.

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- (2.) Mr. Lyne presented a Petition from Members of the Corowa Border Temperance Club, the Corowa Temperance Society, and others, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations and Forms under the Funded Stock Act, 1892.
(2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners for quarter ended September, 1892.
(3.) Return respecting Leper Patients at Little Bay Hospital.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Camping and Water Reserves in the Namoi Electorate.
Ordered to be printed.

9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS 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. Barton (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

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

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887’ and ‘Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending 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, 10th November, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACTS AMENDING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th November, 1892.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

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| Page 2, Preamble, line 5. | Omit “Saint Leonards,” insert “North Sydney” |
| Page 2, clause 1, line 15. | Omit “are” insert “is” |
| Page 2, clause 2, line 33. | Omit “Saint Leonards” insert “North Sydney” |
| Page 2, clause 2, line 41. | Add “s” to “Schedule” |
| Page 2, clause 4, line 54. | Omit “That” |
| Page 2, clause 4, line 57. | Omit “clauses” insert “sections” |
| Page 3, clause 5, line 1. | Omit “Provided always and it is hereby enacted that” |
| Page 4, clause 8, line 17. | Omit “herein or” |

Examined,—

MR. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1892, A.M.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Baptism of Children received into Benevolent Asylum:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, acting at the instance of His Eminence Cardinal Moran, the Minister has issued orders to the Management of the Benevolent Society that one-third of the children born or received therein be baptised into the Roman Catholic Church?

(2.) What proportion of the mothers of such children are reputedly members of such religious denomination?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No; but a practice which previously prevailed at this Institution with regard to foundling children only, has again been reverted to.

(2.) The mothers of such children are seldom, if ever, found, and their religious classifications cannot, therefore, be ascertained.

(2.) Broken Hill Strike:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many members of the Police Force, Magistrates, Law Officers, Inspectors, and Detectives were sent to Broken Hill during the miners' strike?

(2.) What has been the total cost to date for the transit and maintenance of the Law Officers and Police sent to Broken Hill in consequence of the strike?

(3.) What has been the cost to the country of sending the members of the Defence Committee for trial to Deniliquin?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the information asked for in these Questions can be more conveniently furnished in the form of a Return, which is now being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House as early as possible.

(3.) Inquests and *Post Mortems* held from 1st January to 31st October, 1892:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he state the number of inquests, when *post mortems* were ordered by the Coroner or Deputy Coroner, held in Sydney, from the 1st of January to 31st of October, 1892?

(2.) The names of the medical gentlemen who attended such inquests and held such *post mortems* during the above period?

(3.) The number of inquests attended, and *post mortems* performed by each medical gentleman during the above period?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the information asked for can be more conveniently furnished in the shape of a Return, which will be presently laid upon the Table.

(4.) Excise Duty on Tobacco:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the excise duty on tobacco is crippling the production of that article in the Colony?

(2.) Does the Government intend to take steps to have the duty abolished?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the excise duty on tobacco does not affect the growth of leaf in the Colony, the supply being in excess of the demand, and the consumption of Colonial-made tobacco is far in excess of the consumption of imported tobacco.

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(5.) Land in Murrumbidgee and Murray Districts for Agricultural Purposes:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is an urgent demand for agricultural land in the Murrumbidgee and Murray Districts?

(2.) Are there a large number of reserves in those districts that are not required for public use?

(3.) Will he have steps taken to have some of those reserves made available for settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) I am not aware, but probably it is so.

(2 and 3.) Action in this direction has been proceeding for some time, and the District Surveyors at Hay and Wagga Wagga have now reported that the whole of the reserves from sale in the Eastern Division, and those within the resumed areas of the holdings in the Central Division within the Murrumbidgee and Murray Districts, have been inspected and reported on, and all unnecessary reserves recommended for cancellation, which recommendations have been or are being given effect to.

(6.) Pastoral Leases in Central Division:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of promoting agricultural and other forms of settlement, what action does he intend to take to terminate the pastoral leases in the Central Division, especially where the land is required for agricultural settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The policy of the Government on this question will be embodied in an amending Land Bill, which will be introduced to Parliament so soon as the business of the Session will permit.

(7.) Inspector under the Dairies Supervision Act:—Mr. Fuller asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a gentleman named Simons been lately appointed Inspector under the Dairies Supervision Act?

(2.) How long has that gentleman been in the Colony; by whom was he appointed; and what are his special qualifications for the position?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Board of Health has recently appointed Mr. S. T. D. Symons, who has been in the Colony about twelve months, an Acting Veterinary Inspector. Mr. Symons is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of England, has had considerable experience, and is at present engaged inspecting the dairy cattle and premises in the South Coast District

(8.) Proposed Contract for Steel Rails:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he extend the time of delivery of steel rails, tenders for 175,000 tons of which are invited, to seven years, at the rate of 25,000 per year, instead of as at present advertised?

(2.) Will he take steps to remove or modify clause 2 in the conditions of contract, which, as it stands, would render the manager of the steel works liable to interference in his managerial capacity by a Government inspector?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I do not think it necessary to make any alterations in the conditions for tendering for these rails, unless it be shown to be desirable after the tenders have been received, on the 7th proximo.

(9.) Appointment of Temporary Mining Inspectors:—Mr. Scott asked the Secretary for Mines,—

Will he inform this House what are the names of the gentlemen who constituted the Board of Inquiry with respect to the appointment of temporary mining inspectors, in connection with the Mines Department, gazetted last week?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Mr. Harrie Wood, Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture; Mr. E. F. Pittman, Government Geologist; and Mr. W. H. J. Slee, Chief Inspector of Mines.

(10.) Expenditure of Prospecting Vote for 1892:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How much money has been granted out of the Prospecting Vote for 1892 to be expended in the Carcoar electorate?

(2.) What are the names of the several persons to whom sums have been paid, and the amounts paid to each?

(3.) The same respecting the Mudgee electorate?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £4,700.

(2 and 3.) I will lay on the Table a Return containing the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(11.) Purchase of Bombo Quarries, near Kiama:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What were the terms of purchase of the Bombo Quarries, near Kiama?

(2.) How much was paid for the goodwill and plant of the same?

(3.) How much was paid for the ground rent for the same?

(4.) Are the quarries now working?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) The lease of the Bombo Quarries was originally purchased for the sum of £18,159, this sum including the goodwill, plant, &c.

(3.) The lease was taken over on the same terms as enjoyed by the previous lessee, viz., £800 per annum.

(4.) Yes.

(12.)

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- (12.) Proposed Railway, Nyngan to Broken Hill, *via* Cobar and Wilcannia:—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to Mr. Dickens' Question of the 2nd instant, in reference to the Nyngan to Broken Hill Railway (*via* Cobar and Wilcannia), and the Minister's reply thereto,—
- (1.) Will he, in view of the immense number of unemployed men at Broken Hill, consult with his colleagues as regards the expediency of immediately taking the necessary steps to complete the railway connection between Broken Hill and Cobar, or between Broken Hill and Wilcannia, with a view to the further extension to Cobar, which extension will bring the capitals of the Colonies of New South Wales and South Australia into direct communication, and which scheme was approved of and recommended by the Public Works Committee, and was also a portion of the general railway policy of the late Government?
- (2.) Will he at an early date inform the House definitely if the Government are prepared to act in the matter indicated?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (13.) Public School at Lilyfield:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has any decision been arrived at *re* the erection of a new public school at Lilyfield?
- (2.) In view of the bad condition of the existing school building, and the overcrowded state of the same, will he have the work pushed on as rapidly as possible?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—
- (1.) It is proposed to add to the accommodation of the present school at Lilyfield (Leichhardt West), and to erect another school in a position to ease off the attendance at Darling Road and Smith-street.
- (2.) Yes.
- (14.) Warders at Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the warders in Darlinghurst Gaol are detailed to keep watch upon prisoners sentenced to death from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.; if so, will he cause alteration to be made, with a view to curtail these long hours?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Report which has been received from the Comptroller-General of Prisons in answer to this Question.
- (15.) Coonamble Water Supply:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Morgan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Mr. Townsend's reports on the Coonamble Water Supply, and on artesian water generally, from June, 1892, to November, 1892?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection.
- (16.) Transfer of Boys from Training Ship "Vernon" to "Sobraon":—Mr. Eve asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will the ship "Sobraon" be ready to receive the boys from the training ship "Vernon"?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—The boys were transferred to the "Sobraon" on Tuesday last, the 8th instant.
- (17.) Caretakers' Cottages at Public Watering Places in Bourke District:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have tenders been accepted for the erection of caretakers' cottages at public watering places on the Bourke to Wanaaring, Bourke to Hungerford, and Bourke-Barrington roads, and what are the several amounts for each, and the names of the successful tenderers?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes; tenders were invited for hipped roofed cottages. Messrs. Pickering tendered £105 each; Mr. Wm. Pye tendered £92 10s. each for hipped roof; if gable roof allowed, £87 10s. each; Messrs. Litchfield and Wood, £90 each. After Messrs. Litchfield and Wood's tender was accepted, Mr. Pye offered to do the work at a lower rate, but his offer could not then be considered.
- (18.) Public Debt:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount has been paid as interest on loans constituting our public debt?
- (2.) What has the floating of such loans cost, including all charges?
- Mr. See answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.
- (19.) Resumption of Land within Reserve at Double Bay:—Mr. Want asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have the Government resumed, or do they intend to resume, certain land belonging to Mr. Oswald Lewis, situated within the reserve at Double Bay?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to lay the papers upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) The Government have resumed the land referred to at the Steyne Reserve, Double Bay.
- (2.) It would not be advisable in the public interest to lay copies of these papers upon the Table of this House at present.
2. MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Willis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Masters and Servants Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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3. PUBLIC LAND SOLD BY PRESENT GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the total quantity of public land sold, and the amount received therefrom, since the present Government came into office.
Question put and passed.
4. RAYMOND TERRACE MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the present, or other the trustees for the time being of the Mechanics School of Arts, at Raymond Terrace, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the lands, hereditaments, buildings, and premises, and goods and chattels vested in them as such trustees as aforesaid, and to apply the proceeds of such sale, if and when effected, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter specified.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Hart 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 present or other the trustees for the time being of the Mechanics School of Arts, at Raymond Terrace, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the lands, hereditaments, buildings, and premises, and goods and chattels vested in them as such trustees as aforesaid, and to apply the proceeds of such sale, if and when effected, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter specified,*”—read a first time.
5. MONETS ADVANCED TO THE PREMIER ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO ENGLAND AND AMERICA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents, vouchers, bank credits, and correspondence, relative to any moneys advanced to the Premier, on account of his recent visit to England and America.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amending Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 31st January.
(2.) Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments ;—until To-morrow.
7. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Neild 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 authorise the construction of an extension of the Railway commonly known as the Rosehill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Rosehill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the Districts of Rydalmer, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural,*”—read a first time.
8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

JERSEY,
Governor.*Message No. 15.*

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 1891, 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.

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9. OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL :—Mr. Neild 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 Council of the Borough of Paddington to close certain portions of Marshall-street, a public street in the said Borough, and a certain right-of-way leading therefrom ; and to vest the fee-simple of part of the land comprised in the closed portion of the said street and said right-of-way in the Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), a Company duly registered under the 'Companies Act,' and the remaining part thereof in the trustees of the will of George Brereton, deceased ; and to vest in the said Borough for the improvement of Oxford-street certain pieces and parcels of land owned by the said Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), fronting Oxford-street ; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects,*”—read a first time.
10. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—
(1.) Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from George Chandler, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in Deniliquin, representing that the meeting is of opinion that any attempt to provide for compensation to publicans whose licenses may be cancelled is wrong in principle, and protesting against the imposition of any such burden upon the tax-payer ; and praying the House to favourably consider the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, with a view of granting the relief asked for.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from certain residents of the Macleay Electorate, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.

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- (3.) Mr. Houghton presented a Petition from certain adult male residents of the Glebe, representing that in the opinion of the Petitioners no system of Local Option is complete without the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for the confiscation of licenses; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation as aforesaid.
Petition received.

11. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Divorce Jurisdiction.
(2.) Return respecting Coroners' Inquests.
(3.) Return respecting amounts granted out of the Prospecting Vote for the Carcoar and Mudgee Electorates.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Warders in Darlinghurst Gaol.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Soverage, of works comprised in contract No. 76, Sydney sewerage, Iron Cove Creek Stormwater Channel.

- (2.) Return showing cost of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

12. PENNY POSTAL SYSTEM:—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to establish "at once" a penny postal system on letters throughout New South Wales.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "at once."

Question proposed,—That the words 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.
Main Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to establish a penny postal system on letters throughout New South Wales.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Carrathers,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barton,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Eilden,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Donald,

*Tellers,*Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Parkes.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Dawson.
Tellers,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hussall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. STABILITY OF LIFE AND FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETIES:—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That in view of the recent disgraceful disclosures concerning bogus banks and other financial institutions, it is desirable to at once have a strict investigation made as to the stability of the various Life and Fire Insurance "Societies," so that every protection may be afforded to the general public against imposition or fraud.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Societies," of the words "Building Societies, Land Banks, and all other Companies registered under the "Companies Act."

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.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Black,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Houghton,

Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Willis,
Tellers,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. York,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Vaughn,

Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Cruickshank.
Tellers,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dickens.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton 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.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Members of the Legislative Council in receipt of Pensions:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What Members of the Legislative Council are in receipt of either pensions from the Crown or of salary for positions held by them in connection with the public service, or on Boards administering public matters?
(2.) What are the positions so held by such Members, and what is the pay?
(3.) Are these Members entitled under the Constitution to occupy seats in the Legislative Council, and to still hold those public offices?
(4.) Can any Member of the Legislative Assembly hold these positions, or any of them, without forfeiting his seat?
(5.) Is it a fact that Mr. G. B. Simpson, Q.C., recently resigned his seat in the Legislative Council when he accepted a temporary Judgeship of the Supreme Court; also, that Dr. Garran resigned his seat when he accepted the position of Chairman of the Board of Arbitration; if so, were these gentlemen bound to retire from the Council by reason of the law, or did they voluntarily retire?
(6.) In view of the grave objections which exist to public servants, save Ministers of the Crown, holding seats in the Legislature, will the Government take action to cause the gentlemen concerned to either resign their positions in the public service or to retire from the Legislature?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1 and 2.) If a Return is moved for in the usual way the information shall be furnished.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No.

(5 and 6.) Yes, both duties being inconsistent with their positions in the House.

- (2.) Mining on Private Property Bill:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will he move the second reading of the Mining on Private Property Bill?

Mr. Copeland answered,—As soon as the state of public business will admit of this being done.

- (3.) Extirpation of Briars:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that briars are spreading over various parts of the Colony at a very rapid rate?
(2.) Does he intend to introduce legislation with a view to their extirpation?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, it is provided for in the Stock and Pastures Bill.

- (4.) Institute of Accountants:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he been requested to register under the 54th section of 37 Victoria No. 19, any Institute of Accountants?
(2.) Will he upon such request being made inform this House of same, before issuing a license as provided by the Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Application has been made and sent to the proper officer for report.

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- (5.) Reclamation Works at White Bay, Balmain:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Johnston, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the levels be taken for the purpose of finishing the reclamation works at White Bay, Balmain?
 - (2.) When will the new road through the reclamation at White Bay be metalled and handed over to the Municipal Council of Balmain?
 - (3.) Is it his intention, when handing the road over to the Municipal Council of Balmain, to provide the gas-lamps for the said road?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No further levels are necessary until it is decided to what use the reclamation is to be devoted. It is practically all level now.
- (2.) I cannot say at present, as there is no vote available to make the road.
- (3.) No.

- (6.) Road from Henty, towards Munyabla and Urangeline:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that great delay takes place in the Lands Department in having roads proclaimed and opened that are required for public use?
 - (2.) What time has elapsed, and what number of applications have been made to have a road opened from Henty towards Munyabla and Urangeline?
 - (3.) What has been the cause of delay, and when is this road likely to be open?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that any unnecessary delay takes place in dealing with these questions, but the opening of roads necessarily involves much time, owing to the necessity of fully considering the effect of the proposals upon alienated lands, the cost that might be entailed on the Crown, the road accommodation already provided, and the objections and suggestions of persons whose properties might be most injuriously affected by establishment of the roads applied for.
- (2 and 3.) The first application for the road referred to was received from the Honorable W. J. Lyne in October, 1890, the application was reported on, and survey of a road was subsequently effected and notification of intention to establish it was made in *Government Gazette* of 12th April, 1892. Subsequent to this, however, protests against the proposal and objections to the surveyed road were lodged, and in due course referred to the District Surveyor for report, which was furnished by him, but additional objections having been lodged, and further information being required, the case was again referred to the District Surveyor on the 4th October, 1892, with whom the matter is at present. Three applications for the road have been recorded, viz.:—The first by the Honorable W. J. Lyne, in October, 1890, the second by Mr. Gormly, M.P., on the 9th December, 1891; and the third by residents of Edgehill, &c., presented by Mr. Gormly, in August, 1892. When the road will be opened will depend on the nature of the District Surveyor's report.

- (7.) Land in Central Division, between Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers, for Agricultural Purposes:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the land in the Central Division, between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers, extending from the eastern boundary to Gunbar, Hillston, and Cudgellico, is well suited for agricultural settlement?
 - (2.) Is much of the Crown lands in the country referred to now being overrun with scrub and rabbits?
 - (3.) In view of the near termination of the pastoral leases in the Central Division, and in order to promote agricultural settlement on the large quantity of Crown lands in this portion of the Colony, will he have surveys made and estimates prepared, so that the Government may consider the advisability of constructing cheap railway lines through this country?
 - (4.) Has it been estimated by the Railway Commissioners that light lines of railway through level country can be completed in a way that would be suitable to convey agricultural and other produce to market at a cost of £1,700 a mile; and, if so, would the construction of such a line in this country increase the value of Crown lands to an amount equal to the cost of making such a line?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am of course well aware of the facts referred to by the Honorable Member, and may inform him that the subject of cheap railways is at the present time especially engaging my attention, but I cannot make any promise with regard thereto. The Commissioners for Railways have expressed an opinion that, "for purely pastoral and level country, where the traffic would be exceedingly light, a line capable of carrying a light locomotive with the ordinary class of rolling stock, at a speed of about 15 miles per hour in daylight only, could be constructed exclusive of bridges, waterways, and station accommodation, which latter should be of the most simple nature, for about £1,750 per mile; money being voted later when the traffic had increased sufficiently to justify a better class of line to raise the line to the ordinary standard."

- (8.) Amending Land Bill:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he propose introducing his amending Land Bill?

Mr. Copeland answered,—As soon as the state of public business will admit of this being done, but I cannot say precisely when that will be.

- (9.) Lavatories for Second-class Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have any second-class carriages on our railways been fitted with lavatory accommodation?

Mr. See answered,—No. Lavatory accommodation for second-class passengers is provided in the brake-vans of the express and mail trains.

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(10.) Experiments made at Tenterfield on Stock with Vaccine Lymph :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines.—

(1.) What has been the result of the inoculation experiments for black-leg that were lately made at Tenterfield under the auspices of the Chief Inspector of Stock and Government Veterinary Surgeon ?

(2.) Did the six unprotected calves that were inoculated with the alleged deadly virus die, as was anticipated, within forty-eight to sixty hours after the operation ; if not, are the calves still alive, and in what state are they since the operation ?

(3.) Will he, for the information of the general public, obtain from his officers an explanation of the particular difference and distinction between vaccination and inoculation, and why it is called vaccine lymph in one case and inoculation virus in others ?

(4.) Is it not a fact that only one kind of vaccine lymph is used in vaccination in the human family ; why, therefore, is it needed to use a cultivated virus in inoculation in animals ?

(5.) Is it his intention to bring this system of inoculation with deadly virus of stock under the full operation of the Cruelty to Animals Act ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The health of the animals is apparently undisturbed.

(2.) No ; they are still alive, and in apparent good health.

(3.) The term "vaccination" means injection of an attenuated virus ; "inoculation" means the injection of virulent virus.

(4.) The Stock Department only deals with diseases of the lower order of animals.

(5.) No.

(11.) Trial Survey for Railway between Cudal and Molong and Parkes Line :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is he going to cause a suitable and satisfactory trial survey to be made of a light line of railway between Cudal and the Molong and Parkes line ; and what is the cause of the delay in getting the trial survey made ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the residents of Cudal have offered to bear part of the expenses ?

(3.) Is the distance only 6 or 7 miles ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Immediately.

(2.) Yes, if the survey be made under certain conditions, viz., that they be permitted to employ their own surveyors.

(3.) About 10 miles, but $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles as the crow flies.

(12.) Customs Duties on Sugar :—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that a considerable amount of dissatisfaction continues to exist with respect to the evasion of duties on refined sugar introduced as raw sugar ?

(2.) Will he have the matter referred to the consideration of the Board appointed to deal with such subjects of dispute ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) There is considerable difference of opinion on the subject.

(2.) Any person interested may refer the question to the Commissioners appointed under the Customs Regulation Act (42 Vic. No. 19) to hear complaints relating to the customs and the collection of duties.

(13.) Attendance of Children at Schools in the Richmond River District :—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Truant Officers make out informations from particulars furnished by school teachers ?

(2.) Is it a fact that summonses are served on parents in all truant cases by the Police ?

(3.) Is it a fact that cases cannot be proved by the Inspectors without calling teachers as witnesses ?

(4.) Is it a fact that no parent in the Richmond River District has been summoned unless his children have attended school part of the half-year ?

(5.) Is it a fact that Truant Inspectors have to travel to various centres to prosecute, and are allowed £1 per day travelling expenses in addition to salaries ?

(6.) Will he take an early opportunity to amend the Education Act, and so save this large expenditure of public money ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes, in some cases ; in others, they act upon information gained by personal inquiry.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) I do not think it is necessary to amend the Act in this respect.

(14.) Roads within External Boundaries of Land Conditionally Purchased or Conditionally Leased :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take the necessary steps to have all roads within external boundaries of land conditionally purchased or conditionally leased withdrawn from the area of occupation license or resumed area, within the boundaries of which such conditional purchase or conditional lease is situated ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Each case must be dealt with on its merits. In any case where the public interests require it, the road will be withdrawn from lease or license.

(15.) Fines under Crown Lands Act :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Are the fines provided for under the 96th section of the Crown Lands Act imposed on holders of occupation and other leases in the same prompt manner in which holders of conditional leases are dealt with ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes ; I think rather more so in the one case than the others.

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- (16.) Railway Employees:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway employees are now working forty hours per week?
 (2.) Will a similar reduction be made in the time and salaries of the officers over the employees?
 (3.) Will it be necessary, owing to the employees working short time, for the Commissioners to dispense with any of the clerical or supervising staff?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The majority of the workshops men will, from date, work 40 hours per week instead of 48, so as to avoid the necessity for dispensing with a number of men.
 (2.) The officers are not released from their duties and anxieties in the same way as the employees; in fact their anxieties are largely increased by a decreasing traffic in assisting the Commissioners to economise in every way for the advantage of the country.
 (3.) The Commissioners have reduced the salaried staff in all directions where practicable.

- (17.) Retrenchment in Railway Department:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that men are in the employ of the Railway Commissioners in the receipt of £1 10s. a week?
 (2.) Have these men been notified by circular that, owing to retrenchment, increases cannot be given, although the persons may be justly entitled to such increases?
 (3.) Is it a fact that officers in the Department have received, or are about to receive, an increase in their salaries, or a bonus addition to the same?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Without particulars being given the Commissioners are unable to answer the questions.
 (3.) Officers, as well as other members of the staff, have received in the past advances of pay, and bonuses where the circumstances demanded such a course being followed. Regarding the future the Commissioners cannot speak until the circumstances of each case comes before them.

- (18.) Water Conservation and Irrigation Bill:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Water Conservation, Irrigation, and Drainage Bill be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am very anxious to proceed with this Bill, and will do so as soon as the state of public business will admit.

- (19.) Destruction of Lantana, Paddy's Lucerne, Sweet Briar, &c.:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this year having in its provisions some enactments to render compulsory the destruction of lantana, Paddy's lucerne, sweet briar, prickly pear, the Darling pea, and other noxious plants?
 (2.) When will such Bill be proceeded with?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Provision is made in the Stock and Pastures Bill for the destruction of noxious weeds and plants.
 (2.) As soon as the state of the Government business will permit.

2. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Simpson's 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. Lyne, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Wright, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

3. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt and costs in civil actions.
 Question put and passed.

4. OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Oxford-street Improvement 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. Marks, Mr. McGowen, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Perry, Mr. Hart, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lees, Mr. Waddell, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

5. RESERVATION OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF QUIRINDI FOR A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND MANSE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) Copies of all papers relating to the reservation of land in the town of Quirindi for a Presbyterian church and manse.
 (2.) Copies of all correspondence in reference to the use of the same for purposes not connected with the objects of the dedication.
 (3.) Copies of all notices of resumption of the same, and copies of all correspondence in reference to the said land.
 Question put and passed.

6. RAYMOND TERRACE MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Raymond Terrace Mechanics School of Arts Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Suttor, Mr. Lee, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Edden, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

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7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until Tuesday, 28th February.

8. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on "Land Boilers Inspection Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine James Johnston, Esquire, 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, 16th November, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President:

Sir George Dibbs moved, That James Johnston, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Land Boilers Inspection 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 of the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for James Johnston, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Land Boilers Inspection 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, 16th November, 1892.

9. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACT:—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from certain Farmers and Stock-owners, in the district of Tenterfield, setting forth that they are assessed under the provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, and that they find the payment of such assessment a burdensome and unnecessary tax, as the high prices obtained for marsupial skins are sufficient inducement for their destruction; and praying for the repeal of the said Act, or an amendment thereof.

Petition received.

10. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, no system of Local Option is complete without the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation for the confiscation of licenses; and praying the earnest consideration of the House with a view to the incorporation of an efficient system of compensation as aforesaid:—

- (1.) By Mr. Traill—From certain adult male residents of Sydney.
- (2.) By Mr. Molesworth—From certain adult male residents of Newtown Electorate.
- (3.) By Mr. Sharp—From certain adult male residents of Redfern.

Petitions received.

11. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL:—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 Bill was referred on 11th October, 1892; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ewing then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd November.
Question put and passed.

12. PAPERS:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1892.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 2nd November, 1892,—"Amount of Gold and Silver in Coins exported from New South Wales."

Ordered to be printed.

13. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Barton 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 clauses 1, 4, 12, 13, 38, 112, 141, 145, and to consider a new clause in lieu "of clause 38."

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

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. Reid moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words "and clause 2." Question put and passed.

Mr. Chapman moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clauses 63 and 77."
Debate ensued.

And Mr. Reid requiring that the clauses be put *seriatim*,

Question put,—That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and "clause 63."

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The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Cruicksank,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Chanter.
Tellers,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hoyle.

Noes, 81.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. See,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Want,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Edden,
Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cann.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words, “and clause 77.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. McCourt,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Cruicksank,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hart.
Tellers,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Dickens.

Noes, 71.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. See,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Barbour,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Sheldon,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bavister,
Tellers,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Donald.

Mr.

And so it passed in the negative.

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Mr. Lee moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 65."

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Traill moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clauses 114 and 115."

Question put and passed.

Mr. Reid moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 10."

Question put and passed.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 34."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dannahey,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Lee,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Martin,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Davis,
Sir Henry Parker,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,

Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Cann.
Tellers,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Houghton.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. See,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. York,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. G. D. Clark,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted from the original Question be there inserted,—put and passed.

Mr. A'Beckett moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and clause 47."

Question put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 2, 4, 10, 12, 13, 34, 38, 47, 65, 112, 114, 115, 141, 145, and to consider a new clause in lieu of clause 38,—put and passed.

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

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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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.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Employees on Public Works of the Colony:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that several old hands have been discharged from the public works of the Colony—for instance, at Cockatoo Island, while men only appointed during the existence of the present Ministry have been kept on?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible to answer a question such as this. Men are taken on and discharged as the work demands, which is a varying quantity, and it is possible men are sometimes discharged who have longer service than those kept on. This is regulated to a very large extent by the qualifications of the workmen.

(2.) Purchase of Trams and Railways:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a syndicate has made overtures to the Government concerning the purchase of the trams?

(2.) Have the Government been similarly approached concerning the purchase of the railways?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No, not to the present Government.

(2.) No.

(3.) Payments made to Messrs. Waller and Franklin:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any payments been made by the present Government, in contravention of a decision of the Assembly, to either Messrs. Waller or Franklin, for work done on the Casual Labour Board appointed by the Dibbs-Jennings Ministry?

(2.) If so, what are the amounts?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I think the information asked for has already been given. It is a fact that the Government have paid claims made by Mr. Waller and Mr. Franklin as the result of actions at law to which the country had no defence.

(4.) Appointment of Mr. Waller as Arbitrator and Valuator of Public Works:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that Mr. T. F. Waller, who recently got a verdict from the Government in connection with certain alleged services on the Casual Labour Board, has been appointed arbitrator and valuator of Public Works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Mr. Waller has been paid for services in connection with the Casual Labour Board. The matter was decided upon the result of the case instituted by Mr. Cape, President of the Board. Mr. Waller is occasionally employed as a valuer and arbitrator.

(5.) Appointment of Deputy-Master of the Mint:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government been officially informed that the position of Deputy-Master of the Sydney Mint has been given to a defeated candidate at the last English Parliamentary elections?

(2.) If so, was the New South Wales Government approached or consulted in any way by the Home authorities prior to the appointment being made?

(3.) Is it a fact that the salaries and pensions of the Mint officers are paid out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony?

(4.) Would it have been against the usual course, or undesirable in any way, to have promoted an officer of the Department who might have been fully qualified for the post by long service and experience?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) Yes. Out of the annual endowment of £15,000, provided by Act 28 Vic. No. 3.

(4.) I would remind the Honorable Member that the Sydney Mint is a branch of the Imperial Mint, and that all appointments to the Mint are made by the Imperial authorities alone.

(6.) Proposed Cable from Queensland to New Caledonia:—Mr. Rae asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is there any truth in the report that this Government has promised a subsidy towards the proposed cable from Queensland to New Caledonia, the construction of which is purposed by a French company?

(2.) If so, what is the exact amount promised?

(3.) Will the amount of subsidy be clearly stated in the Estimates, and provisions made calculated to guard the interests of the public of this Colony?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1 and 2.) No subsidy has been promised. The correspondence on the subject was laid upon the Table of this House and ordered to be printed on the 4th ultimo. A perusal of the papers will show that this Government has agreed to guarantee the payment to the Company for thirty years of the sum of £2,000 per annum, or such smaller sum as shall, together with one-sixth of the net sum received by the Company for messages passing over the cable during the year, after deducting working expenses (which are not to exceed £2,400 a year), amount to £2,000. The agreement, which is amongst the papers, further provides that the said cable shall form part of a main Pacific cable connecting Queensland with Vancouver, San Francisco, or some other place in North America as may hereafter be determined, and that so soon as the main Pacific cable connecting Queensland with North America as aforesaid shall be completed, the guarantee hereinbefore mentioned shall be rearranged, and shall form part of any joint guarantee which may be given by any other countries or colonies in consideration of the main Pacific cable.

(3.) Any sum for which the Government may be liable under this guarantee will, of course, be provided for in the Estimates in the usual way.

(7.) Suit of Cameron v. Cameron:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In reference to the Questions asked by Mr. McCourt for Mr. Wise, on Thursday, the 13th October, re the suit of Cameron v. Cameron, heard before the Full Court in 1891, on which occasion it was held that the land in question was never properly selected, and is therefore Crown land, does he hold that decision to be final?

(2.) If the decision above mentioned is not final, will he take steps to compensate the original selector by granting him the said land, subject to fulfilment of ordinary conditions, seeing that the Equity Court decided that such original selector was deprived of the land by means of a forged transfer deed?

(3.) In reference to the statement made by Mr. Lyne in answer to Mr. McCourt's Questions of the 13th ultimo, viz., that the papers in connection with the aforementioned case had been impounded by the Supreme Court, have these papers been returned, and has the matter of the forged deed been considered by the Attorney-General?

(4.) If not, will he, in the interests of justice, cause the papers to be returned, and the matter to be considered at the earliest possible moment?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 2.) I hold the decision to be final.

(3 and 4.) The papers have been returned, and do not disclose that any deed has issued.

(8.) Mr. Josiah Thomas, J.P., of Broken Hill:—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the alleged utterances of Mr. Josiah Thomas, J.P., of Broken Hill, the newspaper reports of which the Colonial Secretary stated he had forwarded to Mr. Thomas for explanation, has any reply been received from that gentleman by the Government?

(2.) If so, what is the purport of such reply?

(3.) Has the Government decided on taking any further action in the matter; and, if so, will he have any objection to laying the whole correspondence upon the Table of this House, including the reasons for any decision that has been or may be made?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I may inform the Honorable Member that the case of Mr. Josiah Thomas is now under the consideration of the Government, and will probably be dealt with before Saturday.

(9.) Supply of School Books:—Mr. Murphy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is there any foundation for the rumour that the "Picturesque Atlas Co." without any tenders having been called, are to have the monopoly in supplying the whole of the school books of the Colony?

(2.) If not, will he call for tenders for the supply of all school requisites?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) There is no truth whatever in the rumour alluded to by the Honorable Member. Tenders are called for in the most public way possible. I have not determined what tender I shall accept.

(2.) For the supply of school requisites tenders are always publicly invited.

(10.) Survey of Reserves Contiguous to the Punt Crossing-place on the River Murray at Tocumwal:—

Mr. Willis, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return to Order, made on the 25th October,—"Survey of reserves contiguous to the punt crossing-place on the river Murray at Tocumwal,"—be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This Return will be laid upon the Table of the House next week.

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- (11.) Sale of Crown Lands situated south of the Murrumbidgee River :—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return to Order, made on the 25th October,—“Sale of Crown Lands situated south of the Murrumbidgee River,” be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This Return will require months of labour to prepare, and will cost a large amount of money, as the papers in connection with every portion, however small, of alienated land south of the Murrumbidgee River to the Victorian boundary, will have to be examined. I would ask the Honorable Member if he cannot limit his inquiry in some reasonable way with a view to avoiding useless expenditure of time and money.

- (12.) Diversion of Hunter River between East and West Maitland :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government intend to divert the natural course of the Hunter River between East and West Maitland, and have authorised tenders to be called for the same?

(2.) If so, what object is to be gained by the diversion?

(3.) What is the estimated cost of the above proposed work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It will divert the river, and move the current away from High-street, besides shortening the course of the river by one and five-eighths of a mile.

(3.) £2,500, exclusive of land.

- (13.) Width of Tires on Vehicles :—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to introduce this Session a Bill to regulate the width of tires on vehicles?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; and the information which the Honorable Member has given me will be of considerable service in framing the Bill.

- (14.) Proposed Cable from Queensland to New Caledonia :—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Postmaster-General,—Is this Government pledged in any way to contribute any portion of the cost of constructing a telegraphic cable from Queensland to New Caledonia, or towards maintaining same; if so, to what extent and for what period?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I will refer the Honorable Member to the replies just given by me to Questions of a somewhat similar character by the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee.

- (15.) Crown Lands Agent at Picton :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Crown Lands Agent's work at Picton largely increased during 1892 over former years?

(2.) Is it a fact, notwithstanding the large increase of work, the Crown Lands Agent's salary has been reduced by £50 per annum?

(3.) Will he, in view of the increase of work, restore the salary to the amount voted on last Estimates by Parliament?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) There is no evidence to show that the work has increased.

(2.) The Land Agency work not being sufficient to employ an officer one day in the week, it was decided early in this year that the salary for the Land Agent at Picton should be reduced to fifty pounds (£50) a year, as he received one hundred and ninety pounds (£190) as Clerk of Petty Sessions, and ten pounds (£10) as Warden's Clerk.

(3.) There appear to be no grounds for reopening this case.

- (16.) Companies Registered outside of Colony :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. McMillan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he under consideration legislation dealing with the subject of probate duty in cases where Companies are registered outside the Colony, but where the properties interested are within the Colony?

Mr. See answered,—Yes; and a Bill will be introduced to deal with the matter.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments ;—until Wednesday next.

(2.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 28th March.

(3.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 28th March.

(4.) Municipal Wharves Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 17th January.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—

(1.) Mr. Morton presented a Petition from G. C. Percival, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Milton, stating that, in the opinion of the meeting, no compensation should be granted to publicans whose houses are closed by a Local Option Vote; and praying that the House will reject the compensation clause proposed to be embodied in the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill. Petition received.

(2.) Mr. John Wilkinson presented a Petition from James Hodge, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Albury, representing that the meeting views with indignation the proposal to compensate publicans, should the people veto the renewal of their licenses; that such a proposal will impose extra burdens upon the people; and praying the House to pass the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill as originally proposed. Petition received.

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- (3.) Mr. Walker presented a Petition from R. B. Cropley, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held at the Protestant Hall, Sydney, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink; and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.

Petition received.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for the laying of a second pipe in connection with the Sydney Water Supply.
Ordered to be printed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs 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. Barton, passed.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects.*

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17, postponed (*by consent*) to follow after the Notice of Motion of General Business relative to conduct of Mr. Schey, M.P., in connection with his charges against the Railway Commissioners.

7. CONDUCT OF MR. SCHHEY, M.P., IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CHARGES AGAINST THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS:—Mr. Want moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) “That” this House desires to place on record its severest condemnation of the conduct of the Member for Redfern, Mr. Schey, in connection with the charges made by him against Mr. Eddy, the Chief Commissioner for Railways, and his colleagues.

(2.) That in view of the finding of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Schey, the Member for Redfern, against the Chief Commissioner for Railways and his colleagues, the Member for Redfern, Mr. Schey, ought to resign his seat in this House.

Mr. Alfred Allen required that the Resolutions be put *seriatim*.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words in the first paragraph after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this House ‘is of opinion that to give any verdict of approval or disapproval, or make any recommendation ‘relative to the decision arrived at by the Commission appointed to inquire into the truth or otherwise of the charges made by Mr. Schey, the Member for Redfern, against the Chief Commissioner ‘for Railways, is no part of the duty of this House, as the only properly constituted authority to ‘deal with Mr. Schey are his own constituents, who alone are the only masters of the situation in ‘such a case.’”

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Want, by leave, withdrew the second paragraph of his motion.

Debate continued.

Mr. Alfred Allen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. See,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lovien,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Morton,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Garrard,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Colls,

Mr. Scott,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Edden,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kidd.

*Tellers,*Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Davis.

*Tellers,*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Langwell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put.—That this House desires to place on record its severest condemnation of the conduct of the Member for Redfern, Mr. Schey, in connection with the charges made by him against Mr. Eddy, the Chief Commissioner for Railways, and his colleagues.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. See,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Kidd,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lovien,
Mr. Want,
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Mr. McMillan,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Edden,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Newton.

*Tellers,*Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Fagan,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Davis.

*Tellers,*Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Donald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Jetty at Woolgoolga Bay:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What has been the cost of the new jetty at Woolgoolga Bay; also of the buoys laid down in connection therewith; of the steam crane as finished; and of the jetty complete, including everything connected therewith?
(2.) Is it a fact that the Government has purchased an old jetty at Woolgoolga Bay; if so, at what price?
(3.) To whom was the purchase money paid?
(4.) Is there an inspector or caretaker in charge of this jetty; if so, at what rate per annum?
(5.) Is the jetty leased; if so, to whom, and at what rate per annum?
(6.) How many persons use this jetty?
(7.) Is it a fact that this jetty is used chiefly by one man, and by a saw-mill in the locality?
(8.) Is he aware who are the proprietors of the saw-mill; if so, will he give their names?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Cost of jetty, £9,152 0s. 5d.; cost of buoys, £503 15s.; cost of cranes, £498 12s. 6d.; total cost of jetty, including buoys, cranes, tramway, plant, survey, supervision, &c., £12,208 12s.
(2.) Yes; £263 11s. 10d.
(3.) Mr. W. T. Pullen.
(4.) Yes, a caretaker; salary at the rate of £104 per annum.
(5.) The jetty is not leased.
(6.) It is impossible to say how many persons use the jetty, but a considerable number of steamers and sailing vessels unload and load at it.
(7.) No.

(8.) There are three saw-mills and three sugar-mills at Woolgoolga. The owners of the former are Messrs. Pullen, Nicoll, McInerney, and Irving, and the latter, Messrs. Pullen, Skinner, and Spicer. Another saw-mill is, it appears, about to be erected. Sixty-nine persons are regularly employed in these mills; but, during the summer season, a great number of additional persons are employed, and in one mill alone about 50 tons of sugar are crushed daily. Since the erection of the jetty the population has largely increased, and is constantly being added to. There are two private butter factories, and three others will, it is expected, soon be in operation. New stores have been opened, two blacksmiths' shops started, and a great number of people are engaged in obtaining railway sleepers, and beams and piles, for New Zealand.

- (2.) Relatives of Mr. Carruthers, M.P., in Civil Service:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many relatives of the Honorable Member for Canterbury (Mr. Carruthers) are in the Civil Service?
(2.) What positions do they hold, what salaries do they receive, and by whom were they appointed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I do not know. Applicants for appointments to the Civil Service do not disclose their relationship to Honorable Members, presuming relationship to exist.

(3.)

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(3.) Rabbit-infested Areas in North-western Districts:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With reference to the recent proclamation declaring certain areas in the North-western Districts rabbit-infested, was this action taken as a result of the deputation which waited upon him last October?

(2.) Has any promise of renewal of lease been made in consequence of fencing?

(3.) What expense will be entailed upon small holders?

(4.) Is it open to any class of land-owners to appeal against this proclamation?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) No such proclamation has issued. I would, however, explain to the Honorable Member that a notice appeared in the *Gazette* of the 18th ultimo, of the intention of His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to declare by proclamation at some future time certain lands to be rabbit-infested. This action was taken as the result of the deputation which waited upon me on the subject. Until the proclamation has issued declaring such lands as rabbit-infested the provisions of the Rabbit Act of 1890 do not apply to any class of holdings.

(2.) No.

(3.) All holders, both small and large, will be liable to contribute both for the erection and maintenance of boundary fences.

(4.) No. It is not open to appeal against the proclamation, but it is open to any holder to appeal against the gazetted notice of "intention to proclaim."

(4.) Assyrian and Cingalese Hawkers:—Mr. Collins asked the Attorney-General,—In view of the great annoyance and trouble caused by Cingalese and Assyrian hawkers to the residents of the suburbs of Sydney and the country districts of the Colony, will he issue instructions to the different Clerks of Petty Sessions to refuse applications for renewals of hawkers' licenses to these people?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice (under whose Ministerial control Clerks of Petty Sessions are placed), that instructions of the nature indicated could not be issued, as such action would be in direct contravention of the provisions of the Hawkers' and Pedlars' Act, 13 Vic. No. 36, which vests in the Bench of Magistrates the power of granting or refusing, at their discretion, applications for such licenses.

(5.) Employees in Postal Department:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that while certain employees in the Postal Department received extra pay for performing overtime work entailed by the Melbourne Cup consultations, other employees, more particularly the clerks in the registered letter branch, who performed overtime work daily in connection with the same event, received no extra remuneration whatever?

(2.) Will he cause the clerks and others referred to to be paid for the overtime work performed during the period of the Melbourne Cup consultations, and in future see that all employees in his Department are placed upon an equal footing in regard to payment for services rendered?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I think the Honorable Member may safely leave the question of any extra remuneration to be allowed in cases of this kind to be settled by me in fairness to all concerned.

(6.) Sunday Closing Provisions of the Licensing Act:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that frequent and strong complaints have been made to the Inspector-General of Police by residents, and members of St. James' Church, against the open and systematic violation of the Sunday Closing provisions of the Licensing Act, on the part of public-house keepers of Castlereagh, Elizabeth, and King Streets?

(2.) Will he issue such instructions as will have the effect of enforcing the Sunday Closing law, or punishing those publicans who are guilty of systematically violating its provisions?

(3.) In the event of the police being unable, under the provisions of the existing Act, to cope with the evil of Sunday trading in liquor, will he be prepared to introduce an amending Bill, having for its object the complete closing of all hotels during the hours of Sunday?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

(1 and 2.) I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police as follows:—No complaint has been made by members of St. James' Church or by residents in that vicinity respecting Sunday trading in hotels in Castlereagh, Elizabeth, and King Streets. In September last a letter was received in reference to the matter, but the writer of it could not be found, and the address he gave proved to be a fictitious one. The publicans in the localities mentioned have not been allowed to break the law with impunity, though many escape conviction for Sunday trading owing to the tactics they pursue; and every just and reasonable endeavour is made to enforce a compliance with the Licensing Law in all its bearings. My honorable colleague further informs me that the Inspector-General of Police has had the matter of enforcing the Sunday Closing Law and punishing publicans guilty of violating the same continually brought under his notice, and it is not thought necessary that his attention should be further called to the subject.

(3.) The suggestion of the Honorable Member will be considered in connection with any proposed amendment of the present Licensing Laws.

(7.) Superannuated Officers:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that by the 47th clause of the Civil Service Act of 1885, officers superannuated by reason of ill-health may be required to resume duties upon being restored to health?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with the view of ascertaining if there are any cases where superannuated officers may now be called upon to resume duties, and so relieve the superannuation fund to the extent of the amounts received by the said officers?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter shall receive attention.

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2. SERICULTURE IN NEW ITALY AND IN OTHER DISTRICTS OF THIS COLONY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Alfred Allen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and reports relating to sericulture in New Italy and in other districts of this Colony.
Question put and passed.
3. RAILWAY FROM BYROCK TO BREWARRINA CONSTRUCTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Willis 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 authorise the construction of a railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.
Question put and passed.
4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Water Supply for Lithgow.
Ordered to be printed.
5. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL :—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to abolish Imprisonment for Debt and Costs in Civil Actions,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th December.
6. HILLGROVE AND ARMINDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from certain residents of the District of Hillgrove, setting forth that mining is their principal industry; that in working and developing their mines some less expensive motive-power than that of steam is necessary; that the adoption of electricity generated by water-power for the working of machinery, as proposed by the Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill now before the House, will overcome the present difficulties of carrying on the business of mining within the said District; and praying the House to pass the said Bill.
Petition received.
7. RESCISSON OF ORDER FOR PRINTING :—Mr. Barton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Order for printing the “Annual Return of Particulars of Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries for the year 1891,” laid upon the Table by him on 31st August, 1892, be rescinded.
Question put and passed.
8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION :—Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from certain residents of Bermagui, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, to reduce the number of licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Cruickshank rising to move the adjournment of the House.—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the method “by which appointments are made by the Home authorities to the Colonial Mints.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion.—
Mr. Cruickshank moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. ILLEGITIMACY DISABILITY REMOVAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. See,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Neild.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Eve,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Scott,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 17th January.

11. **LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Walker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 17th January.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, S.M. :—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it intended to pay Mr. Whittingdale Johnson any sum of money over and above his regular salary for the services rendered by that gentleman during his residence at Broken Hill ; if so, what amount, and will the money be withheld pending its being voted by Parliament ?

(2.) Is it intended to grant leave of absence on full pay to Mr. Whittingdale Johnson ; if so, for what period, and on what grounds ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

(1.) Yes; £2 a day and his actual travelling and hotel expenses during his absence on duty at Broken Hill. It will not be withheld but will be paid in the same way as other payments of the same kind are usually made.

(2.) Mr. Johnson was granted three weeks' leave of absence from the 8th instant on the ground of ill-health.

- (2.) Sydney Hospital :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of the contract for that portion of the Sydney Hospital now being erected ?

(2.) How much money has been drawn by the contractor on the certificate of the architect ?

(3.) How much money has been drawn on account of commission to the architect ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £51,989.

(2.) £5,000.

(3.) £1,299 14s. 6d., in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into.

- (3.) Experiments made at Tenterfield on Stock with Vaccine Lymph :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Did the Government and Stock Board sanction M. Pasteur's agent (Dr. Loir) making the inoculation for blackleg experiments at Tenterfield, on the 9th instant, or were such experiments made without the authority of the Government ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Acting Inspector of Stock (Mr. Jones), Mr. Stanley, Government Veterinarian, and Mr. Inspector St. Clair were present on the occasion, and upon whose authority were these gentlemen present ?

(3.) Have the experiments turned out a complete failure ?

(4.) Who bears the expenses of those gentlemen attending the inoculation experiments at Tenterfield ; how many days were they so engaged ; and the amount it cost each for travelling and other expenses ?

(5.) Why were the experiments made at Tenterfield in place of at Rodd Island or nearer Sydney ?

(6.) Did the Government or Chief Inspector of Stock countenance such experiments being made ?

(7.) Is it the intention of the Government to make a searching inquiry into the mission of M. Pasteur's agents to these colonies, with the view to safeguard the interests of the public and of stock-owners, by a proper system of control and inspection by the Government in regard to these inoculation experiments of stock with virulent virus, and the sale of lymph and virulent virus for the alleged cure of diseases of stock ?

(8.)

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(8.) How much money has been spent on Rodd Island in the erection of buildings for experimenting in stock diseases, and do the Government approve of M. Pasteur's agents having the entire use of these buildings, and full control of this island, without paying a single cent in the way of rent to the revenue?

(9.) Will the Government see that steps are taken to have Rodd Island again resumed, and set apart and dedicated as a public reserve for recreation purposes?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The Government did so.

(2.) Yes, with the sanction of the head of the Department.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The Department. Messrs. Jones and Stanley were absent five days each, and Mr. St. Clair six days. Their expenses, including rail fares, amount to £21 12s. 6d.

(5.) Because Tenterfield was considered the most suitable locality.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) No, as the object of their mission is already known. Every precaution will be taken to guard the safety of the public and stockowners generally.

(8.) £21 5s. Yes.

(9.) Not while it is required for the purpose to which it is now applied.

(4.) Seed-wheat supplied to Farmers:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the total cost of seed-wheat supplied by the Government to the farmers of New South Wales during the last five years?

(2.) How much of cost of same has been refunded?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £13,803 6s. 1d.

(2.) £3,349 5s. 5d.

(5.) Royalty on Timber:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Secretary for Mines,— What decision has he come to in reference to the abolition of royalty on timber, as asked for by a deputation introduced by Mr. McKinnon some time ago?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The matter will be dealt with within fourteen days.

(6.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. Fegan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many men are employed in the Railway Service?

(2.) How many officers, superintendents, clerks, overseers, and gangers?

(3.) What are the wages paid annually to the employees?

(4.) What are the wages paid to the officers, superintendents, clerks, overseers, and gangers annually?

(5.) Are some of the employees working short time; if so, how many?

(6.) Are some of the officers, superintendents, clerks, overseers, or gangers working short time; if so, how many?

(7.) In what districts are the men affected by the reduction of time?

(8.) What is the number of men in each district?

(9.) How many men have been discharged with a view to cutting down expenses?

(10.) Were the employees promised, on accepting the short time, that no employee would be discharged?

(11.) What department of the Railway Service is affected by the working of short time?

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Commissioners point out that the preparation of the information asked for would involve a deal of labour and great expense, and when furnished would be of little or no public value.

(7.) Contract for Steel Rails:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did he inform a deputation, which waited upon him on the 15th instant, that "he had a big contract for rails on hand, and if he did not arrange it by contract it would probably be arranged privately within a few months," as reported in the *Australian Star*?

(2.) Does he expect that any company or person is likely to send in a tender, with £15,000 cash deposit, for the local manufacture of 175,000 tons of steel rails under the conditions advertised?

(3.) If an attempt is made to have these rails manufactured by private arrangement will the clauses as to duration of contract and quantities to be delivered at certain times, and the interference with the management and discipline of the works be insisted upon, as conditions of the order being given?

(4.) As an order for 175,000 tons of steel rails would probably involve the expenditure of more than £1,000,000 of public money, is he prepared to incur the responsibility of so large an expenditure by private arrangement without referring the matter to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I did not use the exact words stated by the Honorable Member, but the purport of my reply was practically to the same effect.

(2.) I should not have inserted the provision in the specification had I not thought so.

(3.) This is a matter for future consideration.

(4.) These rails will come under the category of stores, and will be used for the renewal of works and construction of new lines, the latter of which will of course have to be reported upon by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and sanctioned by Parliament before being carried out.

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(8.) Hunter River, between East and West Maitland:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the value of the land required for the cutting through Stocker's Point?
- (2.) Has he had any later report on the straightening of the river Hunter at West Maitland than that sent in by G. Gordon, C.E.; if so, will he lay it upon the Table of this House?
- (3.) Does that officer state that, in the event of the river being shortened, the work should be commenced below, and carried upward?
- (4.) The proposed cutting being for the especial benefit of West Maitland, is that Municipality to be called on to bear any proportion of the cost?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No valuation has been made, but the amount will be comparatively trifling.
- (2 and 3.) No.
- (4.) The proposed cutting is, to a very large extent, for the protection of the Government Main Road, and the Municipality is not likely to be called upon for a contribution towards the cost.

(9.) Hunter River, between East and West Maitland:—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the proposed cutting of a new channel for the Hunter River, near West Maitland, part of a comprehensive scheme for mitigating floods in the Hunter River District?
- (2.) If the proposed cutting is carried out, what provision does the Government propose making for the protection of the residents and farmers of the Lower Hunter?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have given instructions to the local officer to make a survey of that part of the river, which is known as the Green Rocks, with a view to further works being carried out, if found necessary.

(10.) Circulars sent by Post:—Mr. Gormly asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Will he have defined in the Postal Guide in a clearer manner what form of circulars may be sent by post for one half-penny?
- (2.) Can only printed matter, where a number of copies are posted, be sent as circulars, at a cost of one half-penny postage, provided they are within the prescribed weight?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The information given at pages 130 and 132 of the October Postal Guide states the terms and conditions under which circulars could then be sent at an initial rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. After the Guide was in the printer's hands it was decided to allow all printed matter containing no manuscript whatever to pass for $\frac{1}{2}$ d. up to 2 oz. in weight, and this was notified by a colored slip on the outside of the Guide and by advertisement, &c.

(11.) Road from Narrandera to the River Bridge:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the additional works on the road from the town of Narrandera to the river bridge, which were sanctioned by him some months since, yet been commenced; and, if not, what has been the cause of delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member was informed on the 5th October that tenders were then being called for extending the metalling in Gillenbah-lane to the bridge approaches, and that additional works would be carried out when funds for next year were made available. On the 18th instant the Honorable Member was further informed that the sum of £350 was being expended in the extension of metalling on the south side of the bridge, with a view to connect with the Gillenbah-lane. Tenders are invited, to close on the 14th December, for a bridge over crossing in approach to the main bridge on the north side.

(12.) Loan to Penrith Municipal Council:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government lent, or do they propose to lend, the Penrith Municipal Council a sum of £13,000, or any like sum?
- (2.) If so, under what authority is the loan made?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The Government propose to lend £13,000 to the Penrith Municipal Council, but the money is not yet paid to the Council.
- (2.) The loan is to be made under the authority and in terms of the 190th clause of the "Municipalities Act of 1867."

(13.) Diseased Animals and Meat Act:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that under the "Diseased Animals and Meat Act" consignors are held responsible for supplying cattle, which, when killed, have exhibited symptoms of disease; but which, previous to killing, showed no visible sign of disease, and were passed as healthy stock by the Inspector, Health Officer, and auctioneer?
- (2.) Is he aware that in such cases referred to above the consignors besides being compelled to refund the value of the condemned beast to the auctioneer, may also be prosecuted for selling such cattle, and are liable to a penalty not exceeding £20 for each diseased animal sold?
- (3.) Will he as speedily as possible amend the Act, so as to protect consignors in such cases where condemned carcasses have not knowingly been sold as diseased, and where the Board of Health have not in the first place condemned the cattle?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No proceedings against consignors have been taken by the Board of Health under the "Diseased Animals and Meat Act," except in cases in which the animals have exhibited outward and visible signs when alive.
- (2.) Yes, persons consigning diseased animals are liable to a penalty of £20.
- (3.) The question of the desirability of amending the Act will be considered.

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(14.) Appointment of Officer at Bourke, under Diseased Animals and Meat Act:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there any officer at Bourke appointed to see that the provisions of the "Diseased Animals and Meat Act" are carried out?
- (2.) If so, what are the instructions given such officer to guide him in the performance of his duties?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes, three.
- (2.) No special instructions have been given, as the powers and duties of such officers are clearly set forth in the Act.

(15.) Military Estimates:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Military Estimates for the coming year be based on the last Estimates for this branch of the Public Service, or on the report of the last Military Commission?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to defer his Question until after the Estimates have been laid upon the Table of the House.

(16.) Police Duty at Balmain:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that during the continuance of the strike at Broken Hill only four policemen have been doing duty at Balmain—two on day duty, two on night duty?
- (2.) Is it a fact that of these policemen, two have been specially detailed for duty at Sir Henry Parkes' residence—one by-day, one by night?
- (3.) What reason is assigned for this special police protection to the ex-Premier?
- (4.) Who pays the cost of this extraordinary police protection?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the police force at Balmain numbers eighteen, ten of whom were sent to Broken Hill, four now returned, making twelve available for duty.

(2, 3, and 4.) The constable having charge of the beat in which Sir Henry Parkes resides has been instructed to give special attention to his residence, but not to the exclusion of other matters requiring his notice.

I might add, however, that the stuff that martyrs are made of should not require special police protection.

(17.) Revenue derived under Chinese Restriction Act:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Chinese Restriction Act is at the present time being evaded, and the revenue thereby deprived of large sums annually?

(2.) Is it a fact that upon arrival of China trading steamers Chinese residents are substituted for portions of their crews, so that no decrease is shown in the ships' crews?

- (3.) What provision, if any, is there to prevent such substitution?

(4.) For the prevention of such evasions, and loss to the revenue, will he appoint an assistant to the present officer conversant with the Chinese language?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that the Act is evaded. Every effort is made to prevent evasion.
- (2.) I am not aware of any such substitution, except in one instance, in which the man was made to pay £100.

(3.) Officers are specially appointed to muster crews, and keep a watch over their movements when in port.

- (4.) I do not think a knowledge of the language would be any advantage.

(18.) Applications for Residential Leases on Crown Lands situated within Leasehold Areas:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of applications (under section 48 of the Land Act of 1889) for residential leases upon Crown lands situated within leasehold areas have been refused?

(2.) Is it also a fact that special leases applied for under the provision of section 90 of the Land Act of 1884 have likewise been refused through their being situated within leasehold areas?

- (3.) What are the reasons for the refusal of such residential and special leases?

(4.) Are not lands situated within leasehold areas considered Crown lands within the meaning of the interpretation clause of the Land Act of 1884?

(5.) Will he take into consideration the advisability and necessity of giving the required notice, under section 78 of the Land Act of 1884, to all pastoral lessees in the Central Division whose leasehold areas are within a radius of 25 miles of populous towns?

(6.) Will he take the necessary steps towards the revocation of some reserves, or portion of reserves, and also withdraw such portions of the pastoral leases which are found to be in proximity to the Molong, Parkes, and Forbes railway line, with a view to facilitate settlement of the people on special areas and residential leases?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; five applications for residential leases have been refused.

- (2.) Yes; sixteen applications for special leases have been refused.

- (3.) Under the decision of the Supreme Court in *Jaques v. Stafford*.

- (4.) Under that decision lands within leasehold areas are not open to other form of lease.

With reference to 5 and 6, if the honorable gentleman will be more explicit in his inquiry, I will endeavour to supply him with the requisite information.

(19.) Issue of New Rifle to Public School Cadets:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that a new rifle has been issued to the Public School Cadets, and they are not able to practice with it in consequence of there being little or no ammunition for service with it in possession of the Government; and, if so, when may this state of things be changed?

Mr. Suttor answered,—One thousand new rifles have been issued to Cadets, and 10,000 rounds of sample ammunition received on trial. This ammunition having proved satisfactory, arrangements are being made for all necessary supplies of it.

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2. COMMON AT DENILIQUIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and papers in connection with the proposed survey and conditional sale by special area of portion of the Common at Deniliquin. Question put and passed.
3. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 in certain respects. Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 in certain respects*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 14th February.
4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Party Processions Act Repeal Bill postponed until Tuesday, 28th March.
5. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Simpson's Railway Bill" be authorised to make a visit of inspection to, and hold inquiries in, the locality of the proposed railway works, and that the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of this House, to enable them to make the said visit of inspection. Question put and passed.
6. SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Melville, 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 October, 1892; together with Appendix and 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 Wednesday next.
 Question put and passed.
7. OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL :—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from William Brereton, Joseph Brereton, Elizabeth McAnally, Charlotte Hamilton, Mary Ann Sherlock, Theresa Agnes Moore, and Frances Brereton, setting forth that the Oxford-street Improvement Bill has been introduced into the House to enable the Council of the Borough of Paddington to close certain portions of Marshall-street in the said Borough, and a certain right-of-way leading therefrom, and to vest the fee simple of a part of the said land in the Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited); that the said Bill has been referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report; and praying that, they being largely interested in the questions to be considered, may be granted permission to appear before the said Select Committee in person, or by solicitor or counsel, and, if necessary, to adduce such evidence as they may be advised, and examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.
 Petition received.
 Mr. McGowen (*by consent*) moved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
 Question put and passed.
8. PAPERS :—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order made on 25th October, 1892,—“Survey of Reserves contiguous to the Punt Crossing-place at Tocumwal.”
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections 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.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (6.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. SUMMARY CONVICTIONS AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,—
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Summary Convictions and Orders, and proceedings consequent thereon, and to validate certain convictions and orders*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1892. JOHN LACKEY,
 President.
- Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
10. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL :—Sir George Dibbs 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 divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.

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11. **POSTPONEMENT** :—Government Notice of Motion relative to Australasian Federation postponed to follow the Government Orders of the Day.
12. **MEDICAL 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.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The remaining Government Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 16, postponed until after the Government Notice of Motion relative to Australasian Federation.
14. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION** :—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) "That" this House "reaffirms" its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and having regard to the difficulties, as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it approves of the main principles of the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney in March, 1891, representing, under resolutions, the several Parliaments of Australia.
 (2.) That this House is of opinion that the said proposals should be considered in Committee of the Whole, "and" that such amendments as may be desired by the Legislative bodies of this and of the several other Australian Colonies should, together with the Draft Bill, be remitted to the consideration of a second Convention, similarly appointed by and reporting to the several Parliaments, and that the question of the final adoption by any Colony of any proposal for a Federal Constitution should be submitted to the people thereof in their electoral capacity.
 (3.) That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration in detail of the said proposals for a Federal Constitution.
 And Mr. Want proceeding to propose an amendment,—

Point of Order :—Mr. Crick requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the Resolutions were in order, and whether the subject could be proceeded with in Committee of the Whole House in the manner proposed.

Mr. Speaker stated that the same objection had been overruled in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and, as he quite agreed with the Speaker's ruling in that case, he decided that there was nothing irregular in the Resolutions as proposed.

Mr. Want moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "reaffirms," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "declares."

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Want then moved, That the Question be amended by the omission, after the first word "That" of all the words down to the word "and" in resolution (2.) with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House declares its opinion in favour of Federation of the Australian Colonies, but having regard to the difficulties as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interest, and coming to a common ground of agreement, the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing under resolutions the several Parliaments of Australia, shall be considered in a Committee of the Whole House."

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

15. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16, and the remaining Notices of Motions of General Business postponed until To-morrow.

16. **WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Gormly, 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. Gormly, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof; and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 23rd November, 1892.*

17. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

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 divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st November, 1892.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Floodgates on the Lake Creek at Cudgellico, and Willandra-Billabong Weir at Willanthy, Lachlan River:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of erecting the floodgates on the Lake Creek at Cudgellico?

(2.) What has been the cost of the supervision of the gates referred to?

(3.) What has been the total cost to the present time of supervising the Willandra-Billabong Weir at Willanthy, Lachlan River?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £942 5s. 2d., including improvement of the creek.

(2.) £88 14s. 8d., including engineer's salary.

(3.) The information will be obtained from the Department of Mines, and forwarded to the Honourable Member.

(2.) The Codlin Moth:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the codlin moth is committing great ravages in various orchards throughout the Colony?

(2.) Is it his intention to introduce legislation to check the growth of the evil?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Proposed New Bridge over Murrumbidgee River, at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are plans and specifications completed for the erection of the proposed new bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Is it intended to have the necessary amount placed on the Estimates for next year, so that the work may be carried out at as early a date as possible?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Instructions have been given for plans to be prepared, and an amount of money has been noted for consideration on the Estimates for 1893.

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- (4.) Site for Court-house at Nowra:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any decision been come to in regard to the Nowra court-house site?
 (2.) In view of the dilapidated condition of the present court-house and the urgent necessity of erecting a new building, will he bring this matter to an early settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers in this matter are under the consideration of the Minister of Justice, who informs me that no decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

- (5.) Railway Accounts:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are steps being taken to keep the Railway Accounts separate from the General Revenue Account?
 (2.) If so, when will the first detailed Annual Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the Railways and Tramways be published?

Mr. See answered,—Yes. The fullest information will be given when I make the financial statement.

- (6.) Small Debts Court at Carinda:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he yet considered the Petition from the residents of Carinda for the establishment of a Small Debts Court; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that inquiries are now being made respecting the necessity for establishing a Court of Petty Sessions at Carinda, and when a decision has been arrived at it will be communicated to the Honorable Member.

- (7.) River and Weather Reports on Rivers Darling and Barwon:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Post-master-General,—Will he have instructions sent to the telegraph masters at all stations on the Darling and Barwon Rivers, requesting them to send daily reports of the state of the rivers and the weather to all stations below them on the river?

Mr. Slattery answered,—All information relating to floods is sent from station to station daily when there is any fresh in the river, but to supply further particulars daily is thought to be unnecessary.

- (8.) Value of Improvements of Leasehold Areas in Eastern and Central Divisions:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the estimated value of the improvements upon the Crown lands of the leasehold areas of the Eastern Division at the expiration of the leases?

- (2.) Did many of the pastoral lessees on the expiry of their leases in the Eastern Division obtain occupation licenses of the new resumed areas under section 33 of the Land Act of 1889; and, if so, are the value of improvements paid to them by the incoming selectors; and to whom are the improvements paid for if occupation licenses are granted to other persons than those who held the pastoral leases?

- (3.) What is the estimated value of improvements upon Crown lands of the leasehold areas of the Central Division?

- (4.) Will the improvements upon Crown lands within leasehold areas in the Central Division upon the expiration of the leases become the absolute property of the Crown, under the provision of section 43 of the Land Act of 1889, and the value of such improvements be paid to the Crown irrespective of occupation licenses of the resumed areas being granted or not to those who held the pastoral leases?

- (5.) When will the amended Land Bill be introduced to the House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 & 3.) Reliable information on this matter is not available, and only an approximate estimate could be obtained as a result of very considerable expenditure of time and money, owing to the fact that the improvements were not valued except in connection with the appraisement of rents after the division of runs, in 1885, in the Eastern Division, and the re-appraisement in 1890-1 in the Central Division. Large sets of papers—in 571 cases in the Eastern Division, and 723 in the Central Division—would have to be examined, and then the information would chiefly be confined to water improvements.

(2.) Four hundred and twenty-four applications for preferential occupation licenses under section 33, Crown Lands Act of 1889, have been approved. The holder of a preferential occupation license is entitled by law to receive the value of improvements on Crown lands under license if the improvements at date of expiration of the pastoral leases had not been forfeited to or vested in the Crown. No one but the former holder of the pastoral lease could obtain a preferential occupation license, but in the event of such not having been applied for any improvements existing on the Crown lands, formerly the leasehold area, would be the property of the Crown, and the Crown would be entitled by law to the value of such improvements on the land being conditionally purchased.

(4.) The provisions of the law in this respect are embodied in section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, to which I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member.

(5.) I have already answered this Question in the following terms:—As soon as the state of public business will admit, but I cannot say precisely when this will be.

- (9.) Catching Prawns in Waters Closed against Net-fishing:—*Mr. Hart* asked the Colonial Secretary,—As catching prawns is limited to certain months in the year, are fishermen prohibited from catching prawns in waters closed against net-fishing?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The waters of the Hunter River are closed by law against the catching of prawns during June, July, August, and September of every year, and it is illegal to catch prawns during those months in any portion of that river, whether closed against net-fishing for fish or not, or in any other tidal waters that may be closed by proclamation against prawn-fishing under the 16th section of the "Fisheries Act."

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- (10.) Mr. T. F. Waller, Valuer and Arbitrator :—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay a Return upon the Table of this House showing all the payments made to T. F. Waller as valuer and arbitrator since the present Ministry took office?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection.

- (11.) Railway Employees :—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that the Railway Commissioners are sending round a circular among the railway employees whereon they are expected, by affixing their signatures, to express their willingness to pay half fares for their home passes after 31st December?

Mr. See answered,—No.

- (12.) Mining for Gold and Silver on Private Property :—Mr. York asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What are the names of the persons or companies who are engaged in mining for gold and silver on private property, either from quartz lodes or argentiferous deposits, and what is the amount of royalty charged per oz. against each such person or company, and the amount of royalty recovered in each case separately during the last two years?

(2.) What are the names of the persons or companies who are engaged in mining for gold and silver on mineral conditional purchases converted into freehold, either from quartz lodes or argentiferous deposits, and what is the amount of royalty charged per oz. against each of such persons so engaged, and the amount of royalty recovered in each case separately during the last two years?

(3.) Is it a fact that in many cases owners of mineral conditional purchases converted into freehold have received subsidy from the Prospecting Vote, for the purpose of prospecting for silver and gold on their own private land; if so, what are the names of such persons or companies who have received subsidy, and what is the amount of subsidy granted to such persons or companies for the last two years?

(4.) Is it true that some persons are engaged in gold-mining on their own freehold land, mineral conditional purchases, and that such persons are paying 2s. per oz. royalty; if so, what are the names of such persons, and what is the amount of royalty received from them for the last two years?

(5.) Is it a fact that some persons are engaged mining for gold on freehold land without paying royalty; if so, what are the names of the owners of the lands so mined upon?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Baker's Creek Gold-mine is working under the title of gold lease; if so, how much rent do they pay annually?

(7.) Is it true that the Sunlight Company, Hillgrove, are working on a mineral conditional purchase converted into freehold; if so, what is the amount of royalty or rent, or both, they have paid the Department of Mines for the last two years?

(8.) Is it a fact that the Proprietary Silver Mine, Broken Hill, are working under the title of mineral lease or leases; if so, what is the amount of rent they pay the Department of Mines annually for such privilege, and amount of royalty (if any)?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) This information could only be furnished in the form of a Return.

(2.) The same.

(3.) No.

(4.) Same as 1 and 2.

(5.) No.

(6.) Yes; £1 per acre per annum.

(7.) Yes. No rent; royalty, £1,045 Ss. 6d.

(8.) Mineral and gold leases, 25s. per acre per annum; no royalty.

- (13.) Purchase of Land by minors in Gold-field Districts :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that persons in authorised occupation on Crown lands of proclaimed gold-fields will not be permitted to purchase to the extent of a quarter of an acre of land if they are not of the full age of 21 years; if so, under what rule or law are the refusals made, and what are the reasons for not allowing minors permission to purchase?

(2.) Is it not a fact that minors of 16 years and over can purchase in gold-field districts in the Central Division areas as large as 2,560 acres of land, and that minors can legally inherit property of any value?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; as minors are assumed to be under a legal disability.

(2.) Yes; but this is under an Act, 48 Victoria No. 18, which specially removes the disability above referred to.

- (14.) Appointment of Private Secretary to Colonial Secretary :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a private secretary to the Colonial Secretary been appointed; if so, what is his name, and the salary paid?

(2.) Is it a fact that this private secretary was taken from the staff of a newspaper called *Truth*?

(3.) Was this private secretary recommended for the position by any Member of Parliament; if so, by whom?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes; W. B. Melville; £200 per annum.

(2.) I am not aware, but if he had been employed at any time by the paper in question it would be no disqualification.

(3.) It has not been the custom to give the information sought in this Question, but I can assure the Honorable Member the appointment was not made upon his recommendation.

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(15.) Railway from Wagga Wagga to Humula:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What action does he intend to take in regard to having a fresh estimate of cost made in regard to constructing a light railway line from Wagga Wagga to Humula?

(2.) Does he intend to have a fresh survey made; if so, when?

(3.) Has a report been furnished by the officer sent to inspect the line; and, if so, what is the nature of the report?

Mr. Lyne answered.—A fresh examination of this line has already been made, but the report of engineer is not yet before me. I expect to receive it in a few days, when I shall have much pleasure in forwarding a copy to the Honorable Member.

(16.) Water Supply for Junee:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What has been the cause of delay in preparing plans and estimates of cost of a water supply for Junee?

(2.) When will the necessary information be available, so that the Borough Council of Junee may decide if the proposed scheme is one that will meet the requirements of the place?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The preparation of the plans and estimates for Junee water supply involved a considerable amount of time and labour, far more than was at first expected, and the officer intrusted with this duty had frequently to take up other important works, which caused the apparent delay.

(2.) The information is now available, and a copy of the report on the subject was forwarded to-day to the Honorable Member.

(17.) Resumption of Land at Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Lands,— Is it a fact that some land was resumed at Woolloomooloo Bay, valued at about £25,000, for which no money has been paid, but which is treated as a loan to the Government at 6 per cent interest?

Mr. Copeland answered.—I am not aware, but nothing of the kind has occurred in this Department.

(18.) Post Office at Balmain West:—Mr. Darnley asked the Postmaster-General,—When will tenders be called for the proposed new Post Office at Balmain West?

Mr. Slattery answered;—I am informed by the Works Department that “the necessary plans are now being prepared, and the tenders will probably be invited for the work in about three weeks.”

(19.) Uniforms of Tramway Conductors:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Were the new uniforms recently issued to the tramway conductors passed by a Government officer before they were taken over from the contractor?

(2.) Who was the contractor for the work?

(3.) What price per suit was paid?

(4.) Is it a fact that some of the clothes are already falling to pieces?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Messrs. W. Henderson & Co.

(3.) Thirty shillings per suit.

(4.) No.

(20.) Free Grants:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of free grants of public lands made since the foundation of the Colony?

(2.) The character of the services which entitled the recipients to the grants?

(3.) The area of land thus alienated?

(4.) The number (if any) of such Crown grants which have lapsed, or become forfeited, or have again reverted to the possession of the Crown?

(5.) A list of the names of all such Crown grantees?

Mr. Copeland answered.—I would invite the Honorable Member's attention to an Answer given to a similar Question on the 17th December last.

(21.) Water Reserve, Parish of Boree Cabonne, County of Ashburnham:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that steps are taken to withdraw from annual lease water reserve 1,317 (about 15½ acres), notified 25th October, 1880, parish of Boree Cabonne, county of Ashburnham, so that the reserve may be dedicated for the use of the general public, it being the only permanent water supply in the neighbourhood?

Mr. Copeland answered.—The reserve is under annual lease, which was granted subject to the right of the public to the use of the water on the frontage not being interfered with, and unless it be proved that such right is interfered with, there does not appear to be any reason for cancelling the annual lease.

(22.) Case of Samuel Lemon:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government yet come to any final decision in the case of Samuel Lemon?

(2.) Was Lemon, in 1885, deprived of 5½ acres of the best part of his conditional purchase, through which the railway from Orange to Molong passed, and on which the selector had expended a large amount in grubbing, clearing, fencing, and other improvements?

(3.) Will he state whether “fair and reasonable” compensation will be paid to Lemon; and, if so, why the matter of settlement is being so long delayed?

(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Lemon had effected permanent improvements on the 5½ acres of land to the extent of upwards of £70 (say nothing of the annual loss in the shape of crops), and has the Government only offered him the sum of £7 1s. 7d. by way of compensation; if so, will he see that

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that the case is referred to arbitration, or a fresh appraisement made of the land, with the view to this case being finally settled, and the selector relieved from any further suspense and loss of money in the matter?

(5.) Will he instruct the Crown Solicitor to send the necessary documents for execution by Mr. Lemon?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am unable to go into the details of this matter, but may say that the question has been long ago settled, and I cannot depart from the decision already arrived at, which has been communicated to Mr. Lemon on several occasions. I shall be happy at any time which may suit the Honorable Member to allow him to peruse all the documents in the case.

(23.) Assyrian and Cingalese Hawkers:—*Mr. Bowes*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the Answer given to Question, No. 4, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, relative to Cingalese and Syrian hawkers, will he cause instructions to be sent to the Police Magistrates in the Colony requesting them not to issue licenses to these persons unless certificates of character from responsible persons (living in the district in which the license is applied for) are attached to the application?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that certificates of the kind indicated in the Question must be produced to entitle applicants to the issue of a license, and he does not think it necessary or desirable to instruct Magistrates as to the exercise of the discretion vested in them by law.

(24.) Colonial Statutes:—*Mr. Bowes*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware of the inconvenience that is caused through the Colonial Statutes being left uncompiled since 1879?

(2.) Will he make arrangements to have the whole of the statutes compiled up to date (similar to Oliver's) with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that this matter is now under consideration.

(25.) Government Advertisements in Newspaper called *Truth*:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return promised about six weeks ago, with regard to the amount paid to a newspaper called *Truth* for advertising, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will lay upon the Table the Return referred to on Tuesday next.

(26.) Funded Stock Act:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the alarming reports in circulation respecting the failure of investors to subscribe to a greater extent than about £100,000, under the Funded Stock Act, will he assure the House that such reports are without foundation, and state the total sum actually subscribed?

Mr. See answered,—I have not heard of the alarming reports in question, neither would there be any justification for adverse reports. The subscriptions to date are largely in excess of the sum named by the Honorable Member, and negotiations are pending for considerable sums, which will shortly be available for investment in the stock, altogether making a total of over £500,000. The first sum inscribed was upon the 8th instant, and circulars were sent to the country relating to the stock after that date. I consider the result satisfactory, and I do not apprehend any difficulty in disposing of the whole of the stock as funds are required by the Government.

3. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Slattery* 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 make better provision for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

4. VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Slattery* 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 amend the law relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ;—until Tuesday next.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Mr. Garrard*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Water Supply for Armidale.
Ordered to be printed.

7. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting Kanaka labour.

(2.) Despatch respecting British interests in the New Hebrides.

Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Arndell, county of Hunter, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Goulburn River at Sandy Hollow.

(2.) Proclamation defining the boundaries of the Water District of the Lower Hunter.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in connection with the establishment of a Public Recreation Ground at Plattsburg.

Ordered to be printed.

8. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs 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 divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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 divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.

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

9. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barton,—

“(1.) ‘That’ this House reaffirms its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and having regard to the difficulties, as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it approves of the main principles of the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing, under resolutions, the several Parliaments of Australia.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the said proposals should be considered in Committee of the Whole, ‘and’ that such amendments as may be desired by the Legislative bodies of this and of the several other Australian Colonies should, together with the Draft Bill, be remitted to the consideration of a second Convention, similarly appointed by and reporting to the several Parliaments, and that the question of the final adoption by any Colony of any proposal for a Federal Constitution should be submitted to the people thereof in their electoral capacity.

“(3.) That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration in detail of the said proposals for a Federal Constitution.”

Upon which Mr. Want had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission after the first word “That” of all the words down to the word “and” in resolution (2), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this House declares its opinion in favour of Federation of the Australian Colonies, but having regard to the difficulties as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interest, and coming to a common ground of agreement, the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing under resolutions the several Parliaments of Australia, shall be considered in a Committee of the Whole House.”

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Reid moved; That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Experimental Farm at Cobar:—*Mr. Bowes*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Mines,— Has he taken into his consideration the advisability of establishing an experimental farm at Cobar; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No; this will be considered as soon as the four farms already decided upon have been properly started.

- (2.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the last actuarial investigation of the Superannuation Fund has been compiled some time?

(2.) If so, what reason is there for not laying the report upon the Table of the House?

(3.) When will the report be laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I do not know which to admire most—the Honorable Member's instinct or his smartness. The Honorable Member's Question was apparently framed before the Report came to hand. It was only received yesterday at the Colonial Secretary's Office, and has been forwarded to His Excellency the Governor. As soon as it is returned it will be laid upon the Table of this House.

- (3.) Rozelle Bay:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the sand pump be sent to Balmain for the purpose of filling in that portion of Rozelle Bay which was promised by him on his recent visit to that district?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The filling of Rozelle Bay cannot be commenced with the sand pump until the retaining wall across the bay is completed, and the foundations are laid for the storm-water drain.

- (4.) Hunter River Floods:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there not a clause in G. Gordon's, C.E., Report on Hunter River floods to this effect:—"If any improvements of the kind described above were to be carried out, whether with or without reservoirs, it would be necessary to begin from below and work upwards in sections, each lower section being finished before the next above was opened"?

(2.) In view of this opinion, will he act in opposition to it, without first obtaining further scientific advice?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; see Sections 24 and 51.

(2.) I think I have sufficient evidence before me to justify the course I propose taking.

- (5.) Extension of Leases in Central Division:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he, in view of the desirability to facilitate the settlement of the people on the land, cause notification to be made in the *Gazette* in due time, under the provisions of section 78, subsection 4, to the effect that no further extension of leases will be granted in the Central Division to any pastoral lessees whose leasehold areas are situated within a radius of 25 miles of populous towns?

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(2.) Will he also take into consideration the advisability under section 78, subsection 7, of withdrawing from pastoral lease for purposes of settlement lands situated on each side of the Molong-Parkes-Forbes railway line, and also the revocation of any reserves, or portion of reserves, similarly situated which are not required in the public interest as such, but which are suitable for purposes of settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member must be aware that on introducing a new Land Bill it is neither customary nor desirable to announce the Government policy piecemeal, but I have no doubt when the bill is introduced the Honorable Member will approve of its provisions.

(2.) With respect to the first part of this Question I am of opinion that the subsection referred to does not give power to resume land from leasehold areas for settlement by conditional purchase. With reference to the latter part of the Question, this work is progressing as fast as possible, but if the Honorable Member has any particular reserve in view, if he will furnish me with the necessary information I will have the matter specially reported on.

(6.) Royal Agricultural Society, and Association Cricket Ground, Moore Park:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of money has been paid by the Government to the Agricultural or Royal Agricultural Society since their occupancy of a portion of the people's common at Moore Park?

(2.) What amount of money has been paid by the Government to the trustees of the Association Cricket Ground since their occupancy of a portion of the people's common at Moore Park?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The amounts paid by the Government to the Royal Agricultural Society, as subsidy or as special grants, since their occupancy of the grounds known as the "Agricultural Grounds," Moore Park, to 30th April, 1892, are as follows:—Subsidy on private contributions raised by the Society, £11,601; special grants for prizes, &c., &c., £19,550.

(2.) A sum of £500 was paid in 1878 to the trustees of the Association Cricket Ground, by the Government, for the purpose of making approaches from the Randwick Road to the Cricket Ground. I might mention that I have reason to believe that the Cricket Ground never formed a portion of the "Sydney Common," which, it is presumed, is referred to by the Honorable Member as the "People's Common."

(7.) Mr. T. F. Waller, Valuer and Arbitrator:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has Mr. Waller been appointed valuator of any lands proposed to be resumed in connection with the cable tramway?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; in a few cases.

(8.) Sydney Hospital:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were the plans of the new portion of Sydney Hospital prepared by Colonel Rowe?

(2.) Has any commission been paid upon same; if so, to whom?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes; to Mr. Kirkpatrick, in accordance with the terms of the agreement as already intimated in a reply to a somewhat similar Question.

(9.) Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, S.M.:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—What is the aggregate amount of money paid to Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, over and above his regular salary, in connection with the services rendered by that gentleman during his residence at Broken Hill; and how long was he absent from Sydney?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the amount so paid to Mr. Johnson was £398. That officer was absent from Sydney 124 days.

(10.) Claim of Samuel Brown, Contractor for Gerringong Jetty:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he considered the claim of Samuel Brown, contractor for the Gerringong jetty, for compensation for losses occasioned by a heavy storm some time back; if not, will he do so without delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have the papers before me, and will come to a decision in the course of a day or two.

(11.) Minnamurra Bridge:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he considered the claim of the men lately working on the Minnamurra bridge contract for remuneration of wages lost through the insolvency of the first contractor; if not, will he do so without delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; and I regret to find that there is no balance left, after paying all expenses, to meet these claims.

(12.) Bombo Quarries, near Kiama:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What decision have the Railway Commissioners come to in regard to the working of the Bombo quarries, situated near Kiama; under what system, and by whom are they now being worked?

(2.) How many men are now employed at that place?

(3.) Have a number of the men who were employed there been dismissed?

(4.) In the event of more hands being required, will the old employees be preferred to new applicants?

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Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have not yet arrived at any decision as to the future working of the Bombo Quarry. Until recently the quarry was worked on co-operative principles which have owing to a disagreement among the men not been continued. Some twenty-seven of the men formerly working are now at work, but as regards future arrangements nothing can at present be stated.

(13.) Site for Post Office, Albion Park:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has the question of title in regard to the land purchased by the Government for a site for the Post Office, Albion Park, been definitely settled; if not, what is the cause of delay?
- (2.) If the purchase of site has been settled, when does he propose to start the new Post Office buildings?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The following information has been obtained from the Crown Solicitor's Office:—“Attempts have been made to settle certain requisitions on the title, but whether we can advise the Department of the way the question is raised is a matter which is now receiving the Crown Solicitor's attention. A definite reply will be made to the vendor's solicitors early next week.”

(14.) Proposed new Court-house, Kiama:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Attorney-General,—When will he be prepared to lay upon the Table of the House papers, plans, &c., in connection with the proposed new Court-house, Kiama?

Mr. Barton answered,—I will presently lay this Return upon the Table.

(15.) Wallace Creek Embankment, and the Copper Slag Crushing at Bullock Island:—*Mr. McGonan*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table the correspondence between himself and Mr. Schey, M.L.A., having reference to information asked by Mr. Schey as to quantities, &c., in the Wallace Creek embankment matter, and the copper slag crushing at Bullock Island, being portions of contract works between Messrs. Proudfit and Fletcher and the Railway Commissioners?
- (2.) If not, when will he lay same upon the Table?

Mr. See answered,—So far as I can judge, no good will result by publishing the correspondence in question; but, if the honorable gentleman asks in the usual way, no objection will be offered.

2. RAYMOND TERRACE MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS SALE BILL:—*Mr. Hart*, 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 16th November, 1892; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hart then moved, That the Bill be read a second time, on Tuesday, 6th December. Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th October, 1892,—“Site for Public Baths at Lavender Bay, North Sydney.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report by *Mr. Stanley Alexander*, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on the proposed railway from Tamworth to Barraba.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Canterbury.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Woollahra.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Taree, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Randwick, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Temora, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (6.) Return showing amount paid by the Government to the proprietors of *Truth* newspaper for advertisements.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK:—*Mr. Rose* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be no limit on amounts deposited at the Post Office Savings Bank.
- (2.) That a note circulation should be issued equal in amount to the value of deposits received. Debate ensued.

Mr. Dowel moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto the words,—

“(3.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing a National Bank.”

“(4.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. See*, *Mr. McMillan*, *Mr. Rose*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. J. D. FitzGerald*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, *Mr. Molesworth*, *Mr. Houghton*, *Mr. Gongh*, and the Mover.”

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

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Question then put,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be no limit on amounts deposited at the Post Office Savings Bank.
- (2.) That a note circulation should be issued equal in amount to the value of deposits received.
- (3.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing a National Bank.
- (4.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Rose, Mr. Garvan, Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Gough, and the Mover.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Colls,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sharp,

Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Dowcl.
Tellers,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Stevenson.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Frank Farnell,

Sir Henry Parker,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Chanter,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Gormly.
Tellers,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Gillies.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. LIQUOR LICENSING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Dangar 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 so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. See,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Wright,

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegun,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Holborow.
Tellers,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

Noes, 12.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Sharp.
Tellers,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Johnston.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. FORFEITURE OF HENRY CROWE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF HARDEN.—Mr. Barnes 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 circumstances connected with the forfeiture of Henry Crowe's conditional purchase No. 81-326, and additional conditional purchases, county Harden, parish Gobarrowlong, forfeited for non-residence, 31st October, 1888.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Colls, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Rose, Mr. Scobie, and the Mover.
- (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Vaughn.

Tellers,

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 38.

Mr. See,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Kidd,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Daugan,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gough,

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Langwell.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS.—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, [pursuant to Notice, That this House, while in favour of every public servant being well paid for services rendered, is, nevertheless, of opinion "that" the present system of granting retiring pensions should be "abolished," or be made to apply to every person in the employment of the State.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "that," in the third line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "with a view to remodelling the Civil Service Act at an early date."

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. Miller moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "abolished," in the third line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "and with a view of carrying out this object the Government should take an early opportunity of introducing an amended Civil Service Act."

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 the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question as amended then proposed.

Whereupon Mr. Danahey moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words, "That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Edden,

Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Langwell,
Tellers,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bavister.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Willis,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Vaughn.

Tellers,

Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question then put,—

(1.) That this House, while in favour of every public servant being well paid for services rendered, is, nevertheless, of opinion that the present system of granting retiring pensions should be abolished, and, with a view of carrying out this object, the Government should take an early opportunity of introducing an amended Civil Service Act.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,
Tellers,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hassall,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Bowes,

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Dangar.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Transit of Stock to Homebush Yards:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a considerable number of stock carried on the railways to the yards at Homebush die in transit?
 (2.) Are such dead stock inspected or examined by any of the officers appointed under the Sales of Diseased Animals Act?
 (3.) How are such dead stock disposed of—privately or by public auction; and if at auction, who are the auctioneers, and who are the purchasers, and what becomes of the animals sold?
 (4.) Are all precautions taken to prevent any of such dead stock being sold and used for human consumption?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Occasionally there are losses from overloading.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) Contracts are periodically made by the proprietors of the sale yard (the Municipal Council of Sydney) for the right of removing such dead stock, which are afterwards boiled down.
 (4.) Yes. I may add that, of the cattle arriving at Homebush, about 1 in 530 only arrived dead or crippled during the past month, and of sheep 1 in 160, the latter principally arising from senders overcrowding the trucks.

- (2.) Equipment of District Surveyors:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Are District Surveyors paid to constantly keep up an equipment for field work?
 (2.) What sum is allowed to each?
 (3.) Is the equipment of each regularly inspected and reported upon?
 (4.) Are any District Surveyors at the present time without proper equipment for field work, though receiving an allowance for the purpose of maintaining it?
 (5.) Have any District Surveyors received an allowance for the expenses of field labourers for any time during which they have not been in the field with labourers?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) £150 per annum.
 (3.) No; but a certificate is given monthly by each District Surveyor that the equipment has been maintained.
 (4.) Not that I am aware of.
 (5.) The duties of a District Surveyor are so multifarious that it is found necessary to allow the services of one labourer, even when not employed in the field, to look after the horses and the equipment.

- (3.) Wentworth Bridge over River Darling:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How long has the Wentworth bridge across the river Darling been under construction?
 (2.) When will the work be completed?
 (3.) Is the bridge being constructed by contract or day labour?
 (4.) What is the cost of the cylinders being used delivered at the works?
 (5.) How many of those cylinders have been broken up to date?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) A contract for this bridge was let on December 9, 1890, but owing to the contractor failing to make sufficient progress with the work it was cancelled on December 14, 1891, and the bridge is now being completed by day labour.

(2.) Probably in six or nine months, but the time required will depend altogether upon the level of the Darling and Murray Rivers during the progress of the work.

(3.) This has been replied to in the answer to Question 1.

(4.) Cast-iron cylinders, delivered at site of bridge, £2,484 7s. 8d.; wrought-iron cylinders and bracing, delivered at site, £572 9s. 3d.

(5.) One cast-iron bottom length was broken at Adelaide, and three intermediate cylinders were broken at Wentworth.

(4.) Mr. Josiah Thomas, J.P., of Broken Hill:—**Mr. Murphy** asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the exact language used by Mr. J. Thomas at Broken Hill that caused the Government to request him to resign his position as Justice of the Peace?

(2.) Will he cause the list of Justices of the Peace to be revised, with the view of striking of all those who have broken any of the laws of the Colony, or been connected with shady business transactions, or otherwise disgraced the position conferred upon them?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—With regard to the Honorable Member's first Question, I think that the easier and the better plan to adopt to deal with this matter properly is for the Honorable Member to move for the production of the papers. If he does so, I shall have great pleasure in laying them upon the Table. As to the second Question, the Honorable Member proposes to give me a larger order for work than I have the leisure to undertake. To go through a list of 7,000 or 8,000 names of gentlemen on the Commission of the Peace with a view to discovering their little peccadilloes, if they have any, is more than I can attempt. If the Honorable Member knows of any gentleman holding the Commission of the Peace who has been guilty of transactions or conduct such as those to which he refers, and will do me the favour to submit proof of his information, as I think it is his duty to do, I will see that the cases are promptly dealt with.

(5.) Barque "Port Glasgow":—**Mr. Murphy** asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When is the inquiry by the Marine Board into the charge made by the crew of the barque "Port Glasgow," against the captain, to take place?

Mr. See answered,—As soon as possible. The crew have not yet formulated their charges, a copy of which must be served on the Captain, in order that he may be prepared with his defence. Immediately the preliminaries have been effected, the Board will meet to go on with the inquiry.

(6.) Police Magistrate, Brewarrina:—**Mr. Waddell** asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that the Police Magistrate at Brewarrina has been appointed to discharge the duties of Land Agent?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Although the Police Magistrate has not as yet been formally appointed Land Agent, an arrangement has been entered into with the Department of Justice that he should perform the duties of that office in consideration of the Department of Lands providing £100 per annum towards payment of his salary of £400. This economical arrangement is similar to that enforced during the lifetime of Mr. Byrnes' predecessor, who performed the combined duties of Police Magistrate, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Crown Lands Agent in a satisfactory manner.

(7.) Post Office, Forbes:—**Mr. Hutchinson** asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were any reports received from any inspector of works, buildings, or offices, with regard to the necessity for the erection of brick out-houses, stables, and general repairs in connection with the post office, Forbes; if so, what were the recommendations, and estimated cost of doing such work?

(2.) Did the Colonial Architect and postal authorities approve of the recommendation; and were plans and specifications prepared; if so, what is the cause of delay in the calling of tenders?

(3.) Is it intended to place a sum of money upon the Estimates for 1893 for carrying out the construction of it?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; general repairs. New counter and new brick outbuildings recommended, at an estimated cost of £950.

(2.) Yes; but it was not considered desirable to expend so much money as the carrying out of the plans would involve.

(3.) This matter will be dealt with in connection with the Estimates for next year.

(8.) Revenue derived from Crown Lands:—**Mr. Waddell** asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the total sum annually derived as rent from the occupation of Crown lands in the Colony?

(2.) What is the total annual cost of administering that part of the land law referring to the occupation of Crown lands?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The average annual revenue from the rent of Crown lands, calculated on the basis of the receipts from the last five years, is £958,382 15s. 5d.

(2.) It is impossible to say what is the cost of administering those particular sections of the Crown Lands Act which relate to the various modes of occupying Crown lands.

(9.) Dredging George's River to Liverpool:—**Mr. Alfred Allen**, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he, while having reports made in connection with the buoying of a navigable course in the George's River, also obtain reports as to the feasibility of dredging a channel in that river to the town of Liverpool, in order to make the town accessible by water, as in former years?

(2.)

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- (2.) Will he also have a report made as to the advisability of removing the present dam at Liverpool upon the completion of the bridge now being erected there, and the erection, upon sluice principle, of a new dam to keep a scoured channel, and prevent future silting?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.

- (10.) Contract for Steel Rails.—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In the event of no tenders being received for the manufacture of 175,000 tons of steel rails on the date specified, 7th proximo, will he re-offer the contract for public tender, under such amended conditions as might induce manufacturers to entertain the offer?

(2.) Is it a fact that the heavy rails specified in the contract are only 71½ lb. per yard, and that the Railway Commissioners have decided upon a standard heavy rail of 80 lb. per yard?

(3.) Were the Railway Commissioners consulted as to the weight and section of rails necessary for our increasingly heavy traffic before the conditions of this contract were framed?

(4.) In computing the terms on which the price per ton for a given year is to be calculated, would he in future ascertain the average price in England for the previous twelve months, and take that as a basis?

(5.) Is he prepared to incur the responsibility of committing the country to an expenditure of over £1,000,000 for stores by "private arrangement," without the sanction of Parliament?

(6.) Are the Railway Commissioners prepared to receive 71½ lb. rails; if not, to what other use could such stores be put?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall feel obliged if the Honorable Member will postpone his Questions for a week, as the tenders will then have been received, and I shall be in a better position to answer them.

- (11.) Inspector of Imported Explosives.—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to gazette the gentleman who holds the position said to be equivalent to that of the Inspector of Explosives in Victoria, as Inspector of Explosives for New South Wales, so that he may have a *locus standi*?

(2.) Is it not a fact that, in the reports of H.M. Inspectors of Explosives to the British Government, no chlorate mixtures are licensed as authorised explosives, whereas such are permitted to be used largely in New South Wales under no supervision whatever?

(3.) In view of the expression, in answer to Mr. Wright's Question of 10th November, that the Government are always prepared to accept the advice of the English authorities, does not the Government think it advisable to adopt English usage in these matters?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The matter will receive early consideration.

(2.) Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives report shows that chlorate of potash is largely used and authorised in England for the manufacture of certain class of fireworks, cap composition, fuzes, &c.

(3.) The question of dealing with explosives invented during recent years is now being considered, and a Proclamation will shortly be issued bringing such inventions under the operation of the local Gunpowder Act, 40 Vic. No. 1.

- (12.) Dredge "Jupiter":—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he say when the dredge "Jupiter" will be sent to the Clarence?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As soon as sufficient time has been given to thoroughly test her and remedy some slight defects, say in about ten days.

- (13.) Labour Farm for Relief of Unemployed.—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did a deputation wait on him on 21st October last, asking for the establishment of a labour farm for the relief of the unemployed?

(2.) Did such deputation ask for such alteration of the land law, or the regulations made thereunder, as to permit of the foundation of voluntary co-operative settlements?

(3.) Did such deputation ask that some Crown land might be set apart for the purpose of an experiment in the direction named?

(4.) Did he promise to submit the matter to the Cabinet, and to give it full consideration?

(5.) Did he receive a letter signed by the members of the deputation, and dated 25th October last, making certain definite propositions on the same lines?

(6.) Did he receive a further letter, dated 16th November, asking an answer to the requests of the deputation, and the letter previously referred to; also asking him to receive Mr. Spencer and others, to give him further information on the matter?

(7.) Has he yet submitted such matters to the Cabinet?

(8.) Has he yet given the matter the full consideration promised?

(9.) Has he yet made any answer to the deputation, or either of the letters above referred to?

(10.) Has he any objection to lay the letters in question upon the Table; if not, when will he do so?

(11.) Can he indicate when anything further is likely to be done in the matter, and the nature of the action to be taken?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I would suggest to the Honorable Member who has composed this long series of Questions that he should give me ten days to prepare an answer.

- (14.) Site for Post Office at Parkes.—Mr. Hutchinson asked The Postmaster General,—Has any determination been come to with regard to the purchase of an eligible site of land suitable for the erection of a new post office at Parkes; if not, what action has been taken to provide for the increased business and convenience of the public in the present unsatisfactory and limited accommodation of present buildings?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—Yes; it has been decided not to purchase land, but to make necessary alterations and additions to the Post and Telegraph Office at Parkes, at an estimated cost of £400. As, however, there are no funds available at present, the Works Department has been asked to make provision on the Estimates for 1893.

2. **SALE OF CROWN LANDS IN COUNTIES OF CADELL, DENISON, TOWNSEND, HUME, URANA, AND WAKOOL (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the House, under date the 25th October last, “That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of moneys received from the sale of Crown lands situated south of the Murrumbidgee River,” be rescinded, and in lieu thereof a Return be supplied showing the aggregate amount of money received from the sale of Crown lands since the Land Act of 1861, within the counties of Cadell, Denison, Townsend, Hume, Urana, and Wakool.

Question put and passed.

3. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment in the Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 13th December.

4. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1892,—“Court-house, Kiama.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st November, 1892,—“Tenders for Artesian Tubing.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Supplementary Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for the year 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) 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.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

(4.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 109th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Chapman rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order, No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “in order to call attention to an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the ‘unsatisfactory operation of the Forestry Department.’”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:**—Dr. Hollis presented a Petition from the Presiding Officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Goulburn, representing that there are bitter and manifold evils in this Colony through intoxicating drink, and praying for the passage of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses, to reduce the number of licenses, and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.

Petition received.

7. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Barton:—

“(1.) ‘That’ this House reaffirms its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and having regard to the difficulties, as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it approves of the main principles of the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing, under resolutions, the several Parliaments of Australia.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the said proposals should be considered in Committee of the Whole, ‘and’ that such amendments as may be desired by the Legislative bodies of this and of the several other Australian Colonies should, together with the Draft Bill, be remitted to the consideration of a second Convention, similarly appointed by and reporting to the several Parliaments, and that the question of the final adoption by any Colony of any proposal for a Federal Constitution should be submitted to the people thereof in their electoral capacity.

“(3.) That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration in detail of the said proposals for a Federal Constitution.”

Upon which Mr. Want had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission after the first word “That” of all the words down to the word “and” in resolution (2), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this House declares its opinion in favour of Federation of the Australian Colonies, but having regard to the difficulties as well as the necessity of reconciling

“conflicting

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"conflicting interest, and coming to a common ground of agreement, the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing under resolutions the several Parliaments of Australia, shall be considered in a Committee of the Whole House."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public Wharf at Broadwater, Richmond River:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to call for tenders for erection of public wharf at Broadwater, Richmond River?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There are at present no funds available for this work.

(2.) Cable Between Sydney and New Caledonia:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he has entered into an agreement upon behalf of this Colony to contribute a sum of money for a term of years towards the expenses of a cable between Sydney and New Caledonia, owned and controlled entirely by a French company?

(2.) If so, what is the sum to be paid per annum, and for how many years?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague begs to refer the Honorable Member to his replies to Questions put by the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee on the 17th ultimo, which replies fully explain the nature of the obligations this Government has undertaken.

(3.) Subsidy to the Union Company of New Zealand:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he has entered into an agreement upon behalf of this Colony to pay a sum of money as a subsidy to the Union Company of New Zealand in relation to their steamers running between New South Wales and San Francisco?

(2.) If so, what is the sum to be paid per annum, and for how long?

Mr. Slattery answered,—As stated in my honorable colleague's reply to the Honorable Member's Question of 8th September last, the payment made by us to New Zealand for the use of the service contracted for by that colony, is a poundage on the weight of mail matter carried, the poundage being about the equivalent for the postage collected here. Since the foreign postage was reduced to 2½d. these poundage rates have been correspondingly reduced, and it was represented by New Zealand that the lower rates entailed a heavy loss on the contractors (to whom, it is understood, the New Zealand Post Office hands over the precise amounts received from us), and that, unless increased, the service would lapse. This Government has therefore agreed, subject to the approval of Parliament, to increase its payments, now amounting in all to about £2,500 a year, to £4,000, for one year from 28th ultimo.

(4.) Experimental Farms for Cobar and Valleys of the Lachlan:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—As it is intended to consider the advisability of establishing an experimental farm in the dry far west of the Cobar country, will he also take into consideration the desirability of establishing model farms or labour colonies in the fertile valleys of the Lachlan, and other large rivers of the Colony?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The question of establishing an experimental farm at Cobar will be considered in connection with other localities as soon as the farms already in course of formation have been established and equipped.

(5.) Proposed Railway Extensions in the Western Districts:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As it has been recommended to construct a line of railway through the western interior in the direction of Wilcannia, will he also consider the advisability of including in his next railway proposals the construction of light lines through settled country, viz., from Dubbo to Grenfell, and the extension of the Western Line from Cowra, Parkes, or Forbes?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible for me to answer this Question at present.

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(6.) Conveyance of Contractors' Materials by Rail:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that merchants and contractors requiring timber and materials for their several contracts have considerable trouble in getting the requisite trucks for same at the Darling Harbour branch of the Railway Department, and in consequence of this difficulty suffer a great loss of time and expense?

(2.) Will he ascertain why the trucks are not sent away immediately to their destination when loaded?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that nothing is known of the alleged difficulty. If anything of the kind has occurred the Railway Commissioners would be pleased to receive particulars, so that the matter may be investigated.

(7.) Weir across the Barwon River at Brewarrina:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any applications for the construction of a weir across the Barwon River at Brewarrina been made, and who are the gentlemen who moved in the matter?

(2.) On whose recommendation was the recent inspection by the Department's officers made of the river at Brewarrina?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to have this most necessary work carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Progress Committee of Brewarrina and the Members for the District.

(2.) By my direction.

(3.) A survey will be obtained and, if satisfactory, there is every probability of the work being carried out.

(8.) Reclamation Works at Shea's Creek and Homebush:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of men lately employed upon the reclamation works at Shea's Creek and at Homebush have been discharged; if so, how many, and for what reason?

(2.) Is it a fact that many of the men recently discharged are married men resident in the locality and engaged on the work for some considerable time, whilst comparative newcomers, single men, and residents of outside localities are allowed to continue on the work?

(3.) Has he any objections to give directions that, provided they are good workmen, married men residing with their families in the localities are to have the preference over single men, and over workmen from localities quite outside of the district or neighbourhood of the works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; forty-six at Shea's Creek, and twenty at Homebush Bay. The men were discharged at the former place because the work upon which they were employed was completed, and there was no further need to retain their services. At Homebush Bay the twenty men were paid off because they were not capable of performing the duties required of them.

(2.) I have given instructions that, in dealing with the men, preference is to be given to married men with families, but the Engineer-in-Chief informs me that single men in some cases have been retained because of their special fitness for the work required, and, as I have previously pointed out that as these works are carried out from funds supplied by the Colony generally, I cannot in justice limit employment to those only who live in the locality referred to.

(3.) With regard to the first part of this Question, I have already intimated that I have given instructions for married men with families to be first considered. The answer to the concluding part of this Question will be found in my reply to the second Question.

(9.) Loan to Penrith Municipality:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government agreed to advance by way of loan to the Penrith Municipality a sum of £13,000; and, if so, upon what grounds?

(2.) Will the Government extend the same consideration to other municipalities which are now heavily loaded with debt, and which from various difficulties are unable to carry on necessary municipal works?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes. The principal reasons for so doing are—1st, that the Council have carried out at their own expense extensive water supply works, such works being usually undertaken by the Government; 2nd, that the Council had the full authority of the Governor and Executive Council to raise a loan, but had not availed themselves of that authority.

(2.) The circumstances in connection with the Penrith Council are such as are not at all likely to occur with other municipalities, and if the Government had not advanced the money, the assets of the Council would have been sold by the Sheriff, as several creditors had obtained judgment, and were in possession.

(10.) Tunnel at Lapstone Hill:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the first mail train is intended to pass through the recently constructed Lapstone Hill tunnel on Sunday next?

(2.) Is it a fact that owing to the steepness of the grade (1 in 33 feet), and the peculiar curve of the tunnel, the smoke and steam from the engine or engines tend to suffocation and danger of life, especially to drivers and firemen, there being no central shaft to afford proper ventilation or a free draught or current of air, owing to the peculiar curve of the shaft?

(3.) Will he see that a trial or proper investigation is made in order to protect the travelling public against such alleged danger and inconvenience, and that provision may be made for proper ventilation before the tunnel is open for traffic?

(4.) In the event of any accident or death occurring from suffocation in the tunnel from bad ventilation, will he state who will be held responsible for the same?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the work at Lapstone Hill has not been disposed of as rapidly as was estimated, in consequence of which the opening of the Lapstone Hill tunnel has been postponed for a short time.

(2, 3, and 4.) I am also informed that there will be no necessity for a ventilating shaft, as the length of the tunnel is only 31½ chains. The current of air passing through the tunnel should provide sufficient ventilation.

(11.) Hunter River, near Maitland :—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has this House sanctioned the work he proposes to carry out in altering the course of the Hunter, near Maitland?

(2.) If not, from what vote does he propose to pay for it?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No; it is a matter of urgency.

(2.) Incidental expenses.

2. TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Trades' Hall and Literary Institute to mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Sydney, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Trades' Hall and Literary Institute to mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Sydney and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage and for other purposes in connection therewith,*”—which was read a first time.

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

3. ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER—Chairman to take the Chair as Deputy Speaker—(*Formal Motion*) :—

Sir George Dibbs, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker without any formal communication to the House.

Question put and passed.

4. MR. JOSIAH THOMAS, J.P. (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the case of Mr. J. Thomas, who was requested by the Government to resign his position as a Justice of the Peace.

Question put and passed.

5. LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Libel.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law of Libel,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th February.

6. TOTALIZATOR LEGALIZING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming, and legalize an instrument known as the totalizator on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming and legalize an instrument known as the totalizator on racecourses subject to certain restrictions and regulations,*”—which was read a first time.

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

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 10th November, 1892,—“Floating Baths, Farm Cove.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1892,—“Forfeiture of W. Baker's Conditional Purchases, Land District of Murwillumbah.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing total expenditure on Roads and Bridges in the Colony since 1857.

(2.) Return showing amounts issued to Municipal Councils for expenditure, 1888 to 1892, inclusive.

(3.) Return showing Municipalities which have been constituted to 31st August, 1890.

(4.) Return showing area incorporated under the Municipalities Act of 1858, including the City of Sydney, and the areas incorporated each year to the 30th November, 1892, under the Municipalities Act of 1867.

(5.) Return showing statutory and special endowment paid to Country and Suburban Municipalities on rates collected from the date of their incorporation up to the year ended 1st February, 1892.

(6.) Statement of the Liabilities and Outstanding Loans for 1891 of Municipal Districts.

(7.) Statement of the Liabilities and Outstanding Loans for 1891 of Boroughs.

(8.) Statement of Receipts, amount of Rate levied in the £, &c., for 1891, of Boroughs.

(9.) Statement of Receipts, amount of Rate levied in the £, &c., for 1891, in Municipal Districts.

Ordered to be printed.

1st December, 1892.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Hart rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15 respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the proposed action of the Government in cutting a new channel for the Hunter River near West Maitland.” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—Mr. Hart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the District Government Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
10. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Barton,—
 “(1.) ‘That’ this House reaffirms its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and having regard to the difficulties, as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it approves of the main principles of the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing, under resolutions, the several Parliaments of Australia.
 “(2.) That this House is of opinion that the said proposals should be considered in Committee of the Whole, ‘and’ that such amendments as may be desired by the Legislative bodies of this and of the several other Australian Colonies should, together with the Draft Bill, be remitted to the consideration of a second Convention, similarly appointed by and reporting to the several Parliaments, and that the question of the final adoption by any Colony of any proposal for a Federal Constitution should be submitted to the people thereof in their electoral capacity.
 “(3.) That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration in detail of the said proposals for a Federal Constitution.”
 Upon which Mr. Want had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission after the first word “That” of all the words down to the word “and” in resolution (2), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this House declares its opinion in favour of Federation of the Australian Colonies, but having regard to the difficulties as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interest, and coming to a common ground of agreement, the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing under resolutions the several Parliaments of Australia, shall be considered in a Committee of the Whole House.”
 And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER (*Chairman to take the Chair as Deputy Speaker*) :—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had this day presented to His Excellency the Governor the additional Standing Order, adopted by the House on the 1st instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Election Expenses of Mr. A. Campbell, M.P.:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has he, as promised, considered the expediency of placing a sum of money on the next Estimates to defray the expenses of Mr. A. Campbell, on account of having to contest two elections for Illawarra, caused by an irregularity of the Deputy Returning Officer at Bulli?
(2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter has not been considered or dealt with.

(2.) Deeds of Grant:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that a number of deeds of land have remained for years and are still remaining in the Land Titles Office unclaimed and uncalled for; if so, would there be any objection or much cost incurred in having a Return giving the names of grantees, dates, areas, and situation of such grants prepared and laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Since the 1st January, 1863, the date on which the Real Property Act came into force, all deeds of Crown lands have been forwarded to the Registrar-General for enrolment and delivery to the grantees. Returns are published in the *Gazette* each quarter by the Registrar-General giving particulars of the deeds received from this Department. The question of preparing the Return suggested by the Honorable Member is one for the consideration of the Colonial Secretary.

(3.) Land owned by Mr. J. P. Garvan in vicinity of the Tweed and Lismore Railway:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Lands.—

(1.) What is the acreage of the land owned by Mr. J. P. Garvan in the vicinity of the Tweed and Lismore Railway?
(2.) What was its value per acre before the railway was carried through?
(3.) Who were the valuers in connection with the assessment of the portion resumed by the Government?
(4.) What was the valuator's award per acre?
(5.) What, approximately, will be the total amount paid to Mr. Garvan?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) According to the registers of this Department, Mr. Garvan appears to be the owner of 2,966 acres and 25 perches in the parish of Byron, and 396 acres in the parish of Tunstall. Any transactions after the issue of deeds are not recorded in this Department.

For replies to the other Questions I must refer the Honorable Member to the Department of Public Works.

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- (4.) Council of Arbitration :—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that out of fourteen capitalistic associations invited by the New South Wales Council of Arbitration to attend a meeting in reference to the machinery of conciliation and arbitration, only four sent representatives?

(2.) Is it a fact that of the four which attended all were non-employing bodies, namely, the Chamber of Commerce, Licensed Victuallers' Association, Protection of Trade Marks Association, and Exchange Association?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Invitations were sent to fourteen unions or associations. Of these the following sent representatives :—The Chamber of Commerce, the Builders and Contractors Association, the Licensed Victuallers' Association, the Protection of Trade Marks and Exchange Association.

- (5.) Railway Employees :—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) How many railway servants have been dismissed from the Railway Service during the past four years, and are now drawing pensions from the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?
 (2.) What are their names, ages, and their length of service?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (6.) Imperial Land and Building Society :—*Mr. Black* asked the Attorney-General,—Does he intend to take proceedings for fraudulent management against the directors of the Imperial Land and Building Society; if so, when?

Mr. Slattery answered,—This is a matter which my Honorable Colleague considers that it will not be in the public interest to give any information at present.

- (7.) Home Passes :—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the Goods Manager at Darling Harbour has been endeavouring to obtain signatures from the men there expressive of their willingness to resign the privilege of "home passes"?

Mr. See answered,—No; but the home pass arrangement is being modified as from the 1st January, the privilege having grown beyond what was contemplated by the Commissioners. In future only juniors receiving not more than 5s. per day, or £80 per annum, will be granted free passes, and those receiving higher rates of pay will have season tickets granted at half rates. The intimation of this arrangement was given to the Staff, and their signatures were obtained, as an assurance that it was understood, as is usual in all such cases.

- (8.) Girls attending the High School :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the girls attending the High School have to approach and depart from that school, *via* Elizabeth-street, where there is an immense traffic, and consequent danger to the children; that the approaches to the school and the buildings themselves are altogether unsuitable for the purpose to which they are used?

(2.) For what purpose was the site of the present High School in Elizabeth-street resumed by the Government?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) My hon. colleague is aware that the girls attending the High School are subjected to greater danger from street traffic than children attending other city schools. There are two entrances to this school, one in Elizabeth-street and the other in Castlereagh-street. The buildings are in a central position, fairly suitable, and in a good state of repair.

(2.) For the purposes of the Free Public Library.

- (9.) Site for Girls' High School :—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to purchase a new site for the Girls' High School?

(2.) If so, when is action likely to be taken in this matter?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My hon. colleague has no intention, at present, of purchasing another site.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow :—

(1.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(4.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.

4. PAPERS :—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st December, 1892,—“*Mr. Josiah Thomas, J.P.*”
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 27th January, 1892,—“Applications under the 45th section of the Crown Lands Act.”

(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 26th October, 1892,—“*Mr. Benjamin Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate.*”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Notification of Telephone Regulations.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. **BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McCourt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
On motion of Mr. McCourt, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
6. **SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION 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 Tuesday, 31st January.
7. **WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Carruthers submitted to Mr. Speaker the question as to whether this Bill was out of order. He pointed out that its provisions conflicted with, and were contradictory of, certain clauses which the House had passed this Session in the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker quoted his ruling, given on 16th February, 1892, when a similar Point of Order was submitted in connection with the Tolls on Stock Bill. He affirmed the correctness of that ruling, and stated that the rule of Parliament which he then referred to was essential to avoid contradictory decisions in the same Session, whether on Resolutions or Bills. He must therefore, to be correct and consistent, sustain the objection now raised to this Bill.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. **LESSEES LAND PURCHASE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
(1.) Agreements Validating Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
(2.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
10. **IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof; and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 6th December, 1892.*

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

- (1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal-mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 26th November, 1892.*

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

- (2.) Vine Diseases Act Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

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 law relating to vine diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape-vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape-vine or vineyard; and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim vine districts; to appoint a central and other boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

*Government House,
Sydney, 26th November, 1892.*

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

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3. QUESTIONS:

- (1.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What is the total number of female school-teachers who have been compelled to subscribe to the Superannuation Fund since its creation?
 (2.) How many of these persons have left the Service, and what is the total sum they paid into the fund while in the Service?
 (3.) Also, what is the total sum the female teachers, who have left the Service, have received from the Superannuation Fund?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A Return will be prepared embracing the information asked for.

- (2.) Jurymen:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take into consideration the present system of calling on persons qualified to serve on juries, with the intention of rectifying same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that this question is now under consideration.

- (3.) Land Resumed at Woolloomooloo Bay:—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that some land at Woolloomooloo Bay was resumed from Messrs. Batty and Shea?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No; but some land was resumed from Messrs. Hill, Belisario, Batty, and Sheehy.

- (4.) Workshops and Factories Regulation Bill:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—About what date is it intended to bring forward a Bill for the regulation of Workshops and Factories?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter is under consideration.

- (5.) The Civil Service:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The total number of persons employed in the various Departments of the State at the end of 1884?
 (2.) The total number of persons employed at the present time?
 (3.) The total number of retirements under the Superannuation Act since that Act came into operation?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No; the information required will be supplied in the shape of a Return.

- (6.) Volunteer Encampment:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to hold a Volunteer encampment next Easter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government.

- (7.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are workmen in the employ of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage required to work overtime without payment, unless they complete eight hours overtime on each occasion?
 (2.) Are such workmen required to discharge their ordinary work in the daytime, notwithstanding their employment on overtime work at night?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) As a rule, overtime is only of short duration for an hour or two, to complete urgent work, such as break of mains, &c., which are not of frequent occurrence, and, as the men on the permanent list are paid for all holidays and wet days, whether working or not, and also during illness, they are expected to work a reasonable amount of overtime without remuneration. Should overtime in cases of emergency amount to a double shift of eight hours, the men are paid for it. Temporary labourers are paid for the time they work only, including overtime, for which they receive time and a half.

(2.) Yes, unless the overtime has been exceptional and of long duration, when the case is specially dealt with.

- (8.) Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What salary and allowances are granted to the Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island?
 (2.) Upon what date was the present Visiting Magistrate appointed?
 (3.) How many cases has the present Visiting Magistrate adjudicated upon in his Court?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £300 per annum and travelling expenses, including passage to and from the Island.
 (2.) 2nd April, 1889.

(3.) There is no regular Court, but it is the duty of the Visiting Magistrate to inquire into and settle all disputes on the Island, and to adjudicate in any cases that may require his judicial functions.

- (9.) Mr. Waller and Mr. Kirkpatrick, Land Valuers:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Returns promised re the valuations of land by Mr. Waller and Mr. Kirkpatrick be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Return is being prepared, and will shortly be laid upon the Table of this House.

- (10.) Commons at Scone, Muswellbrook, and Wingen:—*Mr. Williams* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) For what reason are the Scone, Muswellbrook, and Wingen Commons now being surveyed?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to sell or lease or in any way to take away these commons from the present trustees?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) No instructions have been issued for the survey of these commons; but the District Surveyors have been called on generally to report on the advisability of curtailing such commons as are in excess of the requirements of the local population. No reports, however, have as yet been furnished as regards the Scone, Wingen, and Muswellbrook Temporary Commons, but a report recommending that the Permanent Common at Muswellbrook be retained, has been approved.

(2.) Where the District Surveyors' reports show that portions of any commons are not required, steps are being taken to open the land to settlement by special areas subject to residential conditions.

4. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Want, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act providing for the payment of Members.
- Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Sutton,
Mr. Gould,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Trail,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,

Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Coils,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hassall.
Tellers,

Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Molesworth.

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Mr. Haynes,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Grahame,

Mr. Williams,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Slurp,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Barnley,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Melville.
Tellers,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—*Mr. Haynes* proceeding to give a Notice of Motion for Tuesday, 7th March next,—

Mr. Speaker said that it would be irregular to give a Notice for a day so distant. His attention had been lately called to this matter, and although the practice of this House had for several years permitted such Notices to be given and inserted in the Business Paper, he considered that the Standing Order of the House of Commons of 5th August, 1853, should be observed in future. That Standing Order provides,—

"That no Notice shall be given beyond the period which shall include the four days next following on which Notices are entitled to precedence; due allowance being made for any intervening adjournment of The House, and the period being in that case so far extended as to include four Notice days falling during the sitting of The House."

He could not therefore accept the Notice now offered, and would direct the Clerk to omit all Notices already given for days beyond the limit indicated.

6. LIQUOR LICENSING LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Slattery* presented a Petition from the United Licensed Victuallers Association, setting forth that Petitioners are entirely opposed to any infraction of the Licensing Acts of 1882-83 in the direction of subletting bars to either male or female occupants; that "threepenny" and "sixpenny" bars (otherwise called private bars) are a necessity for all licensed victuallers depending upon the patronage of the wealthier as well as the poorer sections of the community; that barmaids employed by licensed victuallers, as distinct from those alleged to occupy sublet bars, are well conducted and deserving of the respect of the community; that to prevent the employment of barmaids would not decrease the consumption of liquor, but would close an important avenue of female labour, the market for which is already overcrowded; and praying the House to take the foregoing into earnest consideration, with a view of rejecting the Liquor Licensing Law Amendment Bill to be introduced by *Mr. Dangar*.

Petition received.

7. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Barton*,—

"(1.) 'That' this House reaffirms its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and having regard to the difficulties, as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it approves of the main principles of the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing, under resolutions, the several Parliaments of Australia.

"(2.) That this House is of opinion that the said proposals should be considered in Committee of the Whole, 'and' that such amendments as may be desired by the Legislative bodies of this and of the several other Australian Colonies should, together with the Draft Bill, be remitted to the consideration of a second Convention, similarly appointed by and reporting to the several Parliaments, and that the question of the final adoption by any Colony of any proposal for a Federal Constitution should be submitted to the people thereof in their electoral capacity.

"(3.) That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration in detail of the said proposals for a Federal Constitution."

Upon

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Upon which Mr. Want had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission after the first word "That" of all the words down to the word "and" in resolution (2), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House declares its opinion in favour of Federation of the Australian Colonies, but having regard to the difficulties as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interest, and coming to a common ground of agreement, the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing under resolutions the several Parliaments of Australia, shall be considered in a Committee of the Whole House."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. G. D. Clark moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Deputy Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *Affirmative*.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.*THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1892.*

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Alignment of Streets within Municipalities—Felltimber Creek Road:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Under what statute is the alignment of streets within municipalities made by the Government?
 (2.) As regards cost, what are the conditions on which alignments are made?
 (3.) As regards carriage-ways and foot-ways, what are the widths of each as defined by statute?
 (4.) When was the first decision to open the Felltimber Creek Road, in the electorate of Carcoar, arrived at by the Government?
 (5.) When will that decision be carried out?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) 2nd Victoria No. 2.
 (2.) The present practice is to require Municipalities to pay to the Department one-half the cost of the survey, and to provide alignment posts and labour to place them in position, under supervision of the surveyor employed by the Crown.
 (3.) The respective widths are not specifically defined by 2nd Victoria No. 2.
 (4.) In March, 1889; this decision was not acted upon. Again in February, 1892.
 (5.) A survey has recently been made of two deviations which were necessary to render available the line of road which had previously been surveyed, and was preliminarily notified on the 14th December, 1883, but as it is thought that a better line than the one originally surveyed could be selected, the District Surveyor has been directed to survey the most practicable route.

- (2.) Horses and Vehicles used by Postal Department:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Black, asked the Postmaster-General,—
 (1.) What price per head does he pay for the horses used by his Department?
 (2.) Are the horses purchased by the Department invariably obtained through one agent?
 (3.) If so, why?
 (4.) Is it a fact that he recently accepted a tender for some departmental vehicles at £30 when another contractor's price was £14?
 (5.) If so, why?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The prices paid per head for horses purchased by the Post Office have ranged from £10 to £25, according to the description of horse required.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) Answered by No. 2.
 (4.) A tender was accepted for six new pattern postal vehicles at £30 7s. 6d. each. No tenderer sent in a price at £14 each.

- (3.) Land owned by Mr. J. P. Garvan in vicinity of the Tweed and Lismore Railway:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What was the value per acre of the land owned by Mr. J. P. Garvan in the vicinity of the Tweed and Lismore railway before the railway was carried through?

(2.)

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(2.) Who were the valuers in connection with the assessment of the portion resumed by the Government?

(3.) What was the valuers award per acre?

(4.) What, approximately, will be the total amount paid to Mr. Garvan?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return will be prepared giving the information sought, and laid upon the Table at an early date.

(4.) Competition for Designs of Public Works:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in order to alleviate the distress of a great number of young men, who are architectural and other draughtsmen out of employment in the City of Sydney, have carried into effect the regulation made by the late Minister, Mr. Bruce Smith, viz., that all works over £5,000 be publicly competed for?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

(5.) Diversion of the Hunter River:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the question of the diversion about to be carried out in the course of the Hunter River,—

(1.) How many acres will he have to resume to carry out the work?

(2.) At what cost per acre?

(3.) What will be the length, width, and depth of the canal, and what its batter?

(4.) What is the amount of cubic contents to be removed?

(5.) At what estimated cost per yard can the excavated earth be removed and disposed of?

(6.) What undertaking will the Government have to enter into to give access to the island they will make by the cutting?

(7.) What compensation will the Government have to pay to the owners of this land after it is converted into an island?

(8.) Is it a fact that the Government have bought, or intend to buy, 12 acres of Mr. McDougall's land, near the West Maitland Bridge?

(9.) If so, at what cost per acre?

(10.) What do the Government estimate they will have to pay for riparian rights to the water lost by neighbouring owners?

(11.) Including every contingency that can be foreseen, what is the estimate of the total cost to be incurred?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Eleven acres and three perches.

(2.) Not yet valued, but I think the amount will be trifling.

(3.) Length, 800 feet; bottom width, 100 feet; greatest depth of excavation, 15 feet; batter, one to one.

(4.) 40,500 cubic yards.

(5.) At from 12d. to 15d. per cubic yard.

(6.) Not yet determined; it is probable that as the result of the proposed works the land will become more valuable than it is at present.

(7.) Not yet determined; at the present time the landowners have to go to considerable expense to protect their lands from floods, but when these works are completed this expense will probably be saved to them. There should therefore be no compensation due.

(8.) Not that I am aware of.

(9.) See reply to Question 8.

(10.) Nothing.

(11.) It is almost impossible to answer this Question, but the estimated cost of the works is £2,500.

(6.) Incorporation of Queanbeyan and Bungendore:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the townships of Queanbeyan and Bungendore incorporated?

(2.) Are there any drainage works being carried on in either or both towns; if so, at whose cost?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Queanbeyan is incorporated; Bungendore is not.

(2.) A sum of £1,000 was paid to the credit of the Queanbeyan Council in 1891 to assist them in carrying out the drainage works in the town. An amount of £500 was voted on the 1892 Estimates for drainage works in the town of Bungendore, and these are now being carried out by the Department.

(7.) Rodd Island:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, as soon as possible, lay upon the Table of this House the papers in connection with Rodd Island, as moved for on 26th October?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers are now being copied, and will be laid upon the Table with the least possible delay, but owing to several of the papers being in other Departments it has not been possible, up to the present time, to complete the Return.

(8.) Town Commons of Cooma, Bombala, Adaminaby, and Nimitybelle:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Town Commons of Cooma, Bombala, Adaminaby, and Nimitybelle, have been or are now being cut up with a view of disposal?

(2.)

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(2.) If so, what areas in each respective common is it proposed to dispose of, and to reserve as permanent commons?

(3.) In what areas, and under what conditions?

(4.) When are such lands to be thrown open to the public for settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The permanent commons are not being interfered with, but a portion of the temporary common at each place mentioned is about to be subdivided for settlement purposes.

(2.) The papers are at present with the District Surveyor, and it has not been deemed desirable to recall them, and thus prevent the work being carried out; but the approximate areas proposed to be dealt with are as follow:—

Coona Temporary Common.—About 3,525 acres to be measured, leaving an area of 11,075 acres to be retained for the present.

Bombala Temporary Common.—About 3,200 acres to be measured, leaving 6,650 acres for commonage for the present.

Adaminaby Temporary Common.—About 198 acres to be measured, leaving 1,100 acres for commonage purposes.

Nimitybelle Temporary Common.—About 4,400 acres to be measured, leaving 1,430 acres for commonage purposes.

(3 and 4.) Until designs have been received from the District Surveyor, and surveys completed, this information cannot be supplied.

(9.) Government Steam Launch:—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Why has the Government steam launch been lent to private Members of the House for excursions or trips in the harbour?

(2.) What expenses have been incurred in respect of these trips?

(3.) Do the Government supply provender as well as steam for the excursionists?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) It has been usual to grant the use of the Government steam launches to Members of both Houses.

(2.) A few shillings worth of coal.

(3.) No; I may inform the Honorable Member who asked this Question that if he requires a boat I should be very glad to place one at his service if he provides his own "tucker."

(10.) Trip of the "Thetis" to the Northern District:—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the approximate cost of the recent trip of the "Thetis" to the Northern District?

(2.) From what fund are the actual expenses of the boat, and the victualling of the party on board, to be paid?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) This cannot at present be given as the accounts have not yet been furnished; the "Thetis" only returned from the trip late yesterday.

(2.) A special vote is annually taken for services of this kind.

(11.) Duties of Coroners:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is not the Coroner compelled under Medical Act (2 Vic. No. 22) to call in the medical man who resides nearest to the place where the inquest is to be held?

(2.) If so, have the Coroner or Deputy Coroner followed that practice during their term of office?

(3.) If the practice, as prescribed by the Act, has not been followed by the Coroner or Deputy Coroner, will he see that, in future, the same is strictly carried out?

(4.) Is it a fact that the present Coroner (Mr. Woore) is related by marriage to Dr. F. Milford?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) The Coroner is not compelled to call in the medical man who resides nearest to the place where the inquest is to be held, but is empowered by Section 1 of the Medical Witnesses Act, 1 Vic. No 3, to summon as a witness any legally qualified medical practitioner in actual practice, residing near the place of inquest, in case the deceased was not attended by one before or at the time of death.

(2 and 3.) The Coroner and Deputy Coroner have hitherto carried out the provisions of Section 1 of the Medical Witnesses Act.

(4.) I am informed by the Coroner that he is not related to Dr. Milford, and until his attention was called to this Question was not cognizant of the fact that he is connected by marriage with Dr. Milford, but, upon reflection, now finds that he is so connected, in the following manner—Dr. Milford's nephew married the Coroner's step-mother's sister's daughter.

(12.) Magistrate charged at Kempsey with Stealing:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in November or December of last year a magistrate appeared before Judge Fitzhardinge at Kempsey, charged with stealing a bottle of whisky?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of the evidence against him, and the result of the trial?

(3.) Is it a fact that the same person was also a member of the Local Land Board, and in consequence of the evidence against him was called upon to resign that position?

(4.) Is this person at present acting as a magistrate?

(5.) If so, has he or the Department of Justice any intention of calling upon the magistrate to resign his position?

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Sir George Dibbs answered.—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am informed by my colleague the Minister of Justice that the person alluded to was acquitted, and there is no record of the evidence given against him on his trial except that contained in the Judge's notes. It would, the Minister thinks, be unfair and improper to make public evidence given upon a charge in respect of which a person accused has been acquitted, and he has therefore thought it unnecessary to obtain a copy of the Judge's notes or report.

(3.) A member of the Bellingen Land Board was removed from such position in September, 1891, on its being reported to the Lands Department that he had been committed for trial at Kempsey on a charge of larceny.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) There is no such intention, inasmuch as the gentleman referred to was acquitted of the charge laid against him, and therefore is an innocent man.

(13.) Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does any record exist of summonses issued or cases heard by the Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island?

(2.) If so, how many summonses have been issued or cases heard by such official?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—No summonses have been issued; but there is a letter-book kept by the Visiting Magistrate in which all letters are entered, and all papers referring to disputes and other matters are carefully filed.

2. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time, and passed.Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt and Costs in Civil Actions with certain exceptions.*"

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 abolish Imprisonment for Debt and Costs in Civil Actions with certain exceptions,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Tuesday next.

(4.) Agreements Validating Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 20th December.

(5.) Totalisator Legalizing Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 10th January.

(6.) Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina Construction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the construction of a railway from Byrock to Brewarrina;—until Tuesday, 10th January.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th October, 1892—“Appointments in Departments under Secretary for Mines,”—and moved, That the document be printed.

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

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act of 1880, respecting Vacations and Holidays.

Ordered to be printed.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from Mr. Levien, one of the Honorable Members for Tamworth, a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to consider a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the miscarriage of justice in connection with the trial of the Broken Hill strikers”; and expressed his opinion that the notice was out of order because the subject of it had been discussed last night on the ordinary motion for adjournment. He quoted the rule of the House of Commons relating to the 17th Standing Order of that House (which is similar to the 15th Standing Order of this House),—“Nor can this Standing Order be used to raise discussion upon matters already debated by The House during the current session, whether upon a previous motion for adjournment, upon a distinct motion, or upon an Order of the Day, nor upon matters under notice for discussion, or standing as an Order of the Day, although the Notice or Order be previously withdrawn at the same sitting.”—and ruled that Mr. Levien’s notice was irregular for the reasons which he had already stated.

6. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. York,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Fidden,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Miller,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Schey,	Tellers,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Fagan,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Gillies,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Collins.
Tellers,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald
Mr. Rae.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs 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.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Did a deputation wait on him on 21st October last, asking for the establishment of a labour farm for the relief of the unemployed?
 (2.) Did such deputation ask for such alteration of the land law, or the regulations made thereunder, as to permit of the foundation of voluntary co-operative settlements?
 (3.) Did such deputation ask that some Crown land might be set apart for the purpose of an experiment in the direction named?
 (4.) Did he promise to submit the matter to the Cabinet, and to give it full consideration?
 (5.) Did he receive a letter signed by the members of the deputation, and dated 25th October last, making certain definite propositions on the same lines?
 (6.) Did he receive a further letter, dated 16th November, asking an answer to the requests of the deputation, and the letter previously referred to; also asking him to receive Mr. Spence and others to give him further information on the matter?
 (7.) Has he yet submitted such matters to the Cabinet?
 (8.) Has he yet given the matter the full consideration promised?
 (9.) Has he yet made any answer to the deputation, or either of the letters above referred to?
 (10.) Has he any objection to lay the letters in question upon the Table; if not, when will he do so?
 (11.) Can he indicate when anything further is likely to be done in the matter, and the nature of the action to be taken?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1 to 7.) Yes.

(8 and 9.) No.

(10.) No objection.

(11.) Not at present; but I would suggest to my honorable friend that he should move for any information which he desires, and I will then give a fuller answer.

- (2.) Silk Culture at New Italy:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Is the silk now on view at the museum of Mines the whole of the product of New Italy?
 (2.) If so, at what cost to the country has it been produced?
 (3.) What is its weight and marketable value?
 (4.) Is it a fact that the quality of the silk mainly depends upon the richness of the leaf that the silkworm is fed upon?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the Italians could not produce enough mulberry leaves on their settlement at New Italy to feed the silkworm that they were experimenting with, and did they procure the leaves from Swan River and other parts of the Lower Richmond River; if so, is the sample now on view to be regarded as locally produced silk from New Italy?
 (6.) Can the industry be carried on successfully from a commercial standpoint?
 (7.) Is it true that a gentleman is being paid a large salary annually, including his travelling expenses?
 (8.) Does this officer reside at Lismore; if so, how often does he visit New Italy?
 (9.) What salary is paid to this officer, and what amount for travelling expenses annually?
 (10.) Is it the intention of the Government to retain the services of this officer?
 (11.) Is it a fact that the residents who have gone in for the silk industry at New Italy in the past have received Government grants, and are now petitioning the Government to grant them further sums, in order to test whether it can be cultivated successfully or not?

(12.)

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(12.) If so, in the present state of the finances, is it the intention of the Government to grant any further concessions?

(13.) If so, before doing so, will they cause a full inquiry to be made into the amount already expended in the matter of silk culture on the Richmond and Tweed Rivers?

(14.) Has an official from the Department recently visited New Italy; if so, would he have any objection to state the nature of his report, and lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the same at an early date?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) This sample of silk was produced for experimental purposes only. The cost of producing the sample cannot be given.

(3.) About 2½ lb.; its value is about 13s. per lb.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No; the sample may be regarded as locally produced silk from New Italy.

(6.) This cannot at present be determined.

(7.) A gentleman was engaged for two years from the 1st February, 1891, to initiate the industry at New Italy, at a salary of £500 per annum, exclusive of his travelling expenses for the first year.

(8.) No; he visited New Italy about three times a week on an average.

(9.) £500 per annum salary. The travelling expenses paid for the first year amounted to £193 2s. 6d., and £10 was allowed for a special visit this year.

(10.) This may depend on a report on sericulture which is now being prepared.

(11.) No; they received loans, being part of the amount promised, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum. They have asked for the balance of the amounts promised.

(12.) This will be considered on receipt of the report now being prepared.

(13.) This is now being made.

(14.) An official has recently visited New Italy, but his report has not yet been received.

(3.) Contract for Steel Rails:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In the event of no tenders being received for the manufacture of 175,000 tons of steel rails on the date specified, 7th proximo, will he re-offer the contract for public tender, under such amended conditions as might induce manufacturers to entertain the offer?

(2.) Is it a fact that the heavy rails specified in the contract are only 71½ lb. per yard, and that the Railway Commissioners have decided upon a standard heavy rail of 80 lb. per yard?

(3.) Were the Railway Commissioners consulted as to the weight and section of rails necessary for our increasingly heavy traffic before the conditions of this contract were framed?

(4.) In computing the terms on which the price per ton for a given year is to be calculated, would he in future ascertain the average price in England for the previous twelve months, and take that as a basis?

(5.) Is he prepared to incur the responsibility of committing the country to an expenditure of over £1,000,000 for stores by "private arrangement," without the sanction of Parliament?

(6.) Are the Railway Commissioners prepared to receive 71½ lb. rails; if not, to what other use could such stores be put?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) An offer has been received, but not yet considered.

(2.) The specification provides also for rails of any weight, but of similar character, as the Government may from time to time require during the currency of the contract.

(3.) See answer to number 6.

(4.) Unless it can be shown that the terms suggested by the Honorable Member are an improvement on those prescribed by the specification, I am not prepared to depart from the terms of the specification.

(5.) The fact of my calling for tenders "publicly" for these works shows that no "private arrangement" was contemplated.

(6.) It is for Parliament, and not the Railway Commissioners, to decide as to the weight of rails to be used on any new lines, after the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall have reported on the matter.

(4.) Railway to Milson's Point:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the railway extension to Milson's Point be completed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The contractor expects to have finished by the middle of February.

(5.) Whaling Road:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he yet considered the advisability of giving effect to the resolution of this House, adopted as a formal motion, and therefore unanimously, "That the Report of the Select Committee on the Whaling Road be adopted?"

(2.) Is it a fact that the North Shore Gas Company has erected a gasometer on the said road, and that one J. F. Loxton has also lately erected a stone wall across same?

(3.) As the recommendation of the Select Committee was that the road should be at once opened, has he any objection to state why he declines to give effect to the unanimously expressed resolution of this House, which adopted such recommendation?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 3.) The resolution of the House was a Formal Motion which slipped through inadvertently, and should not have been dealt with without full consideration, seeing that a Select Committee cannot be appointed on a Formal Motion. The recommendation embodied in the Committee's report is the reverse of that recommended by the ex-Attorney-General, Mr. Simpson. I will, however, endeavour to obtain the opinion of the present Attorney-General on this vexed question, and in the meantime no action will be taken.

(2.) It is understood that a gasometer and other buildings are on the land which might be locally spoken of as the Whaling Road.

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- (6.) Incorporation of Municipalities:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the early passing of the Local Government Bill, will he consider the advisability of delaying further action in connection with Petitions for the incorporation of new Municipalities, or for separation from any of the existing Municipalities, under the Municipalities Act of 1867?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter will in due course receive attention.

- (7.) Officer to succeed Colonel Goodlet:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an officer of the 3rd Regiment is to succeed Colonel Goodlet in the 2nd Regiment?

(2.) If so, why have the senior officers of the 2nd Regiment been overlooked?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at in this case.

- (8.) Mr. Josiah Thomas—*Mr. Enright, J's.P.*:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Josiah Thomas, Justice of the Peace at Broken Hill, was removed from the magistracy because of his alleged or actual inciting of persons to breaches of the law?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Enright, Justice of the Peace at West Maitland, has been fined for an actual breach of the law by assaulting a civilian at West Maitland?

(3.) Have the Government been fully informed of the circumstances of the assault case at West Maitland?

(4.) What course do they propose to take with respect to the magistrate in question?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. J. Thomas has been removed from the Commission of the Peace, and the papers giving full particulars of the case were laid upon the Table of this House a few days ago.

(2, 3, and 4.) Enright was fined, on the 17th ultimo, for assaulting one Patrick Markham, at West Maitland. From the facts as shown on the depositions, it appears that the assault arose out of a personal dispute between the parties in a public sale-yard in connection with the sale of a horse, and under gross provocation on the part of the plaintiff, and there is nothing in the evidence in any way reflecting on the character of the defendant. Speaking as a man, not as a Minister, I should say it served the man right.

- (9.) Royal Commission on Railways:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any complaints been made to him by Mr. Schey as to the loss of papers handed by Mr. Schey to the late Royal Commission on Railways?

(2.) Have such papers been found; if so, when will they be returned to Mr. Schey?

(3.) Has he any objection to lay the correspondence concerning the matter upon the Table?

(4.) If not, when will he do so?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes; but the Secretary to the Commission states he has no knowledge of any papers belonging to the Honorable Member having been withheld, and that at the termination of the Commission all the papers in his custody were (as far as practicable) returned to their respective owners. There will be no objection to lay the correspondence upon the Table, if moved for.

- (10.) Contract for Steel Rails:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Andrew Armstrong has submitted a tender to locally manufacture and supply 175,000 tons of steel rails?

(2.) Does Mr. Armstrong represent a local, an English, or any other syndicate or company?

(3.) Has the deposit of £15,000, specified in the published conditions of contract, been duly made?

(4.) Whereabouts in the Colony does Mr. Armstrong propose to locate the necessary works?

(5.) At what price per ton does Mr. Armstrong propose to supply the rails, viz., (a) the 60 lb. per yard section and (b) the 71½ lb. per yard section?

(6.) What (if any) modifications of the published conditions of contract have been asked for by Mr. Armstrong?

(7.) What evidence has Mr. Armstrong furnished of possessing such a knowledge (practical) of the steel-rail trade as would enable him to satisfactorily carry out so important a contract in a hitherto untried field?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(3.) No deposit has yet been made.

(2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.) I think the best way to satisfy these Questions will be to place a copy of Mr. Armstrong's offer upon the Table, which I will do in a few days.

- (11.) Darling Island:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the late Government acquire the land at Darling Island for £150,000, with the avowed intention of constructing wharfage accommodation on the frontage, and connecting same with the railway system?

(2.) If so, do the present Government intend carrying out the scheme, whereby employment would be found for a considerable number of workers?

(3.) Is not the interest upon the capital invested being lost without any advantage being derived?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes, so far as I am aware; but the price paid for the land was £135,000, not £150,000.

(2.) The Government have already referred this scheme to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, but that body came to the following conclusion on the matter:—"That in the opinion of the Committee it is not expedient that the proposed improvements at Darling Island, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out."

(3.) Yes; excepting a small return from a bonded store.

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(12.) Railway Accident between Eveleigh Stores and Macdonaldtown Station—Subway in vicinity of Forbes-street, Newtown:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Molesworth, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a young man named Sproule was recently killed while crossing the railway line between Eveleigh Stores and Macdonaldtown station?

(2.) Is it a fact that since the Department closed the subway in the vicinity of Forbes-street, Newtown, it is impossible to get from one side of the line to another except by crossing the rails?

(3.) By what right is the Department prosecuting persons who cross the lines at this point?

(4.) Has it been used as a right-of-way ever since the first construction of the line until the recent quadruplication?

(5.) As a deputation is about to wait upon him on this subject, will he suspend all prosecutions for trespass?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) A young man named Sproule, employed in the Stores Department at Eveleigh, was run over and killed while walking along the line from Macdonaldtown to his office, but this accident has no connection whatever with the question of crossing the lines referred to in the subsequent Questions.

(2, 3, and 4.) No right-of-way exists across the railway at the point in question, and as there are so many lines of rails it is necessary to stop the trespass in the interests of public safety. Another objection to the trespass is that it allowed open access to the Railway Locomotive Depôt and Stores, and as there have been frequent losses of material, it is considered desirable to close this avenue to peculation.

(5.) The prosecutions for trespass were taken by the railway officers, as the trespass continued in spite of warnings, but the Railway Commissioners have given directions that the summonses which have been taken out, may be withdrawn in the hope that the notice taken will have the desired effect.

(13.) Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the inhabitants of Lord Howe Island decline to submit any cases of dispute for the decision of the Visiting Magistrate?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No representations of the kind appear to have been made to the Government.

(14.) Land Cases Tried at Cooma, Buckley's Crossing, and Adaminaby:—*Mr. Collins*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to state the number of land cases from the sub-police-district of Jindabyne that have been tried before the Land Board at Cooma, Buckley's Crossing, and Adaminaby, for the last three years?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There being no sub-police-district of Jindabyne it will be necessary for the Honorable Member to specify the localities within the police-district of Cooma to which his Question refers; but as Jindabyne is only 13 miles from Buckley's Crossing, and 26 miles from Adaminaby, at both of which places Land Courts are regularly held, there is no necessity to establish a Land Court there, it being on the extreme fringe of settlement of Western Monaro.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 7th February.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th November, 1892,—“Sale of Crown Lands in counties of Cadell, Denison, Townsend, Hume, Urana, and Wakool.” Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Copy of agreement relating to the payment of telegraphic subsidies. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Members of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, in connection with the establishment of a public recreation ground at Double Bay.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the extension of St. Peter's Park.

(4.) Notification and proclamation of completion of the works of water supply for Cootamundra, constructed in accordance with the Act 44 Victoria No. 14.

(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Philip, county of Cumberland, in connection with wharf accommodation at Erskine-street, Sydney. Ordered to be printed.

4. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Neild* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Simpson's Railway Bill during the Session of 1891-2 be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the said Bill. Question put and passed.

5. NET FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT:—*Mr. Carruthers* presented a Petition from certain licensed fishermen of Botany Bay and George's River, alleging that the Petitioners are unable to gain a decent livelihood owing to the closing of many of the waters in which they have for years past been accustomed to haul their nets, and notably owing to the permanent closing of the whole of Port Hacking by Act of Parliament; that they believe that Port Hacking abounds with shoal fish not caught with the line, which the Petitioners should be permitted to catch in nets; and praying the House to pass a Bill to amend the Act closing Port Hacking against net fishing.

Petition received.

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6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Davis rising to move the adjournment of the House.—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the decision of the Marine Board in the case of the ship ‘Port Glasgow.’”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Davis moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. LAND TAX:—Mr. Carruthers, before moving the Motion standing in his name, viz.,:—

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the burthen of taxation now borne by the masses of the people should be diminished, and a tax on the unimproved value of land be substituted as a means of raising revenue.

“(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”—requested Mr. Speaker’s ruling, as he thought this Motion might be taken to be a repetition of the subject initiated by Mr. Chapman on the 18th October last, upon which an amendment, moved by Mr. Cotton, was debated and decided.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Motion was out of order, on the ground suggested by the Honorable Member, as “the two propositions in question were the same in substance and effect.”

8. COLONIAL TIMBER:—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in order to utilise Colonial timber, it is desirable that, in future Government contracts, preference shall be given to timber obtained in the Colony.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. O’Sullivan,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Colts,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Danahay.
Mr. Morgan,	Tellers,
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Black,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Collins.
Tellers,
Mr. A’Beckett,
Mr. McCourt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. INSPECTION OF SCAFFOLDING:—Mr. Darnley moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a bill should at once be introduced to appoint and give certain powers to Inspectors of Scaffolding, to provide for the proper supervision of all scaffolding, machinery, gear, and tackle used in building operations; also for the appointment of practical men as inspectors, the same to be selected after examination.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. BRIDGE TO CONNECT MANLY WITH NORTH SYDNEY:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a bridge should be constructed to connect Manly with North Sydney, in lieu of the present punt service at the Spit.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of men employed in the Railway Service.
(2.) The number of officers, superintendents, clerks, overseers, and gangers.
(3.) The wages paid annually to the employees.
(4.) The wages paid to the officers, superintendents, clerks, overseers, and gangers.
(5.) The number of employees working short time.

(6.) The officers, superintendents, clerks, overseers, and gangers working short time (if any).
(7.) The districts where the men are affected by the reduction of time.
(8.) The number of men affected in each district by the reduction of time.

(9.) The number of men discharged with the view of cutting down expenses in each district.
(10.) The branch or branches of the Railway Service affected by the reduction of time.

Question put and passed.

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- 12 CHARGES MADE AGAINST MR. HUBERT PATRICK MACKLIN:**—Mr. Dangar 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 certain charges made against Hubert Patrick Macklin, formerly a Public School teacher in the Macleay District, in consequence of which the said Hubert Patrick Macklin was removed from the public service.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Suttor, Mr. Wright, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Rose, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Lees, Mr. Neild, Mr. Cotton, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Miller,	Tellers,
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Bangar.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Rae.	

Noes, 29.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Campbell,	Tellers,
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Kelly,	

And so it passed in the negative.

- 13. SELECTION MADE BY JAMES CONNELLY, AT TAMWORTH:**—Mr. Levien 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 selection made by James Connelly, at Tamworth, of a conditional purchase or conditional purchases Nos. 98, 105, and 106, county of Inglis, parish of Attunga, and the subsequent legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the actions of James Connelly against John Brogan, the elder, Patrick Brogan, John Brogan, the younger, and James Brogan.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Wall, Mr. Davis, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Murphy, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

- 14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER:**—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 71st Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to establish and levy a special rate for street watering purposes within certain portions of the Borough of Parramatta, in addition to the rates authorised by the Municipalities Act of 1867, and for the other purposes therein set forth,—the period of three months, within which the Petition is required to be presented, having expired.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- 15. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL:**—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Parramatta, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to establish and levy a special rate for street watering purposes within certain portions of the Borough of Parramatta, in addition to the rates authorized by the Municipalities Act of 1867, and for the other purposes therein set forth,—And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Cumberland Mercury* and *Parramatta Gazette*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

- 16. FORMAL BUSINESS:**—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that on Motions being called over by Mr. Speaker, they shall be deemed to be taken as formal, unless three Honorable Members rise in their places and object.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

- 17. ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Sale of Crown Lands:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount has been received by the Government from the sale of Crown lands during the twelve months ending 30th November, 1892?

(2.) What has been the total cost of selling such lands, including advertising, auctioneers' expenses, &c.

(3.) What agents, other than members of the Civil Service, have been employed in such sales?

(4.) What amount has been paid to each agent?

Mr. Copeland answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return I will have the information prepared as far as practicable and laid upon the Table.

(2.) Goods carried on Northern and North-western Lines from Sydney to Armidale, Guyra, and Glen Innes:—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the truck rates for the various classes of goods carried upon the northern and north-western lines from Sydney to Armidale, Guyra, and Glen Innes?

(2.) From Newcastle to Armidale, Guyra, and Glen Innes?

(3.) From Sydney to Gunnedah and Narrabri?

(4.) From Newcastle to Gunnedah and Narrabri?

(5.) The distances between Sydney and Newcastle and each of these towns?

(6.) The rates for wool from each of these towns to Sydney and to Newcastle?

(7.) What is the loss upon the northern line, if any, and upon what portion?

(8.) What is the loss upon the north-western line, if any?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a Return.

(3.) Pilot-steamer "Captain Cook":—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Darnley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the building of the new pilot-steamer "Captain Cook"?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague the Colonial Treasurer informs me that he has no objection to lay the papers asked for upon the Table of this House.

(4.) Bull-head Rails:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners tried the bull-head rails on any of the existing lines?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Commissioners to continue the use of the bull-head rails?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that the bull-headed rails are in use on parts of the suburban section with good results, and as required their use will be continued.

(5.) Contracts for Ironwork:—*Mr. Nicholson*, for Mr. Scott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in all contracts for ironwork intended for use in his Department, insist that the iron used shall be cast, rolled, or forged locally, and shall not merely consist of imported bars, castings, or forgings fitted together locally?

Mr. Slattery answered,—This will be done wherever practicable, as is already the practice of the Department.

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(6.) Railway from Wagga Wagga to Humula.—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What action has he taken (if any) to have a fresh estimate made of the cost of constructing a light line of railway from Wagga Wagga to Humula?

(2.) Has the officer sent to inspect the line furnished a report; if not, when will the report be prepared?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to have this line submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works for consideration and report; and, if so, when?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The report has been received, and my honorable colleague intends to submit the question for the consideration of the Cabinet, within the next few weeks.

(7.) Inspector of Weights and Measures.—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Inspector of Weights and Measures an officer under the control of any Minister, or is he responsible alone to the Magistrates in Petty Sessions, from whom he received his appointment?

(2.) (a) What is the extent of district under the supervision of the Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures; (b) has he an assistant; (c) if so, what salary does the assistant receive, and from what vote is it paid?

(3.) (a) What salary does the Inspector of Weights and Measures receive; (b) in addition to such salary does he receive half the fines imposed under the Weights and Measures Act; (c) is he provided with an official residence; (d) if so, what rent is paid for the same?

(4.) (a) What fees is the Inspector of Weights and Measures entitled to receive under the law upon which he acts; (b) what are the charges he now demands and receives; (c) is he authorised to charge at the rate of 6d. per cwt. on weighing-machines and weigh-bridges; (d) if so, by what authority, and are such charges paid into the public Treasury?

(5.) Is it incumbent on the public to take weighing-machines to the inspector's office to be tested, or is it the duty of the inspector to test them on the premises of their owners?

(6.) What are the Inspector's hours of attendance at his office for the purpose of testing and stamping; and, during his absence, is there a duly authorised official to act for him?

(7.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the proper supervision of weights measures, and weighing-machines under the Local Government Bill, by appointing a sufficient number of inspectors to meet the requirements of large districts, to prevent fraud on the public, and expense and inconvenience to the trading community?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information will be furnished in the shape of a Return if moved for.

(8.) Reticulation Works at the Glebe.—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the contractor for the reticulation works in the Borough of the Glebe be allowed to proceed with his contract?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No contract has yet been let for this work, and many other works of a similar character, on account of the shortness of our loan funds.

(9.) Roads in the Walgett District.—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the inconvenience that the residents of Walgett and surrounding districts are subjected to in obtaining their supplies, and in forwarding their stock and wool to market, will he either have the roads leading to and from that district scheduled as first-class, or submit for report to the Works Committee a line of railway to that district with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The question of roads will be dealt with under the provisions of the District Government Bill, but the question of railway communication with Walgett will be considered by the Cabinet when the railway proposals are being dealt with.

(10.) Rabbit-infested Country, Districts of Young and Murrumburrah.—Mr. Colls asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have petitions been presented or requests made to the Lands Department by residents of the districts of Young and Murrumburrah, requesting that the land on the western side of the rabbit-proof fence erected along the railway line be proclaimed rabbit infested; and, if so, why have not the requests been granted?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No petitions, so far as I am aware, have been received, but a request has been made to that effect by the Stock and Pastures Protection Board and by one or two residents of the district, but no action has been taken, pending a more representative expression of opinion from the numerous small holders.

(11.) School Buildings at Ulmarra West.—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of school buildings at Ulmarra West?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The question of erecting school buildings at Ulmarra West will be considered when funds are available.

(12.) Coldstream Bridge.—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he decided to accept any of the tenders recently received for the construction of the Coldstream Bridge?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague is unable at present to accept a tender for this work and many others of a similar character, owing to the difficulty in providing the necessary loan funds.

(13.) Proposed Cemetery at Sutherland.—*Mr. Eve*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it probable that the proposed cemetery at Sutherland, for the Illawarra suburbs, will be dedicated for that purpose?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Immediately on completion of survey, which is being proceeded with, steps will be taken to carry out the resumption and dedication. No unnecessary delay will be permitted.

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(14.) Public Servants holding Seats in the Legislature :—*Mr. Eve*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to the Answer given to Question No. 1 on the 16th November, 1892, wherein the Honorable Member stated that the Government proposed to take action to cause public servants holding seats in the Legislature to either resign their positions in the public service or to retire from the Legislature, on the ground that their duties were inconsistent with their positions in this House—what steps, if any, have the Government taken to carry out such proposal?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Perhaps the best answer I can give the Honorable Member will be to refer him to the Answer given to a Question asked by him on the 16th November, 1892. That answer fully explains the views of the Government upon the question, but I may add that, if I can offer the Honorable Member any explanation which will give him further information on the subject, I shall be glad to make it. I would say, further, that the Government are not aware of any case that will come under the rule the Honorable Member desires to establish.

(15.) Site for Post-office, Albion Park :—*Mr. Fuller* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has the question of title in regard to the site for the proposed post-office in Albion Park been definitely settled?

(2.) If not, what is the cause of delay?

(3.) Will he endeavour to have the matter settled as expeditiously as possible?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The following information has been obtained from the Crown Solicitor's Office :—"Not yet. There are certain questions on the title which are being considered by the Crown Solicitor. The title is somewhat intricate, and the evidence in support of it is not altogether satisfactory. The Crown Solicitor is in communication with the vendor's solicitor, and it is anticipated the difficulties will shortly be overcome."

2. BALRANALD IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) *Mr. R. B. Wilkinson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands, situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands to establish works for conserving and utilising water for irrigation; to lease such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Wilkinson* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain lands, situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands to establish works for conserving and utilising water for irrigation; to lease such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 31st January.

3. MINING TENEMENT NO. 31, BONNIE DUNDEE REEF, AND LOTS 8 AND 9, SECTION 8, TOWN OF PARKES (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Hutchinson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, petitions, letters, telegrams, minutes, reports, &c., having reference to mining tenement No. 31, Bonnie Dundee Reef, and lots 8 and 9, section 8, town of Parkes, between Medlyn Bros. and others and the Lands and Mines Departments.

Question put and passed.

4. UNCLAIMED DEEDS OF LAND, LAND TITLES OFFICE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Hutchinson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing all unclaimed deeds of land, names of grantees, dates, areas, and situation of such grants of land, to end of the year 1891, now lying in the Land Titles Office, Sydney.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow :—

(1.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(3.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.

(4.) Liquor Licensing Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.

6. IMPRISONMENT OF LEADERS OF BROKEN HILL STRIKE :—*Mr. McGowen* presented a Petition from certain residents of the Colony, representing that at the Circuit Court held in Deniliquin in October last, Richard Sleath, W. J. Ferguson, E. J. Polkinghorne, John Bennetts, Herman Herbele, and R. A. Hewitt, and others, were charged, amongst other things, with having conspired, with others, to solicit, incite, and procure certain persons to unlawfully combine, conspire, and agree together, by divers unlawful means, to deter, prevent, molest, intimidate, and obstruct certain of Her Majesty's liege subjects from carrying on and following their lawful occupations and callings, and were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for periods varying from three months to two years—sentences which your Petitioners consider extremely harsh and excessive; that the offence was practically the establishment of pickets in the neighbourhood of the mines, a system which has prevailed and been countenanced by the law authorities of this Colony for many years, and has lately been declared to be legal in England, where much lighter sentences have invariably been imposed for similar offences; and praying early and favourable consideration of the premises, and

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and that the House will direct His Excellency's attention to the excessiveness of the sentences imposed, and appeal that the persons named may be forthwith released, and further that at an early date the law may be so amended as to render it impossible in future for persons to be sentenced to such excessive terms of imprisonment for the offence of which the persons named have been convicted.

At the request of Mr. McGowen, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker. Petition received.

7. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir George Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time." And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Waddell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 18th January.

8. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1893, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1892 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

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 1893, together with the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1892 and previous years.

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

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 £2,194, to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1893.
On motion of Mr. See, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

10. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

11. PAPERS:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1893.
(2.) Comparative statement showing the Revenue for 1892, as estimated on 1st December, 1891, and as now estimated.
(3.) Account of estimated Revenue and Expenditure (exclusive of Railways) for the year 1893.
Ordered to be printed.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Neild, 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 16th November, 1892, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

2. POSTPONEMENTS.—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 21, postponed until Wednesday next.

3. FINANCIAL PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House, having considered the exposition of the financial affairs of the country as made by the Colonial Treasurer, and having in view the nature of his financial proposals for the year 1893, is of opinion that the continuance of the present Ministers in office is fraught with serious dangers to the public welfare.

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

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Waddell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1892.

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

FINANCIAL PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid,—
 “(1.) ‘That’ this House, having considered the exposition of the financial affairs of the country as made by the Colonial Treasurer, and having in view the nature of his financial proposals for the year 1893, is of opinion that the continuance of the present Ministers in office is fraught with serious dangers to the public welfare.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.” And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word ‘That,’ with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “in the opinion of this House ‘the condition of public affairs does not justify the dislocation of business and the danger to legislative progress, public credit, and finance which would be the probable consequence of the displacement of the present Administration.”

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Carruthers submitted that the proposed amendment was not relevant to the original motion, inasmuch as such motion related to the financial proposals of the Government and condemned them, and the amendment referred generally to the condition of public affairs and legislative progress, and only incidentally to the subject of finance.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had consulted certain English authorities, and in accordance with the precedents he found therein, he ruled that the proposed amendment was relevant, and therefore in order.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having again retired,—

The Chairman of Committees again took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

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Original Question then put,—

(1.) That this House, having considered the exposition of the financial affairs of the country as made by the Colonial Treasurer, and having in view the nature of his financial proposals for the year 1893, is of opinion that the continuance of the present Ministers in office is fraught with serious dangers to the public welfare.

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

Ayes, 61.

Mr. Reid,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Danahey,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Lees,

Mr. Morton,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Burdekin.

*Tellers,*Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Martin.

Noes, 68.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. See,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Melville,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hutchison,

*Tellers,*Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it passed in the negative.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Water Supply for Tamworth.
Ordered to be printed.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice;—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday, "17"th January.

Mr. Reid moved,—That the Question be amended by the omission of the figures "17" with a view to the insertion in their place of the figures "10".

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. See,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Lyne,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Copeland,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. John Wilkinson,

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Vaughn,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. York,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dawson,
Tellers,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 62.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Lees

Tellers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McCourt.

Question,—

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday, 10th January,—put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Nine o'clock, A.M., until *Tuesday, 10th January*, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sale of Crown Lands:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the number of acres of Crown lands advertised to be sold by auction from 1st January to 31st December, 1892?

(2.) What is the number of acres offered for sale to present date?

(3.) What is the number of acres sold?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 319,283 acres.

(2.) 267,218 acres, from 1st January to 31st December, 1892.

(3.) 83,180 acres, from 1st January to 31st December, 1892.

(2.) Revenue derived in the Parkes District:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of revenue received respectively from the Post Office, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mining Registrars, and Land Offices, in the Parkes District, since 1st January, 1885, to 31st December, 1891?

(2.) The amounts received from publicans' and billiard licenses during the same period?

(3.) The amounts expended on public buildings during the same period?

(4.) The amounts expended upon public buildings during the last twenty years?

Mr. See answered,—I will presently lay the information upon the Table in the form of a Return

(3.) Leasehold Areas in Central and Western Divisions:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the acreage of the leasehold area of Toorale Pastoral Holding, in the Western Division, the rental per acre, and the total amount paid annually in the way of rent for such area?

(2.) The acreage of the leasehold area of Burrawang Pastoral Holding, in the Central Division, the rent paid per acre, and the total amount received annually in the way of rent for such area?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Toorale Leasehold Area acreage, 630,117 acres; rental per acre, 1⁸/₁₀d.; annual rent, £4,332 1s. 1d.(2.) Burrawang Leasehold Area acreage, 205,643 acres; rental per acre 2¹/₂d.; annual rent, £1,722 5s. 2d.

(4.) Railway from Nyngan to Cobar:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How long is it since the railway from Nyngan to Cobar was opened; and during that period what amount of revenue has been derived from the same?

(2.) Does the revenue from all sources exceed the expenditure; if so, by how much?

(3.) The number of passengers and amount received from passenger traffic on the same?

(4.) The amount received from goods, wool, and stock?

(5.) If the line is not paying working expenses, does the Government consider it advisable, under the circumstances, to extend the line from Cobar to Wilcannia; if so, for what reason?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The line was opened on the 1st July, 1892, and the revenue from that date to the 30th November was £4,209 13s. 11d.

(2.) The revenue was £4,209 13s. 11d.; the expenditure on the line was—Locomotive and Traffic Department expenses, £1,365 16s. 3d.; maintenance of permanent-way, £2,708 6s. 8d.; total, £4,074 2s. 11d.; and, as the revenue was £4,209 13s. 11d., the receipts covered the expenditure, but practically left no balance to pay the interest on the money expended in constructing the line.

(3.) 3,292 passengers. Receipts from coaching, £1,722 19s. 8d.

(4.) The goods traffic yielded £2,486 14s. 8d.

(5.)

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- (5.) Adaminaby Court-house:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will tenders be called for Adaminaby Court-house?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that this matter is being considered in connection with a proposal to erect a watch-house, stabling, &c., at the same place.

- (6.) Land dedicated for Municipal Wharf Purposes, in Borough of Hunter's Hill:—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any land at Valentia-street, Woolwich, or adjacent to that street, been dedicated to the Borough of Hunter's Hill for municipal wharf purposes, and what is the date and condition of such dedication and proclamation, and the area of land dedicated?

(2.) Opposite to or adjacent to this land has a ferry wharf or jetty been erected by the Borough of Hunter's Hill, aided by a grant from the Crown?

(3.) How much was contributed by the Crown, and on what conditions?

(4.) Prior to the erection of the jetty by the Borough, was a lease obtained from the Crown of land below high-water mark for the purpose of a wharf at this reserve?

(5.) After the expiration of the lease first obtained, was a fresh lease applied for of same land, and was it referred to the Land Board, and recommended by that Board?

(6.) What were the recommendations of that Board, and the date and terms of lease recommended?

(7.) Did the Minister carry this recommendation into effect; if not, why not?

(8.) Was the deposit paid to the Colonial Treasurer, and the cheque for same signed by the Treasurer of the Municipality at the time on behalf of the Borough?

(9.) Who was Treasurer of Hunter's Hill at that date?

(10.) Instead of a lease of the land applied for being given to the Borough, did the Crown give to the Treasurer of the Borough, for his own private use, the wharf erected at the foot of the public street dividing the reserve referred to?

(11.) What are the terms of that lease, and in pursuance of what statute was it given?

(12.) Does it confer on the lessee the right to prevent the public as passengers from having free egress over said wharf, or on what terms can the public land at this wharf and street?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; an area of 1 acre was dedicated for "wharfage purposes only," on the 18th January, 1884, and the deed of the same issued to the Borough Council of Hunter's Hill.

(2.) I am not aware.

(4.) No trace can be found of such a lease having ever been granted.

(5 and 6.) A lease was applied for by the Hunter's Hill Council, and recommended by the Land Board on 1st February, 1888, to be granted for five years at an annual rental of £2, on condition that the public be allowed free access to, and the use of the wharf for embarking and disembarking passengers, and that any erection be removed at the cost of the lessees, without compensation, should the Minister so desire at the termination of the lease.

(7.) No; the papers were sent for by the Treasury, and appear to have been mislaid.

For replies to Questions 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, I must refer the Honorable Member to the Colonial Treasurer.

- (7.) Home Passes:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners power to annul the long-held privilege of home passes?

(2.) Will the impending forfeiture apply also to the superior officers?

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Commissioners have power to withdraw the issue of home passes, but in response to the wishes of the men concerned, who had an interview with the Commissioners and represented the inconvenience the withdrawal of the passes would occasion, the Commissioners some weeks ago approved of the continuance of home passes to those who had previously enjoyed them.

- (8.) Moore's Bridge, on Main Southern Road, at Druitt Town:—*Mr. Dale* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Department been drawn to the condition of Moore's Bridge upon the Main Southern Road at Druitt Town?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to place upon the Estimates a sum to cover the cost of a new structure?

(3.) If not, will he cause repairs to be effected to the bridge in question?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The matter will be considered in connection with the Estimates, but I cannot give any definite promise at present.

- (9.) Wages of Railway Employees:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Langwell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners intend reducing by 2½ per cent. the wages of all railway employees who are receiving 10s. per day?

Mr. See answered,—Nothing is known by the Railway Commissioners of any such proposal, and up to the present time the Commissioners' policy has been quite contrary to the suggested course. The Commissioners prefer dispensing with superfluous hands rather than adopting such a course.

- (10.) Public Meetings held at the Queen's Statue:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that the Inspector-General of Police has forbidden the holding of public meetings at the Queen's Statue in this city?

(2.) If so, by whose authority has such order been issued?

Sir

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—No such instructions have been given by the Inspector-General of Police, but every person has a common law right of usage of the public highway. The thoroughfare referred to is completely obstructed when meetings are held there; such obstruction is also in contravention of the municipal by-law, and the Mayor concurs with the Inspector-General in thinking that some other place ought to be found for holding public meetings.

(11.) Theatrical and Circus Entertainments:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Under what Act are theatrical entertainments and circuses licensed?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a certain portion of a circus entertainment now being given in Sydney has been stopped by the Government; and, if so, for what reason, and upon what grounds?
- (3.) Under what authority are the Government acting in this matter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Under the Public Exhibitions Act, 14 Vic. No. 23.
- (2 and 3.) The performance with the lions was stopped on account of complaints being made to the Government of its danger; but after full inquiry it was found not to be as dangerous as represented, and the performance was allowed to go on.

(12.) The Rock to Murray Hut Railway:—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps for submitting the Rock to Murray Hut Railway to the Public Works Committee for consideration and report?
- (2.) If so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The question of constructing this line will be taken into consideration with others when the railway proposals are being dealt with by the Cabinet; but I cannot at present fix any definite time for this.

(13.) Water and Sewerage Rates:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage refuse to accept water or sewerage rates if tendered after banking hours?
- (2.) If so, will he suggest to the President that he should make some arrangement which will not be vexatious to ratepayers residing in distant suburbs, and at the same time meet the convenience of the office staff?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have furnished me with the following replies to the above Questions:—"Yes; the hours for the receipt of water and sewerage rates are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday to Friday inclusive, and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday in each week. This information is printed in conspicuous type on each rate notice delivered. It is necessary to close the books at the hours named in order to allow of each day's work being properly balanced up. It is not obligatory for ratepayers in distant suburbs to attend at the Head Office, as arrangements are made whereby a cashier attends at the local Council Chambers on certain days in each half-year, of which ample notice is given. Cheques, Post Office orders, and stamps may also be forwarded by post."

(14.) Recreation Reserve at Ulmarra:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he say when the necessary steps will be taken for the resumption of a portion of land for a recreation reserve at Ulmarra?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The necessary steps are now being taken, and will probably be completed in the course of a few days.

2. INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. McGowen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) If the Inspector of Weights and Measures is an officer under the control of any Minister, or responsible alone to the Magistrates in Petty Sessions, from whom he received his appointment.
 - (2.) The extent of district under the supervision of the Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures; whether he has an assistant; if so, the salary the assistant receives, and the Vote from which it is paid.
 - (3.) The salary the Inspector of Weights and Measures receives; whether half the fines imposed under the Weights and Measures Act is received by him; and is he provided with an official residence, and the rent paid for the same.
 - (4.) The fees the Inspector of Weights and Measures is entitled to receive under the law upon which he acts; the charges he now demands and receives; by what authority he charges at the rate of 6d. per cwt. on weighing-machines and weigh-bridges, and if such charges are paid into the public Treasury.
 - (5.) The practice in reference to the public taking weighing-machines to the Inspector's office to be tested, and the duty of the Inspector as regards testing them on the premises of their owners.
 - (6.) The Inspector's hours of attendance at his office for the purpose of testing and stamping; and the arrangements made for an officer to attend during his absence.
- Question put and passed.

3 PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES REMUNERATION REDUCTION) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Houghton* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Public Works (Committees Remuneration Reduction) Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

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

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4. REAL PROPERTY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Fuller, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 26 Victoria No. 9, the Act 36 Victoria No. 7, and 41 Victoria No. 18 (Real Property Act and Amending Acts). Question put and passed.
5. GOLD-MINING LEASES NEAR BRITANNIA REEF, FORBES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, telegrams, minutes, evidence, and reports with regard to the application for and objections to gold-mining leases, near Britannia Reef, Forbes, by Foster and party and Danzetti and party. Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.
 (2.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th March.
 (3.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.
 (4.) Law Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 11th April.
 (5.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday, 19th January.
 (6.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday, 19th January.
 (7.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Thursday, 19th January.
 (8.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
7. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) By-laws in connection with Water Supply for the Municipal District of Manly, and amended By-laws in connection with the Metropolitan Water Supply, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889.
 (2.) Proclamation transferring the Manly Water Supply Works to the care of the Municipal Council of Manly.
 (3.) Proclamation declaring the Municipal District of Manly a Water District in terms of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889.
 (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Dubbo, county of Lincoln, in connection with the supply of water to the town of Dubbo.
 (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cobar, county of Robinson, in connection with the supply of water to the town of Cobar.
 (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Balmain West.
 (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Camperdown branch sewer.
 (8.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bong Bong, county of Camden, in connection with the supply of water to the town of Moss Vale.
 (9.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Booroowa, county of King, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Booroowa River at Beverley and approaches thereto.
 (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Currajong, county of Ashburnham, in connection with the supply of water to the town of Parkes.
 (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Dubbo, county of Lincoln, in connection with the supply of water to the town of Dubbo.
 (12.) Proclamation defining the boundaries of the Water District of the Lower Hunter.
 (13.) Report and plans by Mr. E. B. Price on the Bethungra gravitation scheme for water supply at Junce, with a minute thereon by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing revenue and expenditure in the Parkes District.
 Ordered to be printed.
8. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) "That" the working of the nominee principle in the construction of the Legislative Council has fully confirmed the doubts entertained of its soundness and wisdom by the framers of the Constitution, who limited it in the first instance, as an experiment, to the period of five years.
 (2.) That the power given by the Constitution to a few Members of this House, who may, for the time being, hold office as advisers of the Crown, to nominate persons to seats in the other House of Parliament for the term of their natural lives, is in flagrant conflict with the principle of manhood suffrage by which this House is elected for the short period of three years, and is repugnant to every sense of political justice and progress.
 (3.) That the continued existence of the nominee principle in the construction of the Legislative Council is an insuperable obstacle to the national federation of Australia, while it remains a danger to the liberties of this Colony.
 (4.) That a Bill ought to be introduced without delay to amend the Constitution by reconstructing the Legislative Council on a carefully considered basis of popular election.
 (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented to the Governor by Mr. Speaker, with a request that His Excellency will immediately lay them before his advisers.
- Mr. Traill 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 "this House, having in view the urgent and pressing necessity for the passage into law, after the deplorable delays of the past,

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" of legislative reforms of the gravest public importance, declines to engage at the present time " in theoretical discussion as to the principles which should regulate the constitution of a second " Chamber, or to record an opinion which might lead to the entire unsettlement of public affairs ; " and this House prefers to devote its attention to the amelioration of the condition of the people " and the advancement of immediate public interests."

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

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Barton;	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Dargley,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Colls,
Sir Henry Parker,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. A'Beckett,	Tellers,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cotton.
Mr. Sydney Smith;	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Garvan,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hutchinson.

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Young moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday week.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Construction of Tank at Berry Jerry, near Coolamon:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that repeated applications have been made during the last two years that a tank be constructed at Berry Jerry, near Coolamon?
 (2.) Is he aware that the proposed tank is urgently needed to enable farmers to bring their wheat and other produce to the Coolamon Railway Station?
 (3.) Who is responsible for the delay in having a site set apart for the proposed tank?
 (4.) Why have not trial shafts been sunk before this time?
 (5.) Will he have the necessary steps taken to have this tank made without further delay?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Applications have been received asking for a tank at Berry Jerry.
 (2.) The reports do not show that the tank is urgently needed.
 (3.) A site was selected, and upon application being made to the Lands Department for the reservation of the land, it was ascertained that the land asked for was not available. A fresh examination of the locality had to be made and three sites were selected, and instructions given for sinking trial shafts with a view of ascertaining which was the most suitable.
 (4.) Trial shafts have been sunk, but the local inspector, owing to other pressing work in a large district, has not yet been able to examine them.
 (5.) As soon as the result of the trial shafts have been reported further steps will be taken.

- (2.) Horses used by Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster-General,—How many horses or ponies are now being used by the Electric Telegraph Department for the delivery of messages?

Mr. Kidd answered,—There are twenty-six ponies used in connection with the Head Office, and, in addition, allowances are granted to officials in the suburbs and country for the keep of ninety-four ponies.

- (3.) Site for Sewerage Farm at Duck Creek:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Public Works Committee reported against the site purchased by the Government for the Sewerage Farm at Duck Creek; if so, what action do the Government intend taking, so as to have the necessary works carried out for the preservation of the health of the inhabitants?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works have reported against the site as being too small; but as the questions involved are of a very technical nature, I propose to submit the matter to a Board of three gentlemen who are experts on the subject of sanitation.

- (4.) Payment of Members:—Mr. Colls asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of amending the Act providing for the payment of salaries to Members of Parliament, so that instead of a fixed sum of £300 per annum each member will be paid in proportion to the number of sittings he has attended?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government.

(5.)

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(5.) Amount paid to Members of Public Works Committee:—Mr. Colls asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the total sum paid to Members of the Public Works Committee for their services and for their travelling expenses during the year 1892?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—£5,085 18s., as follows:—Full Committee, £3,579 9s.; Sectional Committees, including travelling expenses, £1,506 9s.

(6.) Subsidy to Mechanics School of Arts:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are the Committee of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts in receipt of an annual Government subsidy; if so, what has been the amount received by them for the last five years?

(2.) Is it a fact that the large lecture hall is used nightly for running a minstrel and variety show; if so, what action does the Government intend to take with reference to the withdrawal of the annual subsidy?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes. £6,657 14s. 2d.

(2.) The hall is temporarily let for concerts, lectures, &c. At present it is occupied by a concert company, whose performances are of a minstrel and variety character.

(7.) Mr. Scott, Surveyor:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there a gentleman of the name of Scott engaged under the Military authorities making a feature survey of any part of the Colony?

(2.) If so, what are his professional qualifications?

(3.) Is Mr. Scott a licensed surveyor of this Colony?

(4.) Is it true that Mr. Scott is employing other people to perform the service for which he is paid?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Military Secretary that no person is employed by the Military authorities in making a feature survey. A man named Hills was employed on the contour survey, but was discharged on the 31st December for misconduct.

(8.) Report of the Fisheries of New South Wales for the Chicago Exposition:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Secretary of the Fisheries Commission has prepared a report of the Fisheries of New South Wales for the Chicago Exposition; if so, for what reason has the report been refused to the public?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Secretary to the Chicago Exhibition Commission:—It is a fact that such a report has been prepared by the Secretary of the Fisheries Commission, at the instance of the Commissioners for the Chicago Exposition. It has not yet, however, been fully completed; and the Exhibition Commissioners, with regard to this and other publications prepared at their instance and expense, have decided to withhold local issues until after the opening of the Exposition on the 1st May next.

(9.) Contract for Steel Rails:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will he lay upon the Table of this House the papers connected with Mr. Armstrong's offer to manufacture 175,000 tons of steel rails locally?

(2.) Will he defer entering into any contract with Mr. Armstrong, or with any other person, in reference to steel rails, until the House has had an opportunity of fully considering the papers promised by him on the 13th ultimo?

Mr. Lyne answered,—When I have had time to consider this offer, I shall be prepared to lay the papers upon the Table, and also to reply to Question No. 2.

(10.) Extension of Leases to Pastoral Lessees in Central Division:—Mr. Gornly asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the uncertainty of a comprehensive Land Bill, such as that foreshadowed, being passed by 9th April, or even by July, will he give notice to pastoral lessees in the Central Division, where the land is required for settlement, that no extension of leases will be granted?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will take care that the necessary action is taken to give effect to the policy of the Government with reference to the pastoral leases in the Central Division.

(11.) Expenditure in connection with Police sent to Broken Hill:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The total expenses incurred by the Government during 1892 in connection with the extra Police sent to Broken Hill?

(2.) From what fund was this paid?

(3.) On what Estimates does he propose to ask this House to vote this money?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police,—

(1.) As far as at present ascertained, the whole expenses in connection with the extra police sent to Broken Hill amount to £12,708 14s. 9d.

(2 and 3.) Police contingencies.

(12.) Customs Revenue for 1892 on Flour, Wheat, &c.:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of revenue received during the year 1892 as Customs duties under the following heads, separately:—Flour, wheat, bran, pollard, oats, maize, hay, chaff?

Mr. See answered,—I will give the amounts in round numbers:—Flour, £48,183; wheat, £23,580; bran, £9,084; pollard, £1,800; oats, £22,312; maize, £6,920; hay and chaff, £28,775.

(13.) Deep-sea Fisheries:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the desirableness of developing the deep-sea fisheries of the Colony, and availing himself of the services of competent Hydrographic Surveyors at present unemployed, will the Colonial Secretary—(1) Take the preliminary step of having thoroughly surveyed that portion of the bottom of the ocean extending

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extending to a distance of 20 miles on either side of Port Jackson Heads, and thence 25 miles eastward, embracing an area of 1,000 square miles; (2) Will he ascertain whether one or more of the vessels of the Australian Auxiliary Fleet, at present lying idle in Port Jackson, can be detailed to assist in carrying out such survey?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—In 1890 the Commissioners of Fisheries advocated this being done, and a request was made to the Naval authorities to have the survey made, but they reported that they had no surveying ships to do the work. The matter, however, shall receive attention.

2. BOROUGH OF ERSKINEVILLE NAMING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Joseph Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Municipality of Macdonaldtown to the Borough of Erskineville.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Abbott then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to alter the name of the Municipality of Macdonaldtown to the Borough of Erskineville,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 19th January.
3. POSTAL SERVICE BETWEEN WINDSOR AND PITTS TOWN, AND BETWEEN WINDSOR AND WISEMAN'S FERRY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents, letters, petitions, minutes, reports from different Post Offices, correspondence, and specifications relative to the postal contracts lately let to Thomas Thompson and Richard Owens, also any reports from the officers of the Department relative to the state of vehicles, harness, and horses of these tenderers for the postal service between Windsor and Pitts Town, and between Windsor and Wiseman's Ferry.
Question put and passed.
4. ATTORNEYS COSTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the 14th section of the Act 11 Victoria No. 33 (Attorneys Costs Act).
Question put and passed.
5. ESTABLISHMENT OF MODEL FARMS AT BATHURST, ORANGE, MOLONG, AND WELLINGTON (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of this House, made on 26th October last, in reference to “Establishment of Model Farm or Farms in the Western District,” be rescinded, and that there be laid upon the Table of this House, in lieu thereof, copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, and other documents in reference to the establishment of model farms at Bathurst, Orange, Molong, and Wellington.
Question put and passed.
6. TENDERS FOR CAST-IRON PIPES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Gould, for Mr. Molesworth, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the tenders recently received by the Public Works Department for the supply of 20,000 tons of cast-iron pipes—to be manufactured in the Colony—are so largely in excess of the price at which the imported article of similar quality can be obtained, that their acceptance would be unjustifiable, and would therefore form a dangerous precedent in the administration of the Public Works Department.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Donald.
Mr. Young,	Tellers,
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Joanncret,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Scobie,	

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r. See,	Mr. Murphy,
r. Slattery,	Mr. Langwell,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Giavan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Ferry,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Gorinly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Grahame,	Tellers,
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Sheldon.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Works (Committees Remuneration Reduction) Bill postponed until Tuesday, 14th February.
8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.
Ordered to be printed.

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9. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 23rd November, 1892,—“Common at Deniliquin.”
 - (2.) Return (*in completion*) to an Order made on 21st December, 1891,—“Australian Agricultural Company.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 26th October, 1892,—“Rodd Island.”
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) New and Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney (adopted 15th August, 1892).
 - (2.) New and Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney (adopted 17th October, 1892).
- Ordered to be printed.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs stated to the House the course which the Government intended to pursue in the transaction of the public business.

Mr. Reid also addressed the House.

11. VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*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 law relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 25th January.

12. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Slattery, 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, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Slattery 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.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

13. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barton,—

“(1.) ‘That’ this House reaffirms its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and having regard to the difficulties, as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it approves of the main principles of the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing, under resolutions, the several Parliaments of Australia.

“(2.) That this House is of opinion that the said proposals should be considered in Committee of the Whole, ‘and’ that such amendments as may be desired by the Legislative bodies of this and of the several other Australian Colonies should, together with the Draft Bill, be remitted to the consideration of a second Convention, similarly appointed by and reporting to the several Parliaments, and that the question of the final adoption by any Colony of any proposal for a Federal Constitution should be submitted to the people thereof in their electoral capacity.

“(3.) That this House will, ‘To-morrow,’ resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration in detail of the said proposals for a Federal Constitution.”

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Upon which Mr. Want had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission after the first word "That" of all the words down to the word "and" in resolution (2), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House declares its opinion in favour of Federation of the Australian Colonies, but having regard to the difficulties as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interest, and coming to a common ground of agreement, the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention which met in Sydney, in March, 1891, representing under resolutions the several Parliaments of Australia, shall be considered in a Committee of the Whole House."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. See,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Journeret,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Bruncker,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,

Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Dawson.
Tellers,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Neild.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden.

Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Donahey,
Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cann.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, as paragraph (3), of the words, "That no system of Federation will be acceptable to this House until the electoral system provides for the principle of one man one vote at the election for Members to the proposed House of Representatives."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2a).

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gough,

Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Bavister,
Tellers,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cruickshank.

Noes, 33.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Dawson,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Booth,

Mr. Gould,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Murphy,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Wall,
Tellers,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Chapman moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "To-morrow," paragraph (3), with a view to the insertion in its place of the words, "this day six months."
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Mr. Waddell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.

Question,—

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. See,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Sir George Dibbs,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Murphy,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gould,

Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bavister.

Tellers,

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Morton.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Schey.

Tellers,

Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—

(1.) That this House reaffirms its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and having regard to the difficulties, as well as the necessity of reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it approves of the main principles of the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney in March, 1891, representing, under resolutions, the several Parliaments of Australia.

(2.) That this House is of opinion that the said proposals should be considered in Committee of the Whole, and that such amendments as may be desired by the Legislative bodies of this and of the several other Australian Colonies should, together with the Draft Bill, be remitted to the consideration of a second Convention, similarly appointed by and reporting to the several Parliaments, and that the question of the final adoption by any Colony of any proposal for a Federal Constitution should be submitted to the people thereof in their electoral capacity.

(3.) That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration in detail of the said proposals for a Federal Constitution.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Barton,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. See,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Sharp,
Sir George Dibbs,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kidd,
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Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Darnley,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Gough,
Tellers,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Murphy.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Walker,
Tellers,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Rae.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.**THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1893.**

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Resumption of Land, Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the area of all land resumed by the Government on the east side of Woolloomooloo Bay; and what frontage has it to that bay?

(2.) Will he state the names of the respective owners of the land so resumed; the area and frontage in each case; and the price paid for same?

(3.) Who has been the valuator for the Crown in the case of these resumptions; and what fees have been paid to him in each case?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This information will be prepared as quickly as possible; and laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return, in the course of a few days.

(2.) Engineer on Tug-boat "Juno":—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there a man named Samuel MacArthur in charge of the engine and engine-room of the tug-boat "Juno," at Newcastle?

(2.) If so, does he possess a certificate of competency?

(3.) Is it a fact that he was reported for incompetency by the late master of the "Cyclops"?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I understand that some twelve years ago the then master of the "Cyclops," who has been dead about ten years, made some charge against MacArthur on account of his having intoxicating liquor on board; the charge was dealt with at the time, but was not considered of sufficient gravity to justify his removal from the service. His conduct has ever since been satisfactory, and he has been recently promoted. I have to express my regret that an old offence has been raked up against this man, who has now a long record for good behaviour.

(3.) Travelling Stock Tanks, Road Corowa to Jerilderie, Berrigan to Jerilderie:—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that from want of a travelling stock tank at Four Corners, Corowa to Jerilderie Road, the farmers at Savernake, Clear Hills, Daysdale, and Momalong are put to serious loss in having their wheat carted to Jerilderie Railway Station, having to travel 22 miles from the Government well at Myall Plains without water?

(2.) Are many now compelled to cart their grain to Yarrawonga Railway Station for transit by Victorian railways, *via* Melbourne, to Sydney?

(3.) Will he send at once a special officer to report and see if temporary arrangements can be made to provide water for carriers and others on this road until a permanent supply can be made?

(4.) Will he also get the officer to report on the necessity of providing water on the road from Berrigan to Jerilderie, where a similar condition exists?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The Department is not aware that such is the fact.

(2.) The Department is not aware that such is the fact.

(3.) A report has been received from both the local officer and from the Chief Inspector, who made a special investigation. Neither officer is able to recommend the construction of the tanks referred to.

(4.) Steps are now being taken for the reservation of the necessary area for a tank upon this road.

(4.)

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- (4.) Subsidy to Mechanics School of Arts :—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In reference to Mr. Walker's Question, No. 6, and Answer to same, on Votes and Proceedings of 11th January, what steps do the Government intend to take with reference to the withdrawal of the annual subsidy from the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts?

Mr. Suttor answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member I desire to say that some considerable time since, during last year, my attention was drawn to the fact that the Sydney School of Arts had leased their public hall for what are commonly called variety entertainments. I expressed my opinion that the leasing of the hall for purposes such as those was unjustifiable, and I informed the Secretary of the institution that if those performances were continued I could not see my way to subsidise the School of Arts as had hitherto been done. After he received my decision I was informed by the President of the School of Arts that they had terminated the lease which then existed, and that they intended—I am now speaking without having the papers before me—in the future to devote the hall to legitimate purposes, such as lectures upon educational subjects. I judge from the Honorable Member's Questions to-night and last night, that the hall is now being devoted to purposes such as I took exception to a few months ago. I promise to make inquiry into the matter, and if the entertainments are such as I objected to a few months ago, I shall take the action that I did on a previous occasion.

- (5.) Licenses granted to Assyrian Hawkers :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of hawkers' licenses have recently been granted to Assyrians in Goulburn?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Assyrian hawkers are becoming a great nuisance, and in some cases a source of terror in country parts where females are unprotected?
- (3.) Is it a fact that since hawkers' licenses have been granted to Assyrians there has been a large influx of that race into this Colony?
- (4.) Does the Government in any way propose to discourage Assyrian immigration to New South Wales?

Mr. Slattery answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague, I suggest that the Honorable Member should move for a Return embodying the information he desires to obtain.

- (6.) Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What revenue did the Superannuation Fund derive in the month of December, 1892, from 4 per cent. contributions?
- (2.) What amount was paid out during the same month to annuitants?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) £5,505 7s. 9d.
- (2.) £5,320 5s. 6d.

- (7.) Post-office Stables, Castlereagh-street :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Young, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What was the estimated cost of alterations and repairs to the Post-office stables in Castlereagh-street?
- (2.) What was the actual cost?
- (3.) Were tenders called for the work?
- (4.) What is the name of the person who carried out the work?
- (5.) Was the work supervised by any Government official; if so, by whom?
- (6.) Will he lay copies of all papers and minutes respecting those matters upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Answers to these Questions will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return within a week.

- (8.) Manager of Post-office Stables :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Young, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has a person of the name of Bocking been appointed manager of the Post-office stables, and at what salary?
- (2.) What is his age?
- (3.) What was his previous occupation?
- (4.) Is it a fact that he was advised that such appointment was unnecessary?
- (5.) Will he lay all papers and minutes respecting this appointment upon the Table of the House, and also all papers and minutes relative to his duties?

Mr. Kidd answered,—This will be dealt with in a similar way.

- (9.) Expenditure in connection with Police sent to Broken Hill :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Young, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the amount of the Contingent Vote for the Police for the year 1892 from which it was said that the sum of £12,000 was paid in connection with extra Police for Broken Hill during that year?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information is supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—The Contingencies Vote—Police, 1892—amounted to £65,143. £5,947, expenses in connection with extra Police, Broken Hill, has been charged to the above Vote, but supplementary provision will be required to meet that and balance due.

- (10.) Patents Bill :—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether, in view of the large number of inventions that are likely to be introduced into this Colony from the Chicago Exhibition, it is intended at an early date to bring in a Patents Bill framed on similar lines to the English Act, providing for renewal fees and licenses, and also making better provision for the protection of the public, and the encouragement of inventive genius?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the question of amending the present law relating to patents has been under consideration for some time, but in view of the important business which will occupy Parliament for some time, it would not appear possible to deal with this subject at present.

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(11.) Road from Blackwall to Woy Woy Railway Platform:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the road from Blackwall to Woy Woy Platform has, since the construction of the Great Northern Railway, always been under water?

(2.) Is it a fact that this matter has been repeatedly brought under the notice of the Department?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Young, his predecessor, having obtained a report from the Commissioner for Roads, stated, in reply to Mr. Stevenson, on the 14th October, 1891, in the Assembly, that he had approved of the work being done?

(4.) Will he state why the work has not been carried out, as it is stated that over 1,000 persons were landed at the Woy Woy Platform during Christmas week, who could only reach Blackwall by road, by travelling knee deep in water?

(5.) Is it his intention to have the work sanctioned by his predecessor carried out; and, if so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers are at present with the local officer, who has been instructed to return them with a further report. When that is before me, I shall come to a decision thereon, and acquaint the Honorable Member with the desired information.

(12.) Iron Pipes manufactured in the Colony:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If he decides in favour of accepting a tender for locally manufactured iron pipes at a higher price than such pipes could be imported, will he submit on the Estimates of Expenditure a sum sufficient to cover the amount of the extra cost?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The cost of these pipes is chargeable to Votes taken from time to time for the services for which they are required. These are largely works for the water supplies of country towns. It will be optional with the Councils to decline to have such works carried out by the Government, in which event, so far as such objection extends, the pipes will not be required.

(13.) Roads and Bridges:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the impossibility of giving effect this year to the provisions of the Local Government Bill, as introduced, will he cause to be reinstated on the Estimates a sufficient sum for maintenance and construction of the roads and bridges of the country?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter will probably be considered by the Cabinet to-morrow.

(14.) Leave of Absence to Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, Sydney, on leave of absence; if so, what is the duration of such leave of absence; will he receive any pay during that period, and, if so, what rate of pay?

(2.) Is he aware that Mr. Addison has but recently returned to the Colony, after a prolonged leave of absence?

(3.) What rate of pay (if any) did Mr. Addison receive when he was so absent?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Mr. Addison has been granted two months leave of absence, from the 1st instant, on full pay (under the provisions of the 39th and 41st sections of the Civil Service Act), in respect of the years 1892 and 1893.

(2 and 3.) Mr. Addison was granted eleven months leave of absence on full pay, from 1st January, 1891. Five months of this leave of absence was granted on the ground of ill-health, under medical certificate, in accordance with the provisions of section 39 of the Civil Service Act; and the remainder of the time was ordinary leave to which Mr. Addison was entitled under section 40 of the said Act.

2. EXHIBITS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES TO THE CHICAGO EXPOSITION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the exhibits from New South Wales to the Chicago Exposition, as far as practicable, up to date. Question put and passed.

3. GOLD-MINING LEASE AT COBAR APPLIED FOR BY NEIL MORRISON AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and documents in connection with gold-mining lease No. 92-2, at Cobar, applied for by Neil Morrison and others. Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.

(2.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.

(3.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Gormly rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15 respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., that immediate steps shall be taken by the Government to provide (by giving notice or otherwise) that no extension of pastoral leases in the Central Division shall be granted.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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6. PAPER:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Report by the Government Geologist on Coke.
Ordered to be printed.
7. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY BILL:—Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return “an agreement as to terms of winding up the Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)” handed in before the Select Committee on “Australasian Mining Exchange of Sydney Bill” on 23rd February, 1892.
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration, in detail, in Committee of the Whole, of the proposals for a Federal Constitution, postponed until Thursday next.
9. CORONERS COURT BILL:—The Order of the Day having read,—Mr. Barton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gough,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. See,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Danahey.
Mr. Barnes,	Tellers,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Cruickshank.

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Mr. Jones,	Tellers,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Lonsdale.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Tickets Issued for Woy Woy Platform:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What number of railway tickets were issued for Woy Woy platform between the 20th December, 1892, and the 6th January, 1893?
 (2.) Have repeated complaints been made to the Railway Commissioners of the want of necessary buildings required for public convenience at Woy Woy?
 (3.) Were such buildings admitted by the Railway Commissioners, after personal inspection, to be absolutely necessary for public decency, and a promise given some months since that the work should be carried out?
 (4.) If so, can he state why the accommodation promised in writing was not provided by the Railway Commissioners, and in the interest of the travelling public and decency, will he issue instructions to have the requisite accommodation at Woy Woy provided?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) 536 tickets were issued.
 (2, 3, and 4.) Yes, and the Railway Commissioners intend to provide the needful accommodation, with other works equally pressing and important, when funds are provided by Parliament for the purpose. At present there is no balance to the credit of the Vote taken periodically to cover additional accommodation required on the railways to meet increased traffic, &c.

- (2.) Illawarra Railway Junction:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Hindle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Will he give the distance between Erskineville and Macdonaldtown Stations by road; the distance between Erskineville Station and the junction of the Illawarra line, opposite the Stores Offices; the distance between Macdonaldtown Station and the junction of the Illawarra line; and the distance between Eveleigh Station and the junction of the Illawarra line?
 (2.) Can he quote a similar case existing anywhere else where three stations are converging so closely upon a junction, and yet no junction station exists?
 (3.) Is it intended to have a junction station for the convenience of passengers travelling from one line to another, so as to avoid going to Eveleigh and Sydney Stations?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The distance between Erskineville and Macdonaldtown Stations by road is 412 yards; between Erskineville Station and the junction of the Illawarra line, 660 yards; between Macdonaldtown Station and the junction, 390 yards; and between Eveleigh Station and the junction, 920 yards.
 (2.) I am not aware, and it is difficult to find a place where three stations exist in such a short distance.
 (3.) It is not intended to provide an additional station.

- (3.) Tender for Cast-iron Pipes:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it his intention to accept the tender for the 20,000 tons of cast-iron pipes before the money has been voted by this House?
 (2.) If so, from what fund will the payments be made meanwhile?
 (3.) Upon what Estimates and in what form will provision be made for this expenditure?
 (4.) Is it a fact that these pipes are not urgently required?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The tender has been accepted for 15,000 tons, and the pipes will be ordered only as funds are voted by Parliament. Votes are already available for many of the works, for which these pipes will be required.

(4.) The pipes are very urgently required.

(4.) Visit of the Premier to England and America:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When is it his intention to lay upon the Table of the House the papers, &c., relating to the payment of £1,000 to the Premier on the occasion of his recent visit to England and America, as ordered by this House on 15th November, 1892?

Mr. See answered,—My honorable colleague the Premier will lay the papers upon the Table in a few minutes.

(5.) Book-keeping in Public Works Department:—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. James Johnston, a recent resident of Victoria, has been appointed to inspect and report upon the system of book-keeping in the Public Works Department?

(2.) If so, when was he appointed, and at what salary?

(3.) If his services were required, was there no officer in the present service who could have performed the duties?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) He was appointed in February last, at the rate of 30 guineas per month, to report, in conjunction with the Chief Accountant, on the system of accounts in operation in the Department, with a view to improve the system of book-keeping.

(3.) There was no qualified officer in the Department who could be spared from his other duties to take up the position which Mr. Johnston had to occupy.

(6.) Royal Commission on the Sewerage Scheme for Parramatta:—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of the three gentlemen recently appointed as a Royal Commission to inquire into and report on the sewerage scheme for Parramatta?

(2.) What remuneration is to be paid them for their services?

(3.) Did the Public Works Committee, as directed by Parliament, make lengthy and searching investigations respecting the sewerage scheme in question, and obtain evidence from sanitary engineers and medical experts on the subject, and report against the scheme as being dangerous to the health of the residents of Parramatta?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No Royal Commission has been appointed to inquire into this matter, but it is proposed to appoint a small Board of experts to advise the Government on this highly technical question. The matter is not, however, yet definitely settled.

(2.) Nothing has been arranged, but the cost of this Board will be comparatively trifling. It will probably be only the work of a few days to conclude the whole business.

(3.) The report of the Committee has been laid upon the Table, and the conclusions they arrived at can best be ascertained by a perusal of the Report, which is in the hands of Honorable Members, and has also been published in the newspapers.

(7.) Estimate of Revenue from Railways and Tramways for 1893:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all communications that passed between them and the Railway Commissioners on the subject of the estimate of revenue for 1893 from the railways and tramways?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of any correspondence which has taken place on the subject referred to. If there were any correspondence of the kind, I should decline to produce it.

(8.) Taxation and Customs:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of the receipts from 1st December to 14th December, both inclusive; and from 1st December to 22nd December, both inclusive:—(1) Under the general head, "Taxation"; (2) Under the general head "Customs"?

Mr. See answered,—(1) "Taxation," £139,280 17s. 9d., 1st to 14th December; £220,971 12s. 2d., 1st to 22nd December; (2) "Customs," £115,315 18s. 4d., 1st to 14th December; £183,656 14s. 6d., 1st to 22nd December.

(9.) Local Funded Stock:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How much interest is expected to be payable and chargeable to the Revenue during 1893 on the Local Funded Stock?

Mr. See answered,—£40,000, being interest at 4 per cent. on the authorized issue of £1,000,000.

(10.) Treasury Accounts:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—On what day or days were the moneys received at the Treasury represented by the line in the accounts, "Cash in the hands of the Receiver, £42,247"?

Mr. See answered,—£3,725 5s. 4d., received in 1890, and credited to Trust Account, transferred in terms of Audit Act; £9,596 5s. 6d., received in Treasury on 8th December, 1892, credited to Trust Account, and transferred 31st December, 1892; £15,000, collections on 31st December on account of railways, paid in on 3rd January, 1893; £13,925 13s. 6d., drafts posted to Treasury on 31st December, and reported by wire. Total, £42,247 4s. 4d.

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(11.) Mr. Waller, Arbitrator, Culcairn-Corowa Railway:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the Answer to Mr. Lonsdale's Question on 31st August last, when will the promised Return in reference to "Mr. Waller, Arbitrator, Culcairn-Corowa Railway," be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will on Thursday lay upon the Table the Return asked for by the Honorable Member.

(12.) Expenditure for 1891-2:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the expenditure chargeable against the revenue of 1891 and actually disbursed up to the 31st December, 1891?

(2.) What is the amount of the disbursements made during the year 1892 and chargeable against the revenue of 1891?

(3.) Are the items for the Centennial Park and for refund of the Crown lessees' rents included in either amounts; what do these two items together amount to?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £9,644,233 7s. 5d.

(2.) £742,560 2s.

(3.) The expenditure for Centennial Park, which amounted in 1891 to £28,040 1s. 6d., in 1892 to £1,629 2s. 5d., is not included in either amount. The expenditure for refund of Crown lessees' rents amounted to £128,258 12s. 3d., and is included in the expenditure during 1892, chargeable to the revenue for 1891.

(13.) Successor to General Richardson:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What steps have been taken up to date by the Government in view of the recommendation of the Military Commission to obtain an Imperial officer to succeed General Richardson?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary delay any reorganisation contemplated until the arrival of a Commandant, who will be a practical officer, posted up to present requirements?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Imperial authorities have been asked to nominate a suitable officer, but no reply has yet been received. The nomination may be made at any moment; but I do not think it would be desirable to delay the reorganisation of the forces until the arrival of this officer.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.

(2.) Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 14th March.

3. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Fuller presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Acts 26 Victoria No. 9, 36 Victoria No. 7, and 41 Victoria No. 18 (Real Property Act and Amending Acts)*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 14th March.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at Austral, Gregra, Haning, Murrimboola, Ryanda, and Yourie.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Middlehope, county of Durham, in connection with the deviation of Hunter River at the Horseshoe Bend.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bendoura, county of St. Vincent, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Shoalhaven River, at Ballallaba, and the approaches thereto.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Luke, county of Cumberland, in connection with the diversion of Mill Drain, Liverpool.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Ulmarra, county of Clarence, in connection with the establishment and construction of a public recreation ground at Ulmarra.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th November, 1892,—
"Moneys advanced to the Premier on his recent visit to England and America."

Ordered to be printed.

5. HAY ATHENAEUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Newton presented a Petition from Alexander Pentleton Stewart, of Hay, Bank Manager, Thomas Robertson, of Hay, Solicitor, and William Travis, of Hay, Storekeeper, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Hay Athenaeum to mortgage certain lands and buildings situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage.

And Mr. Newton having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Hay Standard*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Rose rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order, No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the 'impending liability threatening the taxpayers of this Colony by compelling Civil Servants to pay £73,000 during 1893 into an actuarially insolvent fund, as shown by the Triennial Report.'"

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived

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7. FISHERIES AND OYSTER FISHERIES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Waddell submitted that the Bill was irregularly before the House, inasmuch as it involved expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and had not been recommended by a Message from the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the objection taken was sound, and must prevent further progress with the Bill; and that another objection might have been raised, as the Bill interfered with trade, and should have originated in a Committee of the Whole.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

8. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES 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 Dr. Hollis (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

9. KING'S SCHOOL COUNCIL 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 the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipal Wharves Bill, postponed until To-morrow.

11. ILLIGITIMACY DISABILITY REMOVAL 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. Neild (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Law Vacations Abolition Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 7th February.

13. RAILWAY FROM BYROCK TO BREWARRINA CONSTRUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Willis proceeding to move, That Mr. Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the construction of a railway from Byrock to Brewarrina,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Young requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether a Message from the Governor would not be necessary before the Resolution referred to in this Order of the Day could be agreed to, as the Resolution would originate the appropriation of expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled, in accordance with Mr. Speaker Allen's decision, upon a similar point of order, given on the 22nd March, 1876, that the Governor's Message should precede the passing of any Resolution such as Mr. Willis would propose in this case.

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

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Sydney Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Thursday next.

(2.) Dog Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 31st January.

(4.) Racing Association Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 31st January.

15. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Willis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

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

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

16. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar should be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith postponed (after Debate) until To-morrow.

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17. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hassall, 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. Hassall, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Diseases in Sheep Acts' Amendment Act of 1878,' and for other purposes.*"

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18. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2), postponed until To-morrow.

19. RAYMOND TERRACE MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hart 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. Hart, 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. Hart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

20. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Suttor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Season Tickets issued to Commercial Travellers from Sydney to Bourke:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) The number of monthly, quarterly, or season tickets issued to commercial travellers on the Western line from Sydney to Bourke?
 (2.) The number of monthly, quarterly, or season tickets issued to commercial travellers on the Railway lines of the Colony for the twelve months ending the 31st December, 1892, and the amount received from the same?
 (3.) The rate of freightage paid on sample goods carried by commercial travellers, and the total amount received from the same, for the twelve months ending the 31st December, 1892?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) My honourable colleague is informed that sixty-six tickets were issued on the Western line.
 (2.) Three hundred and eighty-five tickets were issued on the whole of the lines of the Colony last year, with a total value of £18,044 10s.
 (3.) Separate accounts are not kept of the amounts paid for the carriage of sample goods for commercial travellers, and it would be a matter of much labour to attempt to pick out the items from the immense number of consignments generally that pass through the railway books.

- (2.) Duties performed by Mr. Hill under Military Department:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What were the duties performed by Mr. Hill under the Military Department?
 (2.) What are the professional attainments of this gentleman?
 (3.) Is Mr. Hill a licensed surveyor of this Colony?
 (4.) What credentials had he, and upon whose recommendation was he appointed?
 (5.) What salary and allowances were paid to Mr. Hill for the work performed by him?
 (6.) Is it true that Mr. Hill employed somebody else to do the work for which he was presumably paid?
 (7.) For what reasons were Mr. Hill's services dispensed with?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Military Secretary:—

- (1.) Field Assistant on contour survey of country between Randwick and Botany Bay.
 (2.) Land Surveyor.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) Personal recommendation of Mr. E. Manning, licensed surveyor, New South Wales.
 (5.) 11/- per diem, without allowances.
 (6.) No, not to his knowledge.
 (7.) For being absent without leave.

- (3.) Appointment of Mr. Ward, in Water Conservation Department:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Mr. F. W. Ward, late of the *Daily Telegraph*, received an appointment in connection with the Water Conservation Department?
 (2.) If so, what are his duties?
 (3.) What are his qualifications?
 (4.) The amount of salary he is to receive?
 (5.) Has such appointment been made in conformity with the Civil Service Act?

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Mr. Lyne answered.—Mr. Ward has not received an appointment in the Water Conservation Branch of this Department. He was, however, commissioned, in conjunction with the Chief Engineer, to inspect the river Darling, and to report on the best means for its utilisation. Part of their duty was to collect statistics and other useful information in connection with the matter, and Mr. Ward's long experience on the Press, and special study of the subject in America, have given him an exceptional knowledge of the requirements of this Colony. He received 30s. per diem to cover his travelling expenses. I intend presently to lay the Reports of these gentlemen upon the Table.

- (4.) Members of Local Land Boards:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The number of local members of the Land Boards of the Colony?
 (2.) The amounts paid to them during the first nine months of 1892 in fees or salaries, and travelling expenses, each separately?
 (3.) The same with regard to the official members of such Boards?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague will to-morrow lay the information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (5.) Medical Adviser to the Government:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has Professor Anderson Stuart been appointed Medical Adviser to the Government, vice Dr. Manning, resigned?
 (2.) If so, at what salary?
 (3.) Is Professor Anderson Stuart one of the University Professors?
 (4.) If so, what is his salary?
 (5.) What are the fees he receives from students?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) £400 per annum.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) £900 per annum.
 (5.) He received £140 3s. 6d. during the year 1892.

- (6.) Tram-line from Railway Terminus into Yass:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) The amount expended in constructing the tram-line from the railway terminus into Yass, and the distance?
 (2.) The annual revenue derived from the same in the shape of passengers' fares; and the number who have travelled by the line during the twelve months ending the 31st December, 1892?
 (3.) The amount of money annually expended in working this tram-line?
 (4.) Has the line, since it was opened, been paying working expenses; if not, what is the amount of annual loss in keeping up this line?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection to supply this information, if moved for in the usual way.

- (7.) Leave of Absence to Mr. Victor Cohen:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Victor Cohen, an officer of his Department, has been granted leave of absence to enable him to visit England with a team of Australian cricketers; if so, how long does such leave extend, and is it intended to pay Mr. Cohen the whole or any portion of his salary during his absence?
 (2.) On how many occasions during the past five years has leave of absence been granted to Mr. Cohen, and how much money has he drawn during such leave?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No; but an application has been received from Mr. Cohen for an extended leave of absence under section 40 of the Civil Service Act, under which he is, by reason of his term of service of twenty-five years, entitled to apply. This application is at present under consideration.
 (2.) During the past five years Mr. Cohen has been granted leave of absence, under section 39 of the Civil Service Act, for a period of 19 weeks and 1½ day. Of this, however, he was engaged during 10 weeks and 3 days on special service by another Department, and frequently attended to discharge the duties of his own office after the usual office hours. And in accordance with the terms of this clause, full pay, amounting to the sum of £193 1s. 6d., has been allowed.

- (8.) Obstructing the Foot-paths in Pitt-street, between Market and Park Streets:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the residents and business people on the west side of Pitt-street, between Market and Park Streets, are much inconvenienced and their business destroyed, in consequence of the footpaths being constantly occupied by large numbers of men alleged to be connected with racing?

(2.) Will he give instructions to the Police to at once abate this nuisance, so that access may be given to business people and their constituents?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Such complaints have been made, and the Police have been instructed to use every effort to abate the nuisance. I will see that the nuisance is abated at once.

- (9.) Stock Routes leading to Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the railway returns for the carriage of fat stock from Bourke to Sydney are being seriously affected, owing to the stock routes leading to Bourke being insufficiently supplied with water?
 (2.) Is he aware that on the road from Ford's Bridge to Bourke (a most important stock route), fat cattle and sheep have now to travel 40 miles without a drink?

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(3.) Is he aware that owing to the scarcity of water on the roads referred to, carriers and other persons have great difficulty to travel, and that consequently a most important trade hitherto done with Queensland is being diverted from this Colony?

(4.) Have repeated applications been made to have the following artesian bores put down, viz.:—Two on the road from Bourke to Ford's Bridge; two on the road from Bourke to Gumbalie; one on the road from Ford's Bridge to Hungerford; one at Parragundy; and one at Gidgee Camp?

(5.) Will he take steps at once to have the works referred to started?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes, during the present dry season.

(3.) No official information to that effect has been received.

(4.) One such application has been received, and is now being dealt with.

(5.) On receipt of the report upon the application, I will deal with the matter at once.

(10.) Representatives at the Philadelphia and Chicago Exhibitions:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons receiving salary, fees, or travelling expenses represented New South Wales at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876?

(2.) What was the total cost to New South Wales of that Exhibition?

(3.) How many persons receiving salary, fees, or travelling expenses have been appointed or received promises of appointment to represent New South Wales in connection with the Chicago Exhibition?

(4.) What is the total estimated cost to New South Wales of the Chicago Exhibition?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A return will be prepared and laid upon the Table giving the required information.

(11.) Specific Duties of Customs for 1893:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he give the House information showing how his Estimate of Revenue under the head of Specific Duties of Customs for 1893 has been made up?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The estimate was made before the end of the year 1892, and was based upon the receipts expected from the whole of the articles included under the general heading of Specific Duties.

2. MEN ENGAGED AT DARLING HARBOUR DURING WOOL SEASON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of men engaged at Darling Harbour, and the wages paid in connection with the unsheeting, unloading, and loading of wool for the months of October, November, and December, 1891.

(2.) The like information for the same months in 1892.
Question put and passed.

3. RETIREMENT OF MR. W. M. M. ARNOLD FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all papers, correspondence, documents, minutes, vouchers, &c., in connection with the retirement of Mr. W. M. M. Arnold, late Clerk of Records in the Legislative Assembly Department.

(2.) A statement showing the amount of salary paid to Mr. Arnold as such clerk.

(3.) The aggregate amount contributed by him to the Superannuation Fund.

(4.) The amount of pension now annually paid to Mr. Arnold.
Question put and passed.

4. HAY ATHENAEUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Newton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Hay Athenaeum to mortgage certain lands and buildings situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Newton 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 trustees of the Hay Athenaeum to mortgage certain lands and buildings situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*”—read a first time.

5. BOUND COPIES OF THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Frank Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the practice of delivering a bound copy of the Votes and Proceedings of this House to each Honorable Member be discontinued unless application is made for the same.

Question put and passed.

6. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES 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 enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the Water Supply within the Municipality of Goulburn.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the Water Supply within the Municipality of Goulburn,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 18th January, 1893.*

7. KING'S SCHOOL COUNCIL 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 incorporate the Council of the King's School, and to vest certain lands and other property in such Council, and to confer certain powers thereon, and upon the Bishop of Sydney, and for other incidental purposes.*” Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to incorporate the Council of the King's School, and to vest certain lands and other property in such Council and to confer certain powers thereon, and upon the Bishop of Sydney, and for other incidental purposes,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 18th January, 1893.*

8. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Willis, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Willis then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to repeal the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.*” Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to repeal the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th January, 1893.*

9. RAYMOND TERRACE MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Hart, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hart then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the present or other the trustees for the time being of the Mechanics School of Arts, at Raymond Terrace, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the lands, hereditaments, buildings, and premises, and goods and chattels vested in them as such trustees as aforesaid, and to apply the proceeds of such sale, if and when effected, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter specified.*” 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 present or other the trustees for the time being of the Mechanics School of Arts, at Raymond Terrace, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the lands, hereditaments, buildings, and premises, and goods and chattels vested in them as such trustees as aforesaid, and to apply the proceeds of such sale, if and when effected, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter specified,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(2.) Liquor Licensing Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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11. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 27th October, 1892,—“Removal of Thomas Frawley, Sheriff's Officer, from Dubbo to Coonamble.”
- (2.) Return showing the truck rates for general goods from Sydney and Newcastle to Armidale, Guyra, Glen Innes, Gunnedah, and Narrabri, the wool rates from those stations to Sydney and Newcastle, respectively; the distances from Sydney and Newcastle, and particulars of earnings of the section Armidale to Jennings and the North-western branch.
- (3.) Report on situation of Trial Bay as a harbour of refuge.
- (4.) Report on Immigration for 1892.
- (5.) Return to an Order made on 5th October, 1892,—“Broken Hill Strike.”
- (6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Greta, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Ashfield.
- (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Uralla.
- (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes.
- (10.) By-law of the Municipal District of Hay.
- (11.) By-law of the Municipal District of Macdonaldtown.
- (12.) By-law of the Municipal District of Katoomba.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by Messrs. H. G. McKinney and F. W. Ward on the utilisation of the river Darling.
- (2.) Return respecting resumption of land at Woolloomooloo Bay.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery 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, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections 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.) 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 103rd section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (7.) Amended Regulations under the Imported Stock Act of 1871 and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs explained to the House the intentions of the Government respecting retrenchment in the Public Service, and additional taxation.

Mr. Reid also addressed the House.

13. IMPRISONMENT OF LEADERS OF BROKEN HILL STRIKE:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from certain residents of the Colony, representing that at the Circuit Court held in Deniliquin in October last, Richard Sleath, W. J. Ferguson, E. J. Polkinghorne, John Bennetts, Herman Herbele, and R. A. Hewitt, and others, were charged, amongst other things, with having conspired, with others, to solicit, incite, and procure certain persons to unlawfully combine, conspire, and agree together, by divers unlawful means, to deter, prevent, molest, intimidate, and obstruct certain of Her Majesty's liege subjects from carrying on and following their lawful occupations and callings, and were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for periods varying from three months to two years—sentences which your Petitioners consider extremely harsh and excessive; that the offence was practically the establishment of pickets in the neighbourhood of the mines, a system which has prevailed and been countenanced by the law authorities of this Colony for many years, and has lately been declared to be legal in England, where much lighter sentences have invariably been imposed for similar offences; and praying early and favourable consideration of the premises, and that the House will direct His Excellency's attention to the excessiveness of the sentences imposed, and appeal that the persons named may be forthwith released, and further that at an early date the law may be so amended as to render it impossible in future for persons to be sentenced to such excessive terms of imprisonment for the offence of which the persons named have been convicted.

Petition received.

14. SESSIONAL ORDER FOR LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional Order of this House which prohibits the taking of any new Business after Eleven o'clock p.m. be and is hereby rescinded.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Young moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, “so far as relates to General Business.”

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

Debate continued.

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Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question then put,—That the Sessional Order of this House which prohibits the taking of any new Business after Eleven o'clock p.m. be and is hereby rescinded.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. See,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Suttor,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. York,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowes,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Dawson.
Tellers,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 54.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Schey,

Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Langwell,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Brunker,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Darley,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Holborow,
Tellers,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Booth.

And so it passed in the negative.

15. MENINDIE IRRIGATION 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 and authorise the Menindie Irrigation Settlement (Limited), a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts of 1874 and 1888, of the Colony of New South Wales, to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within the counties of Menindie, Tandora, and Yancowinna, in the said Colony; to acquire lands; to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Menindie Creek and Lake, and the other creeks mentioned herein, and to take water therefrom, and from the river Darling, and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

16. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 asked leave to sit again.

Question proposed,—That leave be given to sit again.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Pilots employed at Port Jackson and Newcastle :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of pilots employed at Port Jackson and the Port of Newcastle respectively ?
- (2.) The number of vessels that were brought into port by each of such pilots during the year 1892 ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) There are five sea pilots employed at Port Jackson, and six at the Port of Newcastle.
- (2.) The number of vessels that were brought into port by each of such pilots during the year 1892 is as follows :—Sydney—Pilot Jack, 82 ; Pilot Firth, 81 ; Pilot Chudleigh, 76 ; Pilot Tyler, 72 ; Pilot Morris, 85. Newcastle—Pilot Hacking, 71 ; Pilot Romney, 65 ; Pilot Cumming, 68 ; Pilot Wood, 71 ; Pilot Sweet, 77 ; Pilot Warner, 42.

- (2.) Number of Asiatics in Colony :—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of Asiatics, other than Chinese or Japanese, are there (approximately) in this Colony ?
- (2.) What are the respective nationalities and sexes of these people ?
- (3.) In what numbers have they arrived in the Colony during the respective months of 1892 ?
- (4.) What are their respective employments ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table giving the required information.

- (3.) Vessels taking Refuge in Trial Bay :—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is any report made to the Government of the number and names of vessels taking shelter in Trial Bay ?
- (2.) Can he state how many and what vessels or steamers took refuge there during 1892 ?
- (3.) How many and what steamers and vessels have taken refuge there during this month ?
- (4.) If no account has been kept in the past by the signalman, will he cause instructions to be given to the signalman stationed at Arakoon to report all such vessels and steamers monthly ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) No report other than that which is generally published in the daily papers is made.

- (2.) No.

- (3.) Three steamers, namely, the Tomki, the Macleay, and the Mydon. Eight sailing vessels, namely, the Alpha, the Sir Henry, and Coral, and five others—the names of which could not be obtained by the signal master.

- (4.) Instructions to this effect can be given, but a certain amount of trouble and expense will be entailed, and no general public interest would be served.

- (4.) Inspector of Vine Diseases :—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has a Mr. J. T. Gorus been appointed Inspector of Vine Diseases ; if so, was this gentleman a member of the Board, under the Phylloxera Act ?
- (2.) What are his special qualifications, and under what Act has such appointment been made ?
- (3.) What salary is attached to the office, and who recommended Mr. Gorus for appointment to the late Board, and to the position of inspector ?
- (4.) What amount has been paid to Mr. Gorus since his appointment to the Board for fees and travelling expenses ?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No; he was a member of the Board under the Phylloxera Act.
- (2.) No such appointment as Inspector has been made.
- (3.) No salary. No record of any recommendations.
- (4.) Mr. Gorus has been paid as a member of the Vine Diseases Board £90 6s. in fees and £61 14s. as travelling expenses.

(5.) Excise Duty on Tobacco :—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was a Question asked by Mr. Gormly on 15th November, in regard to the excise duty on tobacco crippling the production of that article in the Colony?
- (2.) Has the Premier since that time represented to him that a deputation from the manufacturers of tobacco had waited on him and stated that the excise duty levied by Mr. Burns on tobacco had the effect of not only destroying the colonial trade, but of considerably reducing the revenue?
- (3.) Will the Government take steps to have the excise duty on tobacco abolished?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) When opportunity offers the question will be fully considered.

(6.) Estates administered by Official Assignees :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Black, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Will he add to the recently published returns of the official assignees, the average dividends of the estates administered; the paper value of the estates sequestered; the cash amounts received from the estates; and a return of all moneys received by past and present official assignees not distributed to creditors?

(2.) Are latter amounts at the command of the Colonial Treasurer?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

- (1.) A return is now being prepared by the official assignees, by direction of the Judge in Bankruptcy, which will give the information desired.
- (2.) Under section 101 of the "Bankruptcy Act, 1887" all dividends unclaimed under the old Insolvency law have been paid into the Treasury, and under the section quoted dividends which remain unclaimed for six months from the date upon which they are made payable are also paid into the Treasury. It is proposed in the Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill to amend the present law so as to make similar provision in regard to "all undistributed assets."

(7.) Influx of Indians and Syrians into Colony :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the great influx of Indians and Syrians which is now taking place into this Colony?
- (2.) What steps do the Government intend to take to check this influx?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter is one of grave importance, and I am not at present prepared to say what should be done. It is now engaging the attention of the Government.

(8.) Government Officials receiving Civil and Military Pay :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that Government officials receive pay for Civil Service and pay for Military Service for the same period of time?
- (2.) How long has this practice been in existence?
- (3.) Is it true that certain Civil Servants who obtain leave from their Departments are in the habit of drawing Military pay for the time they are away?
- (4.) If these practices are found to exist, will the Government take steps to put a stop to them?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1 and 3.) Yes; when performing duties connected with the Volunteer Forces.
- (2.) For the last fourteen years.
- (4.) The matter shall have my attention.

(9.) Land between Teralba and Dora Creek, on Northern Railway :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government still hold a large tract of agricultural land situated between Teralba and Dora Creek, on the Northern Railway?
- (2.) If so, will he at an early date consider the advisability of having it cut up into convenient-sized areas, say, 40-acre blocks, for leasehold purposes?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) There is an area of Government land between Teralba and Dora Creek, but the District Surveyor reports that it cannot be classed as good agricultural land, but is suitable for orchards.
- (2.) Village and suburban lands have been laid out near Awaba Railway Station, half-way between the abovementioned places, and a large area of surrounding lands has been measured with a view to its being notified as a special area. A difficulty, however, has arisen through the land having been applied for for mining purposes.

(10.) Floating Baths at Farm Cove :—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to the lease for the purpose of floating baths at Farm Cove, will he, seeing the nature of the correspondence contained in the papers lately laid upon the Table of the House, and the objections taken by the general public, give instructions forbidding the renewal of the lease after the present term of twelve months?

Mr. Copeland answered,—It is premature to consider this question, but so far as I am aware no objections sufficiently strong have been advanced to warrant such action being taken; on the other hand, the baths referred to are highly approved and found to be a great convenience to persons who appreciate salt-water bathing.

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(11.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Act:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Attorney-General,—In view of possible hardship and expense that people in the country (who have necessity to avail themselves of the divorce law) are put to, by having to bring their cases to the City Court, will he give consideration to the subject with the object of so reframing the law as to remove the inconvenience referred to?

Mr. Barton answered,—The matter referred to in the Honorable Member's Question is one coming within the province of my colleague the Minister for Justice, who has furnished me with the following reply:—"In view of the comparatively small number of divorce cases, and the difficulties in the way of holding Divorce Courts in the country, I do not think that any change in the existing practice would at present be desirable."

(12.) Wharfage Dues at Newcastle:—*Mr. Colls* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When were the rates leviable under the Wharfage and Tonnage Act of 1880, 44 Vic. No. 8, cancelled at the Port of Newcastle?

(2.) Is it a fact that large inward cargoes arrive, and extensive outward cargoes (wool, &c.) depart from the Port of Newcastle without paying wharfage rates, and that a revenue of at least £10,000 per annum is thereby lost to the country?

(3.) In view of the present shrinkage in the revenue, will he cause steps to be taken for the collection at the Port of Newcastle of all fees for wharfage due at the Government wharves, and leviable under the Wharfage and Tonnage Act of 1880, 44 Vic. No. 8?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The wharfage at Newcastle was abolished in 1881.

(2.) Yes; I estimate that the wharfage at Newcastle inward and outward would amount to about £10,000 per annum.

(3.) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(13.) Post and Telegraph Office at Engonia:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has it been decided to build a Post and Telegraph Office at Engonia?

(2.) If so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Kidd answered,—It was decided to erect a small office and defray the cost out of the Vote for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at minor towns. Tenders were twice invited, once for a wooden, and once for an iron building. The offers for a wooden one were far in excess of the amount at the disposal of the Department, whilst it was ascertained that an iron building would be unsuitable. The Works Department was thereupon asked to make provision on the Estimates for this year for a building, but on inquiry it appears that it was found necessary to postpone that as well as other items.

(14.) Town Common at Engonia:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have repeated applications been made for an extension of town common at Engonia?

(2.) Is it his intention to have the wishes of the residents in this respect carried out?

Mr. Copeland answered,—An application for extension of the Engonia Common is at present under reference to the District Surveyor, who has been asked to expedite his report.

(15.) Artesian Bore at Engonia:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that an artesian bore was put down at Engonia in order to supply water for the townspople and travelling stock?

(2.) Is it true that a large supply of water has been found?

(3.) Is it true that the supply of water has been shut off, and that the bore is consequently useless to the inhabitants of the town and district?

(4.) If so, what is the reason such action has been taken?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The bore near Engonia was put down for the use of travelling stock.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A regulating valve is in position and the water can be shut off. Water can be supplied at the regulation rates to any persons or stock requiring it.

(4.) It is not considered desirable that the large supply should be run entirely to waste.

(16.) Land adjacent to Moongulla Artesian Bore:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that immense quantities of water are going to waste at the Moongulla artesian bore?

(2.) Has it been represented to him that there are persons anxious to obtain small holdings in the vicinity of the bore, in order to start irrigation farming?

(3.) If so, has he power to resume a part of the land surrounding the bore now held under lease by compensating the lessees for any loss sustained?

(4.) If such is the case, will he exercise such power, have a special area proclaimed, and offer sufficient land to meet the requirements of settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The Mines Department report that a large supply of water is being obtained from this bore.

(2.) Yes; by the Honorable Member.

(3 and 4.) I am of opinion that the law will not allow the resumption for the purpose of proclaiming the same land as a special area.

(17.) Appointments of Messrs. Irwin and Laing in Military Secretary's Office:—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a Mr. Irwin been appointed Chief Clerk in the Military Secretary's Office, and at what salary?

(2.) Has a Mr. Laing, a relation of the Postmaster-General, been appointed Accountant in the same Department?

(3.) What is the salary attached to the office, and what was the salary attached to the office he previously held?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. Unwin (not Irwin) has been appointed Chief Clerk in the Military Secretary's Office, at a salary of £400 per annum. He has been about fourteen years in the Public Service, and was formerly one of the corresponding clerks in the Colonial Secretary's Department.

(2 and 3.) Mr. Laing is a connection by marriage of the Postmaster-General, and has been appointed Examiner of Accounts in the Defence Department, to keep the necessary check on the Military expenditure. His salary is £300 a year, and he was formerly employed in the Audit Office as Examiner of Accounts, in which Department he received £200 per annum. He has been in the Public Service about eleven years.

(18.) Appointments of Messrs. Brown and O'Connor by the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board:—*Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—*

(1.) Has Mr. Brown, a brother of the Hon. Alexander Brown, been appointed Secretary to the Water and Sewerage Board, Hunter River District?

(2.) If so, at what salary?

(3.) Has Mr. J. G. O'Connor, brother-in-law of the Minister of Mines, been appointed Chief Clerk in the same Department?

(4.) If so, at what salary?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3 and 4.) Yes; on the recommendation of the Board, at a salary of £300 per annum.

(19.) Fees paid to Barristers during 1892:—*Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Davis, asked the Minister of Justice,—*

(1.) What amounts of fees (if any) have been paid to barristers for the last twelve months in all cases, civil and criminal, and for opinions?

(2.) If any, to whom have they been paid?

(3.) Will he give the names of the matters, if any?

Mr. Barton answered,— It is impracticable to give in the shape of replies to Questions such detailed information as the Honorable Member requests. I may point out, however, that a part of the information required has been included in a Return, which has now been nearly completed, under an Order of the House, made on the motion of Mr. Walker on the 5th October last, and which will be laid upon the Table shortly. If the Honorable Member, after he has seen this Return, will move for the particulars he desires, not included therein, I shall not oppose the motion, and will have the further Return prepared.

2. WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

The Governor requests that the Estimates-in-Chief for 1893, and Supplementary Estimates for 1892 and previous years, which accompanied His Excellency's Message No. 20, of 14th December, 1892, may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of amended Estimates in lieu thereof.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th January, 1893.*

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See then moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 21 be now taken into consideration. Question put and passed.

And the Message having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. See moved, That the request contained in His Excellency's Message, No. 21, be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied his Message No. 20, of the 14th December, 1892.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. AMENDED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1893, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1892 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying amended Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1893, and Supplementary Estimates for 1892 and previous years, in substitution for those submitted with the Governor's Message No. 20, of 14th December, 1892.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th January, 1893.*

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

4. PAPER:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. WAGES ATTACHMENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the attachment of wages to satisfy judgments.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to prevent the attachment of wages to satisfy judgments,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th February.
6. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the admission of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and to regulate the examination of persons applying under this Act to be admitted attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the said Supreme Court.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to the admission of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and to regulate the examination of persons applying under this Act to be admitted attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the said Supreme Court,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th February.
7. HAY ATHENAEUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Newton moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Hay Athenaeum Trustees Enabling 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. Suttor, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Houghton, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Hutchinson, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next :—
 (1.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 (2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 (3.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments.
 (4.) Agricultural Holdings Bill ; second reading.
 (5.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 (6.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
9. PAPERS :—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return showing payments to Messrs. E. J. Sievers, T. F. Waller, and J. H. Kirkpatrick on account of services rendered in connection with land valuation and arbitration.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 16th November, 1892,—“ Reservation of land in the town of Quirindi for a Presbyterian church and manse.
 (3.) Return respecting fees or salaries and travelling expenses paid to members of the Land Boards.
10. APPRENTICES BILL :—Mr. Houghton presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to apprentices,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th April.
11. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL BILL :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a hall for the use of Friendly Societies, and also to vest certain other land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
12. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 :—
 (3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1893, a sum not exceeding £885, 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.
- On motion of Mr. See, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
- The House adjourned at two minutes after Eleven o’clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o’clock.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Wharf at foot of Valentia-street, Woolwich :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What has become of the papers in connection with the application of the Hunter's Hill Borough Council for a lease of land at Valentia-street, Woolwich, for the purpose of a wharf, which (the Hon. Minister for Lands in the Assembly on 10th January stated) were sent to the Colonial Treasury, and appear to have been mislaid ?
- (2.) How much money was contributed by the Government towards the erection of the Municipal wharf, facing the Borough Council's land at Valentia-street, Woolwich, Hunter's Hill, and on what conditions ?
- (3.) When the application was made in 1887, for lease of land for Woolwich wharf, was the deposit paid to the Colonial Treasurer, and the cheque for same signed by the treasurer of the Municipality at the time, on behalf of the Borough ?
- (4.) Who was treasurer of Hunter's Hill at that date ?
- (5.) Instead of a lease of the land applied for being given to the Borough, did the Crown give to the treasurer of the Borough, for his own private use, the wharf erected at the foot of the public street dividing the reserve referred to ?
- (6.) What are the terms of that lease, and in pursuance of what statute was it given ?
- (7.) Does it confer on the lessee the right to prevent the public as passengers from having free egress over said wharf, or on what terms can the public land at this wharf and street ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The Treasury records do not show any such application to have been received.
- (2.) A sum of £1,052 was granted to the Hunter's Hill Borough Council in the years 1881 and 1882 for the erection of wharves at Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, on condition that one-third of the money required be raised by private subscription. It is not known for certain whether the wharf in question was so constructed.
- (3.) All deposits of this nature would be, by law, required to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer. The Treasury does not keep records to show by whom specific cheques are signed.
- (4.) I am not aware ; this is a Municipal matter.
- (5.) The Crown has not "given" to the Treasurer of the Borough, "for his own private use," any wharf or other Crown property.
- (6.) A lease of the wharf known as "Woolwich Wharf" was granted by the Treasury to Mr. N. Joubert for ferry purposes at an annual rental of £10. The lease was for a term of three years, with right of renewal, which has been exercised. The lease provides that the wharf shall be kept in repair by the lessee, and it contains the other usual covenants. The renewal expires on 23rd February, 1894. The lease was not granted in pursuance of any statute.
- (7.) Answered by No. 6.

- (2.) Real Property Office :—Mr. Fuller asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) How many Commissioners are there in connection with the Real Property Office, and what are their names ?
- (2.) What are the duties of those Commissioners, and what fees do they receive ?
- (3.) Are any of the Commissioners legal gentlemen by profession ; if so, how many ?
- (4.) Is one of the Commissioners a Member of the Legislative Council ; if so, what is his name ?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar-General:—

- (1.) Three—Charles Pinhey, Edward Greville, and Henry Austin.
- (2.) Duties defined by Sections 15, 16, 17, 79, 80, 91 and 98 of the Real Property Act, 1862, and Sections 6 and 7 of 41 Vic. No. 18. Messrs. Greville and Austin (unofficial members), £3 3s. per sitting attended.
- (3.) None.
- (4.) Yes; the Hon. Edward Greville.

- (3.) Mr. Joseph Windross, J.P.:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the proceedings taken against a magistrate at Clarence Town, Joseph Windross, Esq.?
- (2.) Will he have the papers laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Department of Justice:—

- (1.) Mr. Joseph Windross, J.P., was charged at the Clarence Town Police Court, on the 29th November last, with the larceny of two mill-belts, but the case was unanimously dismissed by the Bench.
- (2.) There will be no objection to tabling the papers if moved for in the usual way.

- (4.) Mr. Henry Albatross Patrick, of Digilah, Cobbora:—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is Henry Albatross Patrick, of Digilah, Cobbora, on the Commission of Justices of the Peace?
- (2.) Is this the same person who has on two occasions been a defendant in a local maintenance case, being twice ordered by the local Bench to pay for the support of an illegitimate child?
- (3.) Is he the same person who recently offered an increased reward for the conviction of policemen stealing his stock; and who was mulct in the sum of £50 for imputations in this way against a local constable?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Henry Albatross Patrick, of Digilah, Cobbora, is on the Commission of the Peace.
- (2.) He is the same person who has on two occasions been a defendant in a local maintenance case, being twice ordered by the local Bench to pay for an illegitimate child.
- (3.) He is the same person who recently offered an increased reward for the conviction of policemen stealing his stock, and was mulct in the sum of £50 for imputations in this way against a local constable.

- (5.) Arrest of Three Men on Mudgee Railway:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that three respectable men engaged on the Mudgee railway were recently arrested on an unfounded charge, the arrests being made by, or at the instance of, a constable at Rylstone?
- (2.) Will he ask the Inspector-General for a report on the case, with a view to seeing whether the constable in question exceeded his duty or not?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the papers in connection with this case.

- (6.) Appointment of Deputy-Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that a warder named Jackson, with ten years' service, has been appointed Deputy-Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol, instead of Warder Phelan, who has been seventeen years in the Service?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—*Mr. Edward Jackson*, who has held the rank of Deputy-Governor of Goulburn Gaol since 15th April, 1891, and has been in the service of the Prisons Department for twelve years and one month, has been recommended for the position of Deputy-Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol. Mr. Patrick Phelan has held his present grade of Chief Warder since 13th May, 1891, and has been in the service for fifteen years and eleven months. Promotions such as this, under the 27th section of the Civil Service Act, are not made on the ground of length of service only.

- (7.) Resumption of Land on the Goonoo Goonoo Estate:—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What quantity of land was resumed on the Goonoo Goonoo Estate, the property of the Peel River Land and Mineral Company, for the purposes of the Great Northern railway?
- (2.) What was the compensation for the same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 141 acres 1 rood and 39 perches; in addition to which 1 acre and 24 perches were given by the Company to the Department.
- (2.) £1,393 19s.

- (8.) Wharf at Bowra, Nambucca River:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) On what date in 1889 was the Works Department informed that the approaches to the public wharf at Bowra had been washed away?
- (2.) When did an officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department visit Bowra, and in what terms did he report upon the wharf, and what did he propose?
- (3.) Was any sum submitted on the Estimates; and, if so, when, and what amount?
- (4.) How many sets of plans have been prepared in connection with this work?
- (5.) What sums of money have been voted to provide for this work?
- (6.) Is it a fact that nothing has been done towards providing a wharf at Bowra?

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(7.) Is it a fact that the township of Bowra is the only shipping port for the whole of the farmers resident on the Upper Nambucca (including the North and South Arms), Argent's Hill, Spickett's Creek, Missabotti, Upper Taylor's Arm, and Buccabandinni, and that since the destruction of the wharf in 1889 the residents of all these districts have been left without the means of shipping their produce?

(8.) What does he propose to do to provide for the necessities of these localities in connection with the shipping trade, and how soon will action be taken?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It appears that the approaches to this wharf were washed away in 1889, and it has not been considered advisable to spend anything further on the wharf, as it is an old and almost useless structure. A better site for a new wharf has been suggested further up the river, but inasmuch as £300 only were voted, whereas £750 will be required, I am unable at present, in view of the state of the finances, to sanction the additional sum.

(9.) Amounts expended on National and Local Works:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be compiled and laid upon the Table of this House, in time for consideration in connection with the Local Government Bill, a Return showing the amounts expended on, national and local works in the various divisions of the Colony, on the lines of a Return printed by order of the Assembly on the 28th September, 1887, bringing the information respecting such expenditure down to the end of 1892?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Return in question was prepared by the Government Statistician, and I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will be so good as to address the question to my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary, under whose Department that of the Government Statistician comes.

(10.) Import Duty on Grain:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to take any steps for increasing the import duty on grain—wheat—from 10d. to 1s. for 100 lb., and on flour from £1 to £2 per ton, as promised last year, when making his Financial Statement; if so, when?

Mr. See answered,—This will be dealt with when the contemplated revision of the tariff is made.

(11.) Infants' Home at Ashfield:—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Government, the Director of Government Asylums, and any other persons with reference to the Infants' Home at Ashfield?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the papers are moved for there will be no objection to their production on the part of the Department as a Return.

(12.) Wharf at Warneton, Macleay River:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) On what date was the destruction of the wharf at Warneton, on the Macleay River, by flood, reported to the Department, and an application made for a sum of money to provide for the shipping trade at that place?

(2.) Is he aware that for the last twenty years this has been the principal shipping place for the produce of the farmers on the Upper Macleay, and that serious inconvenience and loss have been and still are being sustained through the absence of a wharf?

(3.) Will he state what provision has been made on the Estimates to meet the necessities of the trade, and how soon will action be taken by inviting tenders for the wharf and approaches?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) On 16th October, 1890.

(2.) From reports which I have received it appears that a wharf at this place would be a convenience to settlers.

(3.) I am afraid this work, with a great many other works which are equally important, must stand over until the improvement of our finances justifies a larger expenditure on public works.

(13.) Pay to Railway Employees:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners did not pay the employees who are on short time in the Locomotive Department for the 24th December, 1892 (Christmas Eve), a Public Holiday?

(2.) Has it not been the invariable custom in the railway service to pay employees for Public Holidays?

(3.) If so, under what section of the Railway Act have the Commissioners made the above departure?

(4.) Having regard to sections 77 and 106 of the Railway Act, have the Commissioners power to act as indicated above?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The employees in the workshops of the Locomotive Department were not paid for the 24th December, 1892.

(2.) It has been the custom to allow every servant except salaried officers a day's leave on full pay for each proclaimed general public holiday, or an additional day's pay when their services could not be dispensed with. The workshops, however, have for some time past been closed from Friday afternoon to the following Monday, and therefore the Saturday in question was not a day on which leave could be granted to the men employed therein. So far as holidays are concerned, the men employed in the workshops received six days' pay for three days' work between the 26th December, 1892, and 3rd January, 1893, and to give what is requested would be to allow seven days' pay for three days' work. The Government proclaimed holidays alone cost the Railway Department over £48,000 per annum, for which no work is done. This is exclusive of annual and good conduct holidays.

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(3.) No new departure has been made; the fact of the men not being paid for the particular day arose in consequence of the men's engagement with the Commissioners being for five instead of six days per week as formerly.

(4.) The Commissioners are within their powers as defined by the Railway Act.

(14.) RECENT APPOINTMENTS IN THE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he, within the last two months, appointed to positions in the Railway Construction Department two persons from the adjacent colonies?

(2.) If so, will he state—(a) their names; (b) the date of their appointment; (c) their position in the Department; (d) the salaries and allowances they receive?

(3.) Were there no persons in the Service qualified for such positions?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have already explained the circumstances in connection with these appointments. A general Return is being prepared dealing with appointments to the Civil Service, in which the information concerning these gentlemen will appear.

(15.) INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the Answer given, on 16th November last, by the Colonial Secretary to Mr. O'Sullivan's Question concerning the registration of an Institute of Accountants, will he state whether the officer therein referred to has reported on the matter, and the nature of the report?

(2.) Has any evidence been taken on the subject of the application for registration, and what is its nature?

(3.) Will an opportunity be given to opponents of the registration to represent their views before the license is issued?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—These papers are before the Attorney-General, who will advise thereon shortly, but it is not probable that evidence will be required on the subject of the application for registration. The views of the opponents of registration have already been ably set forth.

2. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, and in furtherance of the general policy of retrenchment now initiated, the Members of this House should submit themselves to a voluntary reduction of 5 per cent. on their Parliamentary remuneration.

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

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Totalisator Legalizing Bill postponed until Thursday next.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the application of a certain amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with Hospitals for the Insane,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the Elizabeth Bay and Potts Point (east side) Branch Intercepting Sewer.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the arrest of three men engaged on the Mudgee railway.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—Dr. Hollis presented a Petition from the Chairman of a Public Meeting of the citizens of Goulburn, representing that in the opinion of the Petitioners the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill is a measure deserving of public support; and protesting against the proposal to embody in the Bill the principle of compensation; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration, and grant such relief as may seem best.

Petition received.

6. ABSENTEE TAX:—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that an absentee tax should be passed without delay, so as to compel rich landlords residing outside the Colony to pay their fair share towards the Government of this country.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. PICTURESQUE ATLAS COMPANY:—Mr. Frank Farnell 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 action of the Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited) in regard to the sale of a publication registered and known as the "Picturesque Atlas of Australasia," and their subsequent action in respect to their clients in the Law Courts of the Colony.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ewing, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Dale, Mr. Eve, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY TO THE FIELD OF MARS AND RYDE:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed line of "railway" to the Field of Mars and Ryde should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Jeanneret moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "railway," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "tramway."

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed line of railway to the Field of Mars and Ryde should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lées,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Dale,

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nobbs.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Torpy,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barton,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Kidd,

Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,
Tellers,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Miller.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having again retired,—

The Chairman of Committees again took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Contract for Steel Rails:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he invite an expression of opinion from the House before committing the country to an expenditure of £1,000,000 or more for steel rails?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Notwithstanding that the House has on several occasions affirmed the principle that works of this kind should be carried out in the Colony, it has always been my intention, in entering into any contract of this magnitude, to make it conditional upon receiving the sanction of Parliament.

(2.) Reduction of Salaries of Parliamentary Representatives and Judges:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Sheldon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the proposals made to reduce the salaries of Civil Servants and Ministers, will he take the necessary steps for placing a measure before the House dealing in the same way with all salaries payable under Act of Parliament, inclusive of Parliamentary Representatives and Judges?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not contemplated by the Government to make any deductions from statutory salaries.

(3.) Reformatory Buildings at Rookwood:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it likely he will carry out his promise in regard to the utilisation of the Reformatory buildings and grounds at Rookwood?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member will have to wait a short time longer before I can give him any definite information.

(4.) Duty on Tea:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he, in view of the state of our finances, and the anticipated revenue to be derived from the passing of the Local Government Bill during the year 1893, as foreshadowed in his financial statement made last week, reimpose the duty on tea?

(2.) Has he considered the advisability of reimposing the duty on tea, as a certain mode of raising revenue for 1893, which will be required to meet our liabilities and reduce our indebtedness?

(3.) If not, will he do so at an early date?

Mr. See answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to reimpose the duty upon tea.

(5.) Road Votes:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, with the object of enabling repairs to be made to bridges in the interior, daily reported to the Minister for Works to be dangerous, for the construction of new bridges, for maintaining country roads, and for issuing special grants promised by the present and previous Minister for Works, take the requisite steps to enable the usual Road Votes, as per Schedule, and special grants promised, to issue at an early date?

Mr. See answered,—The Honorable Member will find on the Estimates a sum of £600,000 for endowment under the Local Government Bill. A portion of this sum will be expended on roads and bridges, pending the completion of the machinery under the Bill, and the sum so expended will not be afterwards payable a second time to the various districts in the shape of endowment. When the Temporary Supply Bill has been passed a proportionate amount of the sum so to be spent will be available.

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- (6.) Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government considered (if not, will they consider) the necessity now existing, through the financial position in which the Colony is placed; to introduce a Bill forthwith to be considered by Parliament for the repeal or amendment of the Payment of Members Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not prepared to give the Honorable Member an answer.

- (7.) Appointment of Mr. Lindeman in Public Works Department:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a Mr. Lindeman, nephew of Mr. H. H. Brown, Member for Durham, been appointed to a position in the Works Department?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) What are his duties?

(4.) What his qualifications?

(5.) Who recommended him?

(6.) Was there no person in the Service who could have filled the position?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not personally aware, but a cadet of that name was appointed in the Roads and Bridges Branch of the Department of Public Works, at a salary of £50 per annum. He has passed the Junior University Examination, and was appointed in October last.

- (8.) Appointments held by Professor Anderson Stuart:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does Professor Anderson Stuart hold any appointments in the Civil Service other than Professor of the University and Medical Adviser to the Government; if so, what are they?

(2.) The salaries and other emoluments (if any) attached to each office?

(3.) The total amount received by him as salaries, fees, quarters, travelling expenses, or other emoluments?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes; President of the Board of Health and Health and Emigration Officer.

(2.) President of Board of Health, nil; Health and Emigration Officer, £630 per annum.

(3.) £1,030 for offices held under the Government, irrespective of income from the University.

- (9.) Bridge over Orphan School Creek, Canley Vale:—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that tenders have been received some three months ago for the construction of a bridge over Orphan School Creek, Canley Vale?

(2.) If so, when are tenders likely to be accepted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This will entirely depend as to what funds will be placed at my disposal by Parliament.

- (10.) Reserve Rifle Corps:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the services of Lieut.-Colonel Eden, Captain Bouverie, and the staff-sergeants employed in connection with the Reserve Rifle Corps, now disbanded, been retained?

(2.) If so, what duties are they now performing, and what amount will they be paid annually, including all allowances?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Military Secretary:—

(1.) Yes, for the present.

(2.) Collecting Government property and generally closing all matters connected with the late Reserve Companies. The amounts they will be paid will be at the annual rates voted. A certain number will be absorbed in other branches of the Service. For those whose services can be dispensed with, after completion of the work they are at present engaged in, provision is made on the Estimates submitted for compensation on compulsory retirement.

- (11.) Country Towns Water Supply:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount has been advanced to country towns for water supply?

(2.) What amount of interest has been received by the Government on such advances?

(3.) What amount is now due?

(4.) What amount has been advanced to the city of Sydney for water supply?

(5.) What amount of interest has been received by the Government on such advances?

(6.) What amount is now due?

Mr. See answered,—The required information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (12.) Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to impose a postal charge on newspapers; if so, has he fixed the amount?

Mr. See answered,—The Government has not arrived at any determination upon this subject.

- (13.) Wharfage Dues at Newcastle:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Do the Government intend to collect wharfage dues at Newcastle; if not, is it their intention to remit them in all other ports where now collected?

Mr. See answered,—The question of wharfages at Newcastle will be dealt with in the Harbour Trust Bill prepared for that port.

- (14.) Exemption of Railway Department from Proposed Reduction in Salaries:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) For what reason are the officers in the Railway Department in receipt of salaries exceeding £200 per annum exempted from the operations of the retrenchment policy of the Government?

(2.) Is it intended that such officers shall receive the same salaries as heretofore, while all other State employees receiving over £200 per annum are to have their salaries reduced by 5 per cent.

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Mr. See answered,—The officers in the Railway Department are, by the Railway Act, the servants of the Commissioners, who have been consulted in regard to reducing the pay of their officers, but that they do not recommend any all-round reduction, in view of the fact that they have carried out, and are still keeping in view, a complete system of retrenchment. It is pointed out by the Commissioners that such a reduction as is indicated would result in a saving of less than £200 a month, while the total staff, notwithstanding increases in mileage, is not in excess of that employed in 1888.

(15.) Leave of Absence to Mr. Victor Cohen:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Lands.—Referring to his reply to a Question asked by Mr. Houghton on the 18th instant, to the effect that—"During the past five years Mr. Cohen has been granted leave of absence, under section 39 of the Civil Service Act, for a period of nineteen weeks and one and a half days. Of this, however, he was engaged during ten weeks and three days on special service by another Department, and frequently attended to discharge the duties of his own office after the usual office hours, and in accordance with the terms of this clause, full pay, amounting to the sum of £198 1s. 6d., has been allowed,"—is it not a fact that Mr. Cohen was paid a sum of £100 or £150, for the special service performed for another Department, while at the same time receiving his full salary from the Lands Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I cannot do better than furnish the Honorable Member with the reply given by the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. McMillan, on the 19th July, 1889, to the Question by Mr. Schey, viz.: "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."

(16.) Inspectors of Agricultural Shows, Richmond River District:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one of his inspectors is about to visit the Richmond River District in connection with agricultural shows?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of the inspectors of shows per annum?
- (3.) Will he consider the advisability of spending this money in giving farmers better communication between their farms and a market?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The Inspector of Agricultural Shows is about to visit the Richmond River District shows.
- (2.) His salary is 10s. per day, and he receives a travelling allowance of 12s. per day when absent from head-quarters on duty.
- (3.) The providing communication between farms and markets is a matter that is not dealt with in my Department.

(17.) Tram-line to Kensington Racecourse:—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Harris, of Harris and Ackman's, waited on him with a view to urge him to put down a tram-line to Kensington racecourse?
- (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to lay such line, and out of what funds do they propose to carry out such work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter has not received consideration.

(18.) Reclamation Works at Homebush Bay, Parramatta River:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost to date of the reclamation works going on at Homebush Bay, Parramatta River?
- (2.) How many men are employed on these reclamation works at the present time?
- (3.) How many punts are employed?
- (4.) How many dredges are employed?
- (5.) And how many steamers are employed in connection with this work?
- (6.) What is the approximate daily cost of the work in connection with this reclamation?
- (7.) How many acres of land have been reclaimed there?
- (8.) How many acres remain within the reclamation dyke yet unclaimed?
- (9.) How many years is it thought it will take to finish the reclamation at the present rate of progress?
- (10.) What is the total estimated cost of the reclamation when completed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £13,335 2s. 1d.
- (2.) One hundred and twenty-two.
- (3.) Ten.
- (4.) One.
- (5.) Two—one tug, one launch.
- (6.) £45.

(7 and 8.) The work in progress consists of forming a retaining bank to enclose an area of 454 acres. This bank is now almost complete, so the work of reclamation by pumping in silt raised in the harbour can soon be started. It is found to be almost as cheap to dispose of the silt raised in the harbour by pumping it in to form reclamations as to tow it to sea, as the dredge can be kept at constant work, and be independent of the weather.

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(9.) This will much depend upon amount of silt annually available, there being no object to finish all the work at once; probably about 3 or 4 acres per month will be completed.

(10.) The saving to the dredge service through being able to work in all weathers almost compensates for the slight extra cost of pumping the silt on shore, to say nothing of its being turned to useful account, instead of being wasted out at sea.

(19.) **Tender for Cast-iron Pipes** :—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has it come to his knowledge that the firm of Pope, Maher, & Co., to whom he recently let a contract for the supply of 15,000 tons of cast-iron pipes, have notified their workmen that it is intended to reduce their wages from £2 8s. to £2 per week in the case of men employed as dressers, and from £2 to £1 16s. per week to ordinary labourers?

(2.) If not, will he cause inquiries to be made into the truthfulness of this statement, and if he finds it to be correct, will he take steps to terminate the contract with the firm named unless they enter into an agreement to pay their workmen the current rate of wages?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have communicated with this firm on the subject, and have received the following reply:—“Our attention having been drawn to a statement in this day's *Herald* to the effect that we—having obtained the contract for 15,000 tons of pipes—are now cutting down our employees' wages, we wish to inform you that this is without foundation. We have not yet employed any men on this contract, and consequently cannot have reduced their wages; further, we have no intention of lowering the standard wages paid by us on this contract.”

(20.) **Revenue derived from Railway, Nyngan to Cobar** :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the gross revenue of the railway from Nyngan to Cobar during the month of December last?

(2.) What was the gross expenditure during the same period, including the expense of management and interest on the capital invested?

(3.) What is the balance for or against the enterprise?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be prepared and laid on the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

2. **CROWN LANDS BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Copeland, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

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 the leasing and sale of, and for the granting of licenses over Crown lands, and for the prevention of divers abuses in connection therewith; to repeal the existing law as to the extension of pastoral and homestead leases, and make other provisions in that behalf; to extend the law in respect of compensation for improvements; to enable resumed areas to be attached to leasehold areas in certain cases; to provide for the division of leasehold areas in certain cases; to permit a new appraisement of certain appraised rents to be made in rabbit-infested districts; to amend the law as to purchases, leases, and licenses heretofore made, granted, or applied for, and to declare the law in regard to matters as to which doubts have arisen; to validate certain conditional purchases heretofore confirmed, and to make better provision as to invalid purchases and leases, and as to surrenders and exchanges, and to extend the powers of the Governor in respect thereof; to amend the law as to dedicated lands and the revocation of dedications; to extend the Minister's power to refer to the Land Appeal Court cases on behalf of the Crown; to make better provision for the opening of roads, driftways, canals, and cuttings for irrigation purposes, and for making compensation in respect thereof; and for making compensation and limiting or modifying resumptions in respect of roads already opened; to declare reserved and other roads in certain cases to be dedicated to the public; to amend the law for the closing and sale of unnecessary roads; to make provision for the resumption of alienated lands for purposes of settlement out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for that purpose, and to enable the “Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act” to be applied to such resumption, with certain necessary modifications thereof; to provide for certain penalties and forfeitures; to make further provision for the care, control, and management of Crown lands; to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions, and for other purposes in connection with Crown lands; and to revive certain provisions of the “Stock and Pastures Protection Acts” in respect of the destruction of rabbits; and to amend the existing law in certain respects as to contributions towards the cost of rabbit-proof fences and the persons liable to pay the same; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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Sydney, 25th January, 1893.

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

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

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, or following month, of the year 1893, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th January, 1893.

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

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4. CROWN LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Copeland 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 the leasing and sale of, and for the granting of licenses over Crown lands, and for the prevention of divers abuses in connection therewith; to repeal the existing law as to the extension of pastoral and home-stead leases, and make other provisions in that behalf; to extend the law in respect of compensation for improvements; to enable resumed areas to be attached to leasehold areas in certain cases; to provide for the division of leasehold areas in certain cases; to permit a new appraisement of certain appraised rents to be made in rabbit-infested districts; to amend the law as to purchases, leases, and licenses heretofore made, granted, or applied for, and to declare the law in regard to matters as to which doubts have arisen; to validate certain conditional purchases heretofore confirmed, and to make better provision as to invalid purchases and leases, and as to surrenders and exchanges, and to extend the powers of the Governor in respect thereof; to amend the law as to dedicated lands, and the revocation of dedications; to extend the Minister's power to refer to the Land Appeal Court cases on behalf of the Crown; to make better provision for the opening of roads, driftways, canals, and cuttings for irrigation purposes, and for making compensation in respect thereof; and for making compensation and limiting or modifying resumptions in respect of roads already opened; to declare reserved and other roads in certain cases to be dedicated to the public; to amend the law for the closing and sale of unnecessary roads; to make provision for the resumption of alienated lands for purposes of settlement out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for that purpose, and to enable the "Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act" to be applied to such resumption with certain necessary modifications thereof; to provide for certain penalties and forfeitures; to make further provision for the care, control, and management of Crown lands; to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions, and for other purposes in connection with Crown lands; and to revive certain provisions of the "Stock and Pastures Protection Acts" in respect of the destruction of rabbits; and to amend the existing law in certain respects as to contributions towards the cost of rabbit-proof fences and the persons liable to pay the same; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
5. RETIREMENT OF MR. JOHN WHITTON, LATE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF FOR RAILWAYS (*Formal Motion*) :—
Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, telegrams, cablegrams, correspondence, and minutes in reference to the retirement of Mr. John Whitton from the position of Engineer-in-Chief, and in reference to the pension or retiring allowance and gratuity granted to him.
Question put and passed.
6. FISHING INDUSTRY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, whereas it is asserted that the most valuable food-fishes of the rivers, inlets, and lagoons of the Colony are diminishing in number, to the public injury, and so as to materially affect the fishing industry, it is the opinion of this House that the Government should be authorised and required to appoint a person of proved scientific and practical acquaintance with the fishes of the Colony to be Commissioner of Fisheries.
(2.) That it should be the duty of the said Commissioner to prosecute investigations and inquiries on the subject, with a view of ascertaining whether any and what diminution in the number of the food-fishes of the Colony has taken place, and, if so, to what causes the same is due; and also whether any and what protective, prohibitory, or precautionary measures should be adopted for the development of the industry.
(3.) That the said Commissioner should be directed to make inquiries into the question of the development of our deep-sea fisheries, report on the best means of resuscitating our oyster fisheries, and deal with the subject of fish acclimatisation.
(4.) That the heads of the Departments should be directed to cause to be rendered all necessary and practicable aid to the said Commissioner in the prosecution of his inquiries and investigations.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Tonkin,	Tellers,
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Alfred Allen.
Mr. McCourt,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Burdokin,	
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Morgan,	

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Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. See,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Chapman,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Darnley,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.
Mr. McFarlane,	Tellers,
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Bowes.

And so it passed in the negative.

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7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Thursday, 2nd February.
 (2.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments ;—until Thursday, 2nd February.
 (3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Thursday, 2nd February.
 (4.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until Wednesday, 8th February.
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Sir George Dibbs informed the House that Sir Julian Salomons had resigned his office of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Upper Chamber.
9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—Mr. See 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 1893," through all its stages in one day ; and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whercon 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.
10. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 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 £870,417, being £670,417 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January or following month of the year 1893, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1892, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1893 ; 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 the 31st December, 1894.

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

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

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1893, the sum of £870,417 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

12. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, 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 1893.

(2.) Mr. See 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 1893,"—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. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. See, 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. See, passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1893."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs 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 *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1893.

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 George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878, 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.

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- (2.) King's School Council Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to incorporate the Council of the King's School, and to vest certain lands and other property in such Council, and to confer certain powers thereon, and upon the Bishop of Sydney, and for other incidental 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.

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2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from James Matthew Toohey, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney. Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Seat of James Matthew Toohey, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said James Matthew Toohey. Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Resources of the Western District:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Langwell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has anyone been appointed to write a pamphlet on the resources of the Western District?
- (2.) If so, who is the gentleman appointed, what are his special qualifications for the position, and by whom was he recommended?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I find that a gentleman of the name of Parsons has been engaged to write an account of the Western District for the Chicago Exhibition, at a cost of £120.

(2.)

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(2.) Up-stair Bars:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Colls, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to act upon the recommendation of the Intoxicating Liquor Commission in the direction of amending the Publicans' License Act so as to abolish all up-stair bars in licensed houses, and allow no bars in hotels, except on the basement floor of licensed houses?
- (2.) Is he aware that under the present Act the Police authorities have no power to deal with up-stair bars?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) This is a question which will be considered when the state of public business permits.
- (2.) The Police have no power to deal with up-stair bars unless some offence under the Licensing Act is committed. As there does not appear to be any provision in the licensing law limiting the number of bars that may be opened in licensed houses, or prohibiting the opening of up-stair bars in such premises, no steps can be taken for their abolition.

(3.) Road from Henty towards Urangeline:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of farmers and others have for the last two years been endeavouring to induce the Lands Department to have a road from Henty towards Urangeline opened?
- (2.) Is he aware that the want of this road is a great loss to farmers who want to cart their produce to the Henty Railway Station?
- (3.) Has the District Surveyor reported in favour of opening this road?
- (4.) When will the road be made available for public use?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Representations have been made that the proposed road is needed.
- (2.) It has been reported that produce would be brought along the route referred to were the road opened.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The road has been approved, and notification of establishment of the road will shortly be made in the *Government Gazette*.

(4.) Reserve Rifle Companies:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many members of the disbanded Reserve Rifle Companies have entered for competition in the Association meeting during the last three meetings respectively?
- (2.) How many have been prize-winners; what has been the amount won by them collectively; and what proportion have they borne to the total number entered?
- (3.) In the event of civilian rifle clubs being formed, has he considered the advisability of allowing members thereof to have cartridges supplied them at the old rate?
- (4.) Will he allow members of the late reserve clubs to buy their rifles at a reduced rate, for practice, instead of calling them in and storing them up, when they will be useless?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It will be quite impossible to furnish the information asked for by the Honorable Member on so short a notice. If he will move for a Return, the information shall be supplied with the least possible delay.(5.) Road from Blackwall to Woy Woy Railway Platform:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the following extract in the *Daily Telegraph* of Tuesday last:—"Visitors to Woy Woy and Blackwall complain of the wretched state of the road leading from the Woy Woy railway platform to Blackwall, which a good part of the year, or during wet weather, is under water?"

(2.) As this Government road has to be traversed daily to and from Blackwall by the mailman, the residents, and the travelling public living at Kincumber, Davis Town, the Roman Catholic Orphanage, and the Broadwater, and is the only means of access to the said railway, will he give instructions to have it made passable for pedestrians, in accordance with a promise given by Mr. Young, when Minister for Works, as far back as October, 1891?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—My honorable colleague the Minister for Public Works has given instructions for the necessary works in connection with this road to be put in hand at once.(6.) Contract for Steel Rails:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he any intention of committing this country to a contract for steel rails, to be manufactured in the Colony, before submitting the proposal to this House for its approval?
- (2.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all documents and correspondence in connection with this matter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—My honorable colleague the Secretary for Public Works answered on the 25th instant a somewhat similar Question asked by the Honorable Member for East Macquarie (Mr. Tonkin), and I have to refer the Honorable Member to that reply, which was as follows:—"Notwithstanding that the House has on several occasions affirmed the principle that works of this kind should be carried out in the Colony, it has always been my intention, in entering into any contract of this magnitude, to make it conditional upon receiving the sanction of Parliament."(7.) Pilotage Rates for Ports of Sydney and Newcastle:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When is it his intention to bring in his long-promised measure to reduce the pilotage rates for the ports of Sydney and Newcastle?*Mr. See* answered,—The Marine Board Bill will be introduced as soon as the course of public business will permit.

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- (8.) Government Stores Department:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What is the name of the firm of contractors who do the carrying for the Government Stores Department?
 (2.) Are public tenders called for same?
 (3.) If not, why not?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The work is almost exclusively performed by means of conveyances attached to the Department.

(2.) No.

(3.) The expenditure is unimportant. No particular firms have been employed. The total amount paid for cartage last year was £18. In future the conveyances of the Department will be able to do the work, an additional van having been obtained.

- (9.) Site for Proposed National Bank:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the possibility of the establishing of a National Bank, will he cause to be reserved from sale that magnificent site in front of the General Post Office, in Martin-place, until the question is settled?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The land in question is of very great value; and as soon as the Government can sell it it will be sold, and the proceeds go in liquidation of the public debt incurred by the acquisition of the land for the improvement to the approaches to the General Post Office.

- (10.) Appointments of Messrs. Guy and O'Connor in Mines Department:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Guy, a relation of his, been appointed to his Department?
 (2.) Have three persons—the Messrs. O'Connor, also relations of his—been appointed to his Department?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague the Minister for Mines informs me that he has no relative of any kind either in the Mines Department or any other Department of the public service.

- (2.) Since his acceptance of office the Minister appointed Mr. Guy to fill a vacancy as temporary clerk at 10s. per day. He also appointed Stephen and William O'Connor and Arthur Jarrett to fill vacancies as probationers. They are connected with him by marriage—one, for instance, being the son of the father-in-law of a deceased brother-in-law of the Minister.

- (11.) Parramatta Sewerage Scheme:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he state the names, special qualifications, and rates of remuneration of the three experts who are proposed to be appointed to inquire into the Parramatta sewerage scheme?

- (2.) Is it a fact that the Board was applied for by the Engineer for Sewerage, who also suggested the names of the members?

- (3.) Can he state what practical experience either of the gentlemen have had in sewerage engineering, and purification of town sewage, to specially qualify them as experts?

- (4.) Is he aware that one of the gentlemen (from Adelaide) is a personal friend of the Engineer?

- (5.) In view of the evidence given before the Public Works Committee, is it his intention to put the Sewerage Department upon a more efficient footing?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—Only two of the three gentlemen whom it is proposed to appoint have accepted, and consequently nothing has been definitely settled in connection with the matter.

4. IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Rose, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—

- (1.) The duties imposed on imported agricultural products have had the effect of stimulating the agricultural interests of the Colony.

- (2.) It is desirable, with the view of further encouraging agriculture in New South Wales, that the duty on imported produce should be increased as follows:—Wheat, oats, maize, beans, and peas to 1s. Sd. per 100 lb.; flour, bran, pollard, and sharps to 2s. per 100 lb.; hay, chaff, straw, and potatoes to £1 per ton; green fruit, including bananas and pineapples, to 2s. per bushel.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. See,
 Mr. Levison,
 Sir George Dibbs,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. John Wilkinson,
 Mr. Scott,

Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Donnelly,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Morgan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Newton,
 Mr. Sharp,
Tellers,

Noes, 33.

Mr. Young,
 Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Wise,
 Mr. Curruthers,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Nobbs,

Mr. Cann,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Dr. Hollis,
 Mr. Darley,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Sir Henry Parker,
 Dr. Cullen,
 Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Rae,
 Mr. Bavister,
 Mr. McGowen,
Tellers,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Edden.

And so it passed in the negative.

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5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Rules of the Supreme Court (in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction).
Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 18th January, 1893,—“ Retirement of Mr. W. M. M. Arnold from the Civil Service.”
- (2.) Return showing Asiatic population resident in the Colony of New South Wales at date of Census, April, 1891.
- (3.) Comparative Statement of appointments and retirements in Department of Public Works during the administration of Sir Henry Parkes, from 8th March, 1889, to 22nd October, 1891—thirty-one months; and that of Sir George Dibbs, from 23rd October, 1891, to 24th January, 1893—fifteen months. (Two documents.)
- (4.) Report on Police Department for 1892.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation in regard to Cypher Telegrams.
Ordered to be printed.

6. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 80.

Mr. See,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Houghton,

Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Holborow.
Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cann.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir George Dibbs,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cullen,

Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Nobbs,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Walker.
Tellers,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cullen.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

7. MARINE BOARD RECONSTRUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Davis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cullen requested Mr. Speaker to decide as to the necessity for a Message from the Governor to cover the expenses which clauses 8, 9, 10, and 12 involved.
Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill did not involve any expenditure which was not provided for in the original Act, proposed to be amended.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Newton,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Willis,

Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Hutchinson.
Tellers,
Mr. Davis,
Dr. Hollis.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Suttor,
Sir George Dibbs.
Tellers,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. 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 1893,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st January, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY
President.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of revenue received from conditional purchases, conditional leases, pastoral leases, occupation licenses, special and other leases, in the Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin respectively, from 1st January, 1885, to 31st December, 1892?

(2.) What are the amounts which have been expended in each of the above districts for public buildings, bridges, roads, and endowments during the same period?

Mr. See answered,—The necessary steps will be at once taken for the preparation of the information, which, when completed, will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(2.) Punt at Wyong Creek:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a punt been built by the Works Department, and placed upon Wyong Creek, since 1891, in order to give access to that township and the railway station, also to Tuggerah Lakes, the water reserve, and railway platform at Tuggerah?

(2.) If so, would he inform the House what the cost of the said punt was, and date when launched?

(3.) What amount has been expended in advertising in connection with said punt?

(4.) Has the punt been advertised for lease the last two years; and, if so, has any tender been received?

(5.) Has anyone been placed in charge of the said punt; and, if so, what has been the amount paid to the caretaker weekly, and the total sum up to date, and by whom was caretaker appointed?

(6.) What punt fees have been received up to date?

(7.) Have he and his predecessor had their attention several times called to the fact that there was no means of access to this punt; and when asked to make the road, have the residents been repeatedly informed, through the Member for the district, that there were no funds available to carry out such work?

(8.) Until the road can be made, is it his intention to continue paying away money to a caretaker of a punt which cannot be rendered available for the travelling public?

(9.) Will he, in view of the Road Vote being made available at an early date, cause tenders to be invited at once, with the object of having the requisite work carried out, so as to give access to the said punt?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The punt, which was launched on 12th September, 1891, cost £203 3s.

(3.) About £2 10s.

(4.) It was advertised for lease for 1891, 1892, and 1893, but no tenders were received.

(5.) Yes, a caretaker, who, in addition to the tolls collected, was paid at the rate of 5s. per day during 1891 and 1892. He is now in receipt of £1 per week. He was appointed by my predecessor, and has been paid to date £105.

(6.) The amount cannot be ascertained as the fees were retained by the caretaker as part of his remuneration.

(7.) Yes; but a special sum to construct this road has now been granted.

(8.) A caretaker is necessary to look after the punt, and ferry passengers across the creek.

(9.) Tenders have been received for constructing the road, and will be dealt with at once.

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(3.) Travelling Expenses of Judges of the Supreme and District Courts :—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What amount per day is allowed as expenses to Judges of the Supreme and District Courts and Crown Prosecutors respectively when travelling on circuit?

(2.) Do the gentlemen holding these positions receive free passes over the railways of the Colony in addition to the amount allowed them as travelling expenses?

(3.) In view of the retrenchment proposals of the Government, is it intended to effect any reduction in the amount allowed as travelling expenses to the gentlemen holding these positions; if not, why?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

(1.) I am informed by the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court there are fifteen circuit towns in the Colony, which occupy four of the Supreme Court Judges during the months of April and October in each year. The sum of £2,380 is annually provided for their expenses. Judges of the District Court receive 30s. per diem in the Metropolitan, Hunter, and Suburban District, and £2 per diem in the other districts. Crown Prosecutors receive 30s. per diem, except in the North-western District, in which £2 per diem is allowed.

(2.) The Chief Justice is allowed a railway pass under the Railway Act, and tickets are issued to the other Supreme Court Judges. Tickets are also supplied to the District Court Judges and the Crown Prosecutors for the districts in which they travel.

(3.) The question of amount and uniformity in travelling allowances is receiving the attention of the Government.

(4.) Volunteer Land Order System :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—The total number of acres of Crown lands that have been alienated under the Volunteer Land Order system, and the total value of the same?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Total area alienated under Volunteer Land Orders is 165,935 acres. No information has been supplied by the surveyors of the value of the land granted in satisfaction of Volunteer Land Orders.

(5.) Travelling Expenses to the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—How much per day is allowed as travelling expenses to the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court, and are they also allowed free railway passes when on circuit?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—I am informed by the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court there are fifteen circuit towns in the Colony, which occupy four of the Supreme Court Judges, during the months of April and October in each year. The sum of £2,380 is annually provided for their expenses.

(6.) Gold-field Reserve at Delegate River :—Mr. Miller asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the frontage of both sides of the Delegate River is a gold-field reserve?

(2.) Have such frontages been recently leased?

(3.) By whom have they been leased, and by whom recommended?

(4.) What is the price paid for such lease, and under what section of the Land Act?

(5.) What is the area and extent in mileage of such lease?

(6.) Has any provision been made in the lease to allow persons who have conditionally purchased and conditionally leased lands on both sides of the said river uninterrupted access to water for their stock, as they have enjoyed hitherto?

(7.) If not, will he take immediate steps to restore these undoubted rights to such landholders?

Mr. Copeland answered,—If the Honorable Member will indicate what part of the Delegate River he refers to, or afford me sufficient information to identify the leases, I will reply to his Question to-morrow.

(7.) Appointment of Mr. O'Neill as Rabbit Inspector :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has a Mr. O'Neill, latterly of the Bourke District, and a brother-in-law of Mr. Willis, one of the Members for Bourke, been recently appointed a Rabbit Inspector?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Mr. O'Neill was appointed temporarily as a Rabbit Inspector on the 14th day of July, 1892, during the erection of the rabbit-proof fence on the railway line. I am informed that he is a brother-in-law of Mr. Willis, M.L.A., but I am not aware that he is any less capable on that account.

(8.) Salaries of Civil Servants :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Government intend to reduce the salaries of the Civil Servants before having obtained the sanction of Parliament to the same?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No; it has already been so stated.

(9.) Salaries of Civil Servants.—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it intended to include house rent and allowances in the general reduction of Public Servants' salaries for 1893?

Mr. See answered,—House rent and allowances form a portion of the salary of any officer receiving them, and deductions will be made accordingly.

(10.) Steamer "Enterprise" :—*Mr. Newton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the old snagging steamer "Enterprise" has been for several years laid up at Hay, in charge of a caretaker, at a salary of £4 per week, and that the boat is too old and useless to be again used for the purpose for which she was purchased?

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Mr. Lyne answered.—The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers informs me that an old employee of the Department is allowed half-pay, viz., 7s. 1½d. per diem, as caretaker of the plant, including the "Enterprise," which was formerly used for snagging and clearing the Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling. The last report received respecting the condition of the vessel stated that she would be useful for any such work as was formerly required for years to come.

- (11.) Removal of Articles from Ship "Wolverene":—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Did he give permission to Commander Symons, late of H.M.S. "Orlando," to remove from the ship "Wolverene" any of the belongings of that vessel as souvenirs of his former associations with her?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the said naval officer has taken away the ship's chronometer and deck watch, of considerable value, besides a picture of Her Majesty the Queen, bearing an inscription on a brass plate: "Presented to the Colony of New South Wales"?
 (3.) Is he aware that on previous occasions this picture has been removed from the ship and its restoration insisted upon?
 (4.) Will he take the necessary steps to have this public property restored to the Colony?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Instructions were given to hand over certain articles to Captain Symons, R.N.
 (2.) Yes; one of the ship's chronometers, a deck watch, and also a picture of Her Majesty the Queen.
 (3.) The picture was taken on board the "Vernon" when the "Wolverene" was first laid up, but it was returned when the vessel was recommissioned.
 (4.) The whole of the articles, I understand, originally belonged to Captain Symons, who presented them to the ship, and as she was about to be dismantled and broken up he asked that they might be returned to him.

- (12.) Contract for Cast-iron Pipes:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have the contracts for the cast-iron pipes been signed?
 (2.) Who are the sureties for the several contracts, and in what amounts are they severally bound?
 (3.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all these documents?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Messrs. James McMahon and A. S. Searle are the sureties for Messrs. Pope, Maher, and Co.'s contract, and Messrs. John Kirkland and Hunter Macpherson for Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins. The amounts are £1,500 and £750 respectively.
 (3.) I will, in a few days, lay copies of these documents upon the Table of the House.

- (13.) Position of Governor of the Colony:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Can a Governor of this Colony resign his office at any time without notice; and whom is it customary for him to first acquaint with his intentions—the Imperial or Colonial authorities?
 (2.) Is the outgoing Governor paid up to the date of his departure, or until his successor arrives in the Colony; and in the event of the Chief Justice assuming the duties of Acting-Governor, what remuneration, over his salary as a Judge, does he receive?
 (3.) What additional expense is incurred, and what inconvenience, if any, is occasioned by the retirement of a Governor before the expiry of his term of office?
 (4.) In view of similar concessions recently made to the Colony of New Zealand and Queensland, will the Government ask the Imperial authorities to submit the names of eligible candidates to the New South Wales Ministry before making any new appointment to the office of Governor?
 (5.) Will the Ministry introduce a measure during the present Session providing for a substantial reduction in the salary of future Governors?
 (6.) Will the Income Tax proposals affect the Governor's salary, and will the income derivable from British or other estates also be liable to the provisions of the same Act; if not, what exemptions will be allowed which would not apply to ordinary citizens?
 (7.) What is the total annual expenditure in connection with His Excellency the Governor, including salary, travelling expenses, wages and salaries of secretarial or other assistants (if any) allowed by the State, allowances of all kinds, and cost of repairing and maintaining Government House and grounds to be shown separately?
 (8.) What portion of such expenditure is provided by law, and what portion, mentioning items, is dependent upon the annual vote of Parliament?
 (9.) What is the total annual expenditure in connection with the Military guard attached to His Excellency the Governor, including salaries, forage, and other allowances, horses, arms, uniforms, &c.; how many persons, including officers, are comprised in the body referred to; what are their duties; are they Imperial or Colonial servants; by whom are they paid; and what services do they render the State in return?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The Honorable Member's Questions are of a very complicated nature, and I would suggest that he should divide them into the Questions which can be answered at once, and those which can be best answered in the form of a Return.

- (14.) Temporary Commons around Queanbeyan and Bungendore:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the residents of Queanbeyan and Bungendore have petitioned against the proposed alienation of the temporary commons around their towns?
 (2.) In view of these petitions, does he intend to proceed with the alienation of these commons?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) 1,264 acres of the temporary common at Bungendore were proclaimed a special area on the 21st ultimo, leaving about 1,390 acres for commonage purposes. Part of the Queanbeyan temporary common will shortly be thrown open to settlement, leaving 5,820 acres for commonage purposes.

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(15.) Receipts for Moneys paid to Contractors and Maintenance Men:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works.—Is it the practice of the Roads Department to require contractors, maintenance men, and others to sign vouchers or receipts for moneys to be received before receiving the same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Commissioner for Roads has informed me that no officer of his Branch is authorised to adopt such a practice.

2. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY ANNE NASH O'BRIEN, AT COROWA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee upon the "Conditional Purchase made by Anne Nash O'Brien, at Corowa," brought up on the 15th March, 1892, be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.

(4.) Borough of Erskineville Naming Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

(5.) Sydney Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until To-morrow.

4. HAY ATHENÆUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Newton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th January, 1893; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Newton then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 14th February.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st December, 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Great Marlow, county of Clarence, in connection with the deviation of the road at Frenchman's Lane.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ASIATICS AND COLOURED PERSONS IMMIGRATION AND REGULATION BILL:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to *amended* 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 regulate the immigration into New South Wales of persons of Asiatic and coloured races; to provide for the regulation of Asiatics and coloured persons resident within the Colony; to amend the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888; to make such amendments in statute law as may be necessary to give full force and effect to legislation for the above objects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the same.

Question put and passed.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, 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 the leasing and sale of, and for the granting of licenses over Crown lands, and for the prevention of divers abuses in connection therewith; to repeal the existing law as to the extension of pastoral and homestead leases, and make other provisions in that behalf; to extend the law in respect of compensation for improvements; to enable resumed areas to be attached to leasehold areas in certain cases; to provide for the division of leasehold areas in certain cases; to permit a new appraisement of certain appraised rents to be made in rabbit-infested districts; to amend the law as to purchases, leases, and licenses heretofore made, granted, or applied for, and to declare the law in regard to matters as to which doubts have arisen; to validate certain conditional purchases heretofore confirmed, and to make better provision as to invalid purchases and leases, and as to surrenders and exchanges, and to extend the powers of the Governor in respect thereof; to amend the law as to dedicated lands, and the revocation of dedications; to extend the Minister's power to refer to the Land Appeal Court cases on behalf of the Crown; to make better provision for the opening of roads, driftways, canals, and cuttings for irrigation purposes, and for making compensation in respect thereof; and for making compensation and limiting or modifying resumptions in respect of roads already opened; to declare reserved and other roads in certain cases to be dedicated to the public; to amend the law for the closing and sale of unnecessary roads; to make provision for the resumption of alienated lands for purposes of settlement out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for that purpose, and to enable the "Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act" to be applied to such resumption, with certain necessary modifications thereof; to provide for certain penalties and forfeitures; to make further provision for the care, control, and management of Crown lands; to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions, and for other purposes in connection with Crown Lands; and to revive certain provisions of the "Stock and Pastures Protection Acts" in respect of the destruction of rabbits; and to amend the existing law in certain respects as to contributions towards the cost of rabbit-proof fences and the persons liable to pay the same; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.

And

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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 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 the leasing and sale of, and for the granting of licenses over Crown lands, and for the prevention of divers abuses in connection therewith; to repeal the existing law as to the extension of pastoral and homestead leases, and make other provisions in that behalf; to extend the law in respect of compensation for improvements; to enable resumed areas to be attached to leasehold areas in certain cases; to provide for the division of leasehold areas in certain cases; to permit a new appraisement of certain appraised rents to be made in rabbit-infested districts; to amend the law as to purchases, leases, and licenses heretofore made, granted, or applied for, and to declare the law in regard to matters as to which doubts have arisen; to validate certain conditional purchases heretofore confirmed, and to make better provision as to invalid purchases and leases, and as to surrenders and exchanges, and to extend the powers of the Governor in respect thereof; to amend the law as to dedicated lands, and the revocation of dedications; to extend the Minister's power to refer to the Land Appeal Court cases on behalf of the Crown; to make better provision for the opening of roads, driftways, canals, and cuttings for irrigation purposes, and for making compensation in respect thereof; and for making compensation and limiting or modifying resumptions in respect of roads already opened; to declare reserved and other roads in certain cases to be dedicated to the public; to amend the law for the closing and sale of unnecessary roads; to make provision for the resumption of alienated lands for purposes of settlement out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for that purpose, and to enable the "Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act" to be applied to such resumption, with certain necessary modifications thereof; to provide for certain penalties and forfeitures; to make further provision for the care, control, and management of Crown lands; to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions, and for other purposes in connection with Crown lands, and to revive certain provisions of the "Stock and Pastures Protection Acts" in respect of the destruction of rabbits; and to amend the existing law in certain respects as to contributions towards the cost of rabbit-proof fences and the persons liable to pay the same; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision for the leasing and sale of, and for the granting of licenses over Crown lands, and for the prevention of divers abuses in connection therewith; to repeal the existing law as to the extension of pastoral and homestead leases, and make other provisions in that behalf; to extend the law in respect of compensation for improvements; to enable resumed areas to be attached to leasehold areas in certain cases; to provide for the division of leasehold areas in certain cases; to permit a new appraisement of certain appraised rents to be made in rabbit-infested districts; to amend the law as to purchases, leases, and licenses heretofore made, granted, or applied for, and to declare the law in regard to matters as to which doubts have arisen; to validate certain conditional purchases heretofore confirmed, and to make better provision as to invalid purchases and leases, and as to surrenders and exchanges, and to extend the powers of the Governor in respect thereof; to amend the law as to dedicated lands, and the revocation of dedications; to extend the Minister's power to refer to the Land Appeal Court cases on behalf of the Crown; to make better provision for the opening of roads, driftways, canals, and cuttings for irrigation purposes, and for making compensation in respect thereof; and for making compensation and limiting or modifying resumptions in respect of roads already opened; to declare reserved and other roads in certain cases to be dedicated to the public; to amend the law for the closing and sale of unnecessary roads; to make provision for the resumption of alienated lands for purposes of settlement out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for that purpose, and to enable the 'Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act' to be applied to such resumption, with certain necessary modifications thereof; to provide for certain penalties and forfeitures; to make further provision for the care, control, and management of Crown lands; to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions, and for other purposes in connection with Crown lands; and to revive certain provisions of the 'Stock and Pastures Protection Acts' in respect of the destruction of rabbits; and to amend the existing law in certain respects as to contributions towards the cost of rabbit-proof fences and the persons liable to pay the same; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith*"—

which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 15th February.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

ASIATICS AND COLOURED PERSONS IMMIGRATION AND REGULATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 27.

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 regulate the immigration into New South Wales of persons of Asiatic and coloured races; to provide for the regulation of Asiatics and coloured persons resident within the Colony; to amend the "Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888"; to make such amendments in Statute law as may be necessary to give full force and effect to legislation for the above objects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the same.

Government House,

Sydney, 31st January, 1893.

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

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, copies of two minutes of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, authorising the application of certain amounts from two heads of service to supplement votes for two other services in connection with Department of Mines,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870. Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of Photographing, Engraving, and Printing of Public Buildings:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total cost of photographing, engraving, and printing the sixty-nine illustrations of public buildings and other works contained in the annual statement recently issued from his Department for the year 1891?

(2.) What number of copies of the blue book referred to have been prepared for publication?

(3.) Will he, in view of the unsatisfactory state of the public finances, discontinue the practice of illustrating departmental blue books with views of Government House drawing and dining rooms, tunnel entrances, and similar subjects?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £195 6s. 7d.

(2.) 1,885 copies, of which 320 were distributed for the use of Honorable Members of this House, and 85 for the Legislative Council; 1,200 copies are still in stock, including those to be sent to the various colonies and other parts of the world. I may mention that a considerable number have been forwarded to the Agent-General for distribution in the United Kingdom.

(3.) It was never intended to continue this practice. The present is an entirely exceptional case. The illustrations were attached to the Report of the Department with a view to indicate the character of the works on which the loan funds of the Colony have been expended. Of the seventy-four engravings only nine represent interiors of buildings, and these were inserted for the purpose of illustrating the internal arrangements of some of our principal public buildings.

(2.) Expenditure in connection with Revised Estimates:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount of additional expenditure involved in the work of preparing and issuing an additional set of Estimates for the present Session; and by whom is such extra cost defrayed?

*Mr. Sec answered,—*Irrespective of preparing, the cost of printing is £176 16s. 8d. The cost is defrayed by the country. (3.)

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(3.) Embezzlement by man named Walsh:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Was a man named Walsh convicted of embezzlement in the year 1891 while in the position of Station-master at Eveleigh; and what was the exact date of his conviction, the precise nature of his offence, and the term of his imprisonment?

(2.) Was the fact elicited at the trial that in order to escape punishment Walsh endeavoured to inculpate two innocent men?

(3.) Is it a fact that Walsh has since been released; and, if so, on what date; how much of his sentence had been served; and what were the reasons for his release?

(4.) Is it a fact that Walsh has since received employment under Government; and, if so, what is the nature of his duties, and the amount of remuneration he receives?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that according to the records of his office one John Joseph Walsh was convicted on two charges of larceny at the Sydney Gaol Delivery on the 5th December, 1890, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent. Walsh is still in gaol, and has not been released.

(4.) Expenditure on National and Local Works of the Colony:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be compiled and laid upon the Table of this House, in time for consideration in connection with the Local Government Bill, a Return showing the amounts expended on national and local works in the various divisions of the Colony, on the lines of a Return printed by order of the Assembly on the 28th September, 1887, bringing the information respecting such expenditure down to the end of 1892?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes; and the expenditure in the various Electoral Districts also.

(5.) Appointment of Mrs. Carl Fischer to Chicago Exhibition:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mrs. Carl Fischer, formerly a contributor to an evening paper, has been appointed to proceed to the Chicago Exhibition as Superintendent of the Women's Work exhibits, or in any other capacity?

(2.) If so, by whom was the appointment made, and when?

(3.) What salary is attached to the position?

(4.) In view of the proposed retrenchment in the Civil Service, and the declared necessity for reduced expenditure, will the Colonial Secretary cancel this appointment?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the New South Wales Commissioners for the Chicago Exhibition have made no appointment of this description, nor have they received any recommendation on the subject from the "Women's Work Committee."

(6.) Property purchased by the late Government from Mr. J. C. Ellis:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was a certain property, situated at Pyrmont, and belonging to Mr. J. C. Ellis, since appointed to the Legislative Council, purchased by the late Government?

(2.) If so, what is the area; the price given; was it placed under any valuation; and, if so, by whom; is it leasehold or freehold?

(3.) The date of the purchase, and the date of Mr. Ellis' appointment to the Legislative Council?

(4.) To what use has the property been put?

(5.) Upon whose recommendation was the purchase made?

Mr. See answered,—I have made inquiries, but so far have not been able to obtain any information respecting the property in question; further inquiries will, however, be made. I think the matter really rests with the Minister for Public Works, and I shall refer the papers to my honorable colleague.

(7.) Fees to Chairman of Land Titles Commissioners:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the fees, amounting to £450 9s., provided for in the Supplementary Estimates, to be paid to the Registrar-General as Chairman of Land Titles Commissioners in addition to his salary?

(2.) The amount of such salary?

(3.) During the last thirty years, since the Act was passed, has any Registrar-General received fees of this character?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Registrar-General:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £800.

(3.) No.

(8.) Expenditure in Colonial Architect's Department:—*Mr. Fuller* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total amount of expenditure in the year's Estimates for the Colonial Architect's Department?

(2.) What amount will be paid in salaries, wages, and other payments for this expenditure?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The sum of £40,000 is on the Estimates for this year, but the value of works to be performed during the year on contracts previously entered into, for which provision has been made, is about £150,000. The value of new buildings to be carried out, but not yet contracted for, for which money has been voted, is about £230,000.

(2.) It is impossible to give anything like an accurate statement in reply to this at present.

(9.) Land Resumed for Railway Purposes, Molong, Parkes, and Forbes:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are the land-owners likely to receive compensation for land that has been resumed for railway purposes—Molong, Parkes, and Forbes—likely to be paid; and what is the cause of paying such compensation claims?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible to give any definite reply to this Question, as the matter largely depends upon the verification of titles, and claimants being able to supply satisfactory proof of ownership. The Honorable Member may, however, rest assured that I will do my best to expedite these matters.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Formal Motions*) :—

(1.) *Waterworks for Junee* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing waterworks for the town of Junee.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Water Supply for Lithgow* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of Water Supply Works for the town of Lithgow, in the county of Cook, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be carried out.

Question put and passed.

5. MARINE BOARD RECONSTRUCTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Davis, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Davis then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to reconstruct the Marine Board*.”

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 reconstruct the Marine Board*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd February, 1893.*

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Thursday next.

(2.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments ;—until Thursday next.

(3.) Menindee and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Thursday, 16th February.

(4.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Wednesday next.

(5.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next.

(6.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amending Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 11th April.

(7.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next.

(8.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next.

(9.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill ; third reading ;—until Tuesday, 14th February.

7. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK :—Mr. Dowel (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on “Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank,” have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.

Question put and passed.

8. PAPERS :—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Returns respecting Registrar-General’s Department.

(2.) Return respecting Representatives at the Philadelphia and Chicago Exhibitions.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 12th January, 1893,—“Exhibits from New South Wales to the Chicago Exposition.”

(4.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Kogarah.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 10th January, 1893,—“Inspector of Weights and Measures.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return respecting land owned by Mr. J. P. Garvan in vicinity of the Tweed and Lismore Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS UNTIL SEVEN O’CLOCK P.M. (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business until Seven o’clock p.m., on every sitting day ; General Orders of the Day to take precedence on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and General Notices of Motions on Wednesdays.

(2.) That, after Seven o’clock p.m. on every sitting day, Government Business only shall be dealt with.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words,—“(3.) That the Orders of the Day now on the paper be re-arranged and placed thereon for Tuesdays and Thursdays in their present order.”

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That the Question be now put."

Point of Order:—Mr. Cann requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the proposed amendment, which he submitted was out of order, on account of its irrelevancy, and the alteration it would necessitate in dates already fixed by the House for certain business.

Mr. Speaker stated that the amendment was not altogether relevant, but he should not feel justified in refusing to accept it.

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hoyle,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. York,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Vaughan,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Black,

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Padden,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cruickshank
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.
Tellers,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Brunner,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. McMillan,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Tellers,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Miller.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Donald.
Tellers,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Black.

Noes, 73.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hassall,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Miller,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Morton,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Parkes,
Tellers,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bowes.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

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Original Question then put,—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business until Seven o'clock p.m., on every sitting day; General Orders of the Day to take precedence on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and General Notices of Motions on Wednesdays.

(2.) That, after Seven o'clock p.m. on every sitting day, Government Business only shall be dealt with.

The House divided.

Ayes, 69.

Mr. See,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Copeland,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. York.
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. Torpy.	Tellers,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Chanter,	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Traill,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Darley,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Rae,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Disorder.—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair for the sole object of restoring order, he having observed that the proceedings of the Committee had fallen into grave disorder.
 Mr. Speaker, after a time, left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock (Midnight), until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs stated that the Government, having taken into consideration the state of public business, and their responsibilities, had decided that their duty was to press on to completion measures for the welfare of the country, and they would endeavour to proceed with those measures.
Mr. Reid also addressed the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Warders at Trial Bay Prison :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the warders at Trial Bay prison use prison tools and material for the purpose of mining?
(2.) Is it a fact that the Governor of the gaol, Mr. Brownrigg, makes use of a State-paid official as caretaker of his stud-horse?
(3.) Is it a fact that coal is openly taken from the Government wharf in order to drive a privately-owned launch that runs to Kempsey?
(4.) Is it a fact that horse-shoeing and repairs to vehicles are habitually executed within the prison for private persons?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No.
(2.) Mr. Brownrigg, who, however, is not the Governor of the gaol, reports as follows:—"I beg to state that ever since the works were started at Trial Bay, in 1877, the officer-in-charge has been allowed a man, whose wage is paid by the Department. No restriction was made as to how he was to be employed. He had to cook, cut firewood, look after the horses and vehicles, &c., &c. The person occupying this position towards the end of last year was a particularly good and steady man, who had been some considerable time with me, and one I could depend on. I did not want to part with him, so, as I required his services occasionally with a stud-horse, I engaged another man, whose wages I paid myself, to do his work. By so doing I considered I was not acting wrongfully in any way." The Secretary for Public Works, whose officer Mr. Brownrigg is, adds: "I entirely disapprove of Mr. Brownrigg's conduct in this matter, and have ordered further investigation to be made, and an immediate stop put to this most objectionable practice."
(3 and 4.) No.

- (2.) Bathurst Water Supply :—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he accepted a tender for pipes for an extension of the Bathurst water supply?
(2.) If so, whose tender?
(3.) What is the amount?
(4.) Was there a lower tender?
(5.) If so, for what amount?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes ; under the general pipe contract.
(2.) Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins.
(3.) £810 12s. 8d.

(4 and 5.) The imported tender was 17·5 per cent. lower than the colonial tender for the pipes; but the latter, viz., the local tender, is 11·81 per cent. lower than the imported for the special castings.

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(3.) Appointment of Government Oriental Interpreter:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact, when the examination in Oriental languages was held in 1887, at that occasion, and when the Government Oriental Interpreter failed in that examination, the Minister of Justice promised to appoint a competent interpreter; if so, when will this appointment take place?

(2.) Is it a fact the present Government Oriental Interpreter was sent for to interpret on two different occasions in country Police Courts and found incompetent, and also was found drunk in Courts, and for want of a competent interpreter the case was dismissed?

(3.) Can he furnish the House with the reports from those Magistrates; also the reports from Mr. Smithers, D.S.M., and Mr. Delohery, D.S.M., Central Police Court?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) The records of the Department do not show that any such examination was held in 1887, or at any other time, nor that any promise of the kind indicated was made by any of my predecessors.

(2.) I am unable to trace any substantiated charges which have been made against the Interpreter for drunkenness and incompetency in the performance of his duties. In July, 1890, the Interpreter was required to attend Quarter Sessions at Wagga Wagga, but did not arrive till the case in which he was required had commenced, and another Interpreter was employed. The Interpreter explained he was delayed by an attack of bronchitis.

(3.) No such reports have been received.

(4.) Cost of Materials for Locomotive Boilers:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the cost of the materials supplied by Railway Department for the construction of the twelve locomotive boilers to be made locally?

(2.) What is the tender price for making said materials into twelve boilers locally?

(3.) What would be the cost of twelve similar boilers if imported?

Mr. See answered,—No proper comparison can be given in the way the Questions are framed, as the price of materials vary considerably according to the times of purchase. The last boilers imported cost £882. Estimating the value of materials at the prices current when the last boilers imported were obtained the value of the material to be used in the boilers would be £445 each. The lowest offer for making the boilers, together with a small amount of material, is £407 each. It may be added that the material the Commissioners are using for these boilers was obtained at a very favourable time and will only amount to £360 each boiler.

(5.) Appointment of Mr. O'Byrne in Water Police Office:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. O'Byrne is at present employed as a temporary clerk in the Water Police Office; and, if so, at what salary?

(2.) By whom was he appointed?

(3.) How long employed?

(4.) How many positions in the Service has this Mr. O'Byrne occupied, and at what remuneration and for what length of time did he hold each appointment?

(5.) Have any complaints ever been preferred against Mr. O'Byrne, or has he ever been suspended and reinstated, and under what circumstances?

(6.) Is Mr. O'Byrne a brother of Mr. John Haynes, a Member of this House?

(7.) Has the Government any objection to lay the whole of the papers relating to the appointment of this man to the Service upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Yes; at the rate of 10s. per diem.

(2.) By Mr. Gould, when Minister of Justice.

(3.) Mr. O'Byrne was appointed to his present position on 18th September, 1889.

(4.) Mr. O'Byrne was originally appointed as a temporary officer in the Department of Lands on 13th March, 1882, at the rate of 7s. 6d. per diem. This position he appears to have only held till the 28th of the same month, when he was appointed as temporary clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office at the rate of 10s. per diem, which position he ceased to hold on 5th May following. Five days after he rejoined the Lands Department as a temporary officer at the rate of 7s. 6d. per diem, which was increased to 10s. 6d. per diem on 1st January following. His services were dispensed with, together with those of a large number of others, on the ground of retrenchment on 30th June, 1887. Mr. O'Byrne was during the months of November and December, 1888, employed as a temporary officer at the Central Police Office, receiving remuneration at the rate of £100 per annum. From 21st January to 1st April, 1889, he was Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Coonabarabran, with salary at the rate of £250 per annum, and from the latter date he was Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cobar, at the same salary, and remained there till the following September, when he was appointed to his present position.

(5.) Mr. O'Byrne was suspended from official duty as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cobar in July, 1889, in consequence of certain charges made against him by the Police Magistrate at Cobar of intemperance and neglect of duties, but, in view of the explanation offered by him, was reinstated, reprimanded, and removed to his present position, where the duties are less onerous than those he had to perform at Cobar.

(6.) I understand he is a brother-in-law of Mr. Haynes, M.P., but that Mr. Haynes was not, at the time of Mr. O'Byrne's entry into the Public Service, a Member of Parliament.

(7.) There will be no objection to tabling the papers, if moved for in the usual way.

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- (6.) Amount paid to Officers of Roads and Bridges Department:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total amount paid in 1892 to the officers of the Roads and Bridges Branch of the Public Works Department?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—The amounts paid were as follows:—Professional officers, £49,431; clerical officers, £8,411; equipment and travelling allowances, £19,220; total, £77,062. The cost of supervision represents 8·5 per cent. on the expenditure, which is small, considering the scattered nature of the works to be dealt with. The number of officers, including inspectors, is 267.
3. TRUST PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Dr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trust Property Act of 1862.
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Dr. Cullen then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Trust Property Act of 1862*,”—
 which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 15th February.
4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st February.
 (2.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 16th February.
 (3.) Borough of Erskineville Naming Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.
 (4.) Sydney Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Thursday, 2nd March.
 (5.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 2nd March.
 (6.) Racing Association Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 2nd March.
 (7.) Liquor Licensing Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith;—until Thursday, 2nd March.
 (8.) Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company’s Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
5. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Walker, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
 And the Debate not being resumed,—
 Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Truill,
 Mr. Donnelly,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. O’Sullivan,
 Mr. Gormyl,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Cruickshank,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Schey,

Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Graham,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Rac,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Danahey,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Mr. Bavister,
Tellers,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Burton,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. See,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Sir George Dibbs,

Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Sir Henry Parkes,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Dr. Cullen,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Brunner,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Garvan,
 Mr. Hogan,
 Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Johnston,
Tellers,
 Mr. Morgan,
 Mr. Cullen.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

6. TOTALIZATOR LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, “That” this Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Parkes 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 referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.”
- “(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Crick, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Lee, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Morgan, and the Mover.”
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.
- Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
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Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,

Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rae.
Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bluck.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Barton,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dawson,

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. McFarlane.
Tellers,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trade Union Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.
8. RAYMOND TERRACE MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS SALE BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council —

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the present or other the trustees for the time being of the Mechanics School of Arts, at Raymond Terrace, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the lands, hereditaments, buildings, and premises, and goods and chattels vested in them as such trustees as aforesaid, and to apply the proceeds of such sale, if and when effected, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter specified,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th February, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 - (1.) Balranald Irrigation Bill; second reading ;—until Thursday, 16th February.
 - (2.) The Legislative Council; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) Municipal Wharves Bill; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
 - (4.) Dog Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
 - (5.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading ;—until To-morrow.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on
2nd February, 1893.*

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to 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 1893, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £885 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.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Stock Tax :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the purpose of placing a tax on stock coming into New South Wales ?

(2.) If so, when ?

Mr. See answered,—This matter will be decided by the Government within the next few days.

(2.) Mr. Waller and Mr. Kirkpatrick, Land Valuers :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount of fees paid, and still due, to Mr. Waller in connection with land valuation and arbitration cases since the present Government came into office ?

(2.) The same with regard to Mr. J. H. Kirkpatrick ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return, showing the amount of fees paid, was laid on the Table of the House on the 19th ultimo, and a similar Return will be prepared and laid on the Table, showing the sums yet to be paid when the vouchers have been rendered.

(3.) Bowral Waterworks :—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the plans and specifications finally approved for Bowral waterworks ?

(2.) If so, when will tenders be called for this reproductive work ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The surveys are complete, but the specifications are not ready. There are some doubts as to whether the scheme proposed can be made financially successful, but the matter is being investigated.

(4.) Broken Hill Strike :—*Mr. Schey* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have not the portions of their respective sentences served by the persons convicted of conspiracy in connection with the late Barrier strike sufficiently vindicated the law ?

(2.) Will he now recommend His Excellency the Governor to remit the remainder of such sentences ?

(3.) If not, when will he be prepared to make such recommendation ?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

(1.) This involves a matter of opinion, which I do not feel called upon to answer.

(2.) I do not consider that the time has yet arrived for making any recommendation to His Excellency in this matter.

(3.) When under all the circumstances the law has been sufficiently vindicated.

(5.) Retirement of Officers of the Military Forces :—*Mr. Holborow* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended to give effect to the recommendations of the Military Commission regarding the age of retirement of officers of the Military Forces ?

(2.) Is it intended to enforce the provisions of the existing regulations under the Volunteer Act regarding the compulsory retirement of officers over 60 years of age, which appear to have hitherto been disregarded ?

Mr. Barton answered,—Will the Honorable Member kindly defer his Questions until the Estimates are under consideration, when a full explanation will be given of the whole matter.

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(6.) Bathurst Water Supply:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was there a lower tender than the one accepted for the Bathurst Water Supply?
- (2.) If so, for what amount?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; as I explained yesterday a lower tender was received for imported straight pipes, but for the special castings the colonial price is the lowest.

(2.) The imported offer for the whole contract, viz., that of Messrs. Burns, Philp, & Co., was £691 9s. 9d.

(7.) Revenue received on Agricultural Products:—*Mr. Young* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount of revenue received on agricultural products during the year 1892?
- (2.) The amount he estimated to receive for 1893 for these products on his Estimates of Ways and Means, tabled on 14th December, 1892?

(3.) The amount he estimated to receive for 1893 for these products on his Estimates of Ways and Means, dated 18th January, 1893?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £179,446.

(2.) No separate estimate was made for articles included in the Estimate of Ways and Means under the general heading of specific duties.

(3.) The estimate for 1893, under the general heading "specific duties," includes all articles not otherwise shown in the detailed revenue account. The estimate was not made on the separate items.

(8.) Taylor's Wharf, Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Young* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did he call for tenders from parties willing to lease Taylor's Wharf, Darling Harbour?

(2.) What tenders were received, with the amount of rental offered in each case?

(3.) Who has been accepted as lessee?

(4.) Was he the highest tenderer, and, if not, will he state why his tender was accepted?

Mr. See answered,—Tenders were not invited, but the wharf has been let to Mr. Priddy on his application temporarily, as it had been unoccupied for some months. He is only in possession pending further arrangements. The rent is £20 monthly.

(9.) Encroachment on Footpath of Pyrmont Bridge Road:—*Mr. Davis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a person named Barker is about to build stores, and intends to encroach upon the public footpath of Pyrmont Bridge Road to the extent of 5 feet?

(2.) If so, will he take such steps as to prevent the rights of the people being assailed in the direction indicated?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This road is entirely within municipal limits, and the matter should be dealt with by the Municipal Council within whose boundary the store is located.

(10.) Appointment of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Kiama:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an officer from the Works Department is about to be appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions in Kiama?

(2.) If so, what is his name, and what are his special qualifications?

(3.) What is the reason why it has been found necessary to go outside of the officers of the Justice Department to find a man to fill this position?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—It is not a fact that an officer from the Works Department is about to be appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Kiama. The office of Land Agent is combined with that of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Kiama. It was in contemplation to temporarily appoint an officer of the Lands Department to the combined office during Mr. Logan's suspension, but on further consideration it has been determined to make no appointment until after Mr. Logan's trial. The duties at present are being performed by the Police Magistrate, and after the trial above mentioned the question of amalgamating the offices of Police Magistrate, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Land Agent at Kiama will be taken into consideration.

(11.) Signing of Ship's Articles:—*Mr. Davis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of any ships leaving the Port of Sydney with crews not signed on the ship's articles, thereby defrauding the public revenue of certain fees, and in contravention of the Shipping Act?

(2.) If so, will such steps be taken as will prevent a repetition of such acts?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) During the last few days the Shipping Master received information that the master of a certain steamship had taken a portion of his crew to sea without entering into a proper agreement with them.

(2.) Yes; immediately definite information is available.

(12.) Schools of Arts:—*Mr. Hutchison* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it lawful for a School of Arts that is subsidised by the Government to erect a billiard-table within the premises?

(2.) Is it lawful to make a charge for playing at such table without a license first having been obtained?

(3.) If billiards are played at such table, and a charge made either directly or indirectly, how is it that the Police in such place do not take the necessary steps to put a stop to such a practice?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague is not aware that it is illegal.

(2 and 3.) The table not being open to the public for hire, no license is thought to be necessary.

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2. ROYAL COMMISSION ON CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and documents of any kind having relation to complaints made by Mr. Schey of papers lodged by him as exhibits with the late Royal Commission on Railways not being returned to him under an allegation of their loss.
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday, 23rd February.
(2.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 23rd February.
(3.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Wednesday next.
4. LEE AND BRADY SETTLEMENT BILL :—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from John Lee and George Lee, of Bathurst, in the Colony of New South Wales, trustees, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees for the time being of a certain settlement made by William Lee and Maria Brady, and dated the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to effect sales, mortgages, leases, and exchanges of the lands and hereditaments comprised in or subject to the trusts of the said settlement.
And Mr. Waddell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Bathurst Daily Times*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.
5. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK :—Mr. Dowel (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Molesworth be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on "Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank," and that Mr. Walker be added to such Committee.
Question put and passed.
6. PAPER :—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., in connection with the building of the new pilot steamer "Captain Cook."
Ordered to be printed.
7. RENTS OF CERTAIN CROWN LANDS :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The amount of rent demanded, under the Crown Rents Act of 1890, from the lessees of the pastoral lease and occupation license of Gragin and Graman holding, No. 681, Central Division.
(2.) The amount of refund payable under same Act to the same lessees on the pastoral and resumed areas of Strathbogie and Rocky Creek holding, No. 488, Eastern Division.
(3.) The number of acres per annum charged for in pastoral lease No. 681, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from the 5th August, 1885, to the 4th August, 1890.
(4.) The number of acres per annum charged for in the occupation license of same holding from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1889.
(5.) The rate per annum per acre charged for on the pastoral lease of the same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890.
(6.) The same under the Crown Rents Bill of 1890.
(7.) The rate per annum per section of 640 acres charged for in the occupation license of same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1889.
(8.) The same under the Crown Rents Act of 1890.
(9.) The number of acres per annum charged for in the pastoral lease No. 488, Eastern Division, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890.
(10.) The number of acres per annum charged for in the occupation license of same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1892.
(11.) The rate per annum per acre charged on pastoral lease No. 488, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890.
(12.) The rate per annum per section of 640 acres charged on the occupation license of same holding, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1892.
(13.) The same under the Crown Rents Act of 1890.
(14.) The amount of rent paid on the pastoral lease of Gragin and Graman holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890.
(15.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 for the same period.
(16.) The amount of rent paid on the occupation license of same holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1889.
(17.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 for the same period.
(18.) The amount of rent paid on the pastoral lease of Strathbogie and Rocky Creek holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 4th August, 1890.
(19.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890 for the same period.
(20.) The amount of rent paid on the occupation license of same holding, under the Act of 1884, from 5th August, 1885, to 31st December, 1892.
(21.) The amount determined under the Crown Rents Act of 1890, for the same period.
(22.) The deductions from Nos. 681 and 488 by way of conditional purchase, conditional lease, and reserves during the same period.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Cotton rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the necessity for taking immediate steps to relieve the industrial distress now prevailing in this Colony."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Cotton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

9. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland 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. Copeland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House adjourned at one minute before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Case of Williamson *v.* H. McNamara:—Mr. Schey, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Stipendiary Magistrate who adjudicated in the case Williamson (Inspector of Nuisances for Rockdale) *v.* H. McNamara visited the defendant's premises with the prosecutor and a Mr. Gibbons, a chief witness, who had given evidence against the defendant?
(2.) Was the Stipendiary Magistrate driven to McNamara's place by Mr. Gibbons?
(3.) After the inspection, did Mr. Gibbons drive the Stipendiary Magistrate to his (Gibbons') residence to partake of refreshments?
(4.) If so, does not such action place the Stipendiary Magistrate in an invidious position in dealing with the case?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Department of Justice:—

- (1.) No; with the Inspector of Nuisances only.
(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) No; Mr. Delohery, who adjudicated in the case, was driven to Mr. Gibbons' house with the Inspector, so that Mr. Delohery might make himself acquainted with the *locus in quo*, and be able to judge whether the smell from McNamara's premises was likely to reach Mr. Gibbons' place.

- (2.) Books and Pamphlets for Chicago Exhibition:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What books and pamphlets have been compiled for the Chicago Exhibition?
(2.) What is the price to be paid to the authors in each case, and the names of the same?
(3.) What is the number of copies of each work, and the cost of printing and publishing the same?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return as soon as possible.

- (3.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he given any further consideration to the various propositions for the establishment of a State labour farm for the relief of the unemployed which have been made to him from time to time?
(2.) What does he propose to do in the matter, and when?
(3.) Cannot the Government buildings and estate at Rookwood be made immediately available for such a purpose, if not permanently, at least temporarily?
(4.) Will he give instructions for steps to be taken to do this?
(5.) If so, how soon?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter has received a good deal of consideration at my hands, but I have not yet been able to see my way clear to solve the difficulties of a very awkward question. It will, however, receive further consideration.

- (4.) Conspiracy Laws:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will the Government introduce, at an early date, a Bill to repeal the various conspiracy laws at present in force in this Colony?
(2.) If so, when is the Bill likely to be introduced?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government has not in contemplation any bare repeal of the nature indicated, and it would be a strange thing indeed to legislate for the protection of all or any citizens from the consequences of criminal conspiracy. But there is some English statute law on

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on the subject still in force here, but repealed in England, in connection with fresh legislation passed in that country, dealing with certain classes of offences. Although that statute law has not, for a long time, been put in force in this country, its repeal will be an incident of new legislation which this Government contemplates, as announced more than once, to deal with the relations between employer and employee.

- (5.) Telegraph Messengers:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Black, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is the *Daily Telegraph* correct in stating that he intends in future to take from telegraph messengers the opportunity to qualify themselves as operators?
 - (2.) Does he intend to base his reclassification on seniority of service or salary?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that any such statement has been made by the *Daily Telegraph*. It is intended that messengers, in common with others, shall be entitled to qualify themselves as operators by paying a fee of £1 per quarter for instruction, and by passing the prescribed examination of proficiency in telegraphy.

(2.) No reclassification has been proposed.

- (6.) Application from certain Officers for Money Bonus:—*Mr. Waddell*, for Mr. Torpy, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he received an application from certain officers in his Department for a money bonus?
- (2.) No increase having been intimated on the Estimates for these officers, upon what ground is the said bonus asked for?
- (3.) Has a similar bonus been granted in any previous year; and, if so, by whom?
- (4.) Has he given any decision upon the application; and, if so, will he state the nature of it?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes; from officers receiving salary at the rate of £150 per annum and under.
- (2.) On the grounds mainly of the low salaries received by the applicants, and the satisfactory manner in which their duties have been performed.

(3.) The gentlemen making this application stated that "A similar concession was granted at the end of 1890 to certain officers whose proposed increases had been struck off the Estimates by the Cabinet as ours have been. The bonuses at the time amounted to £666, and the sum was taken from the unused balance of the Contingency Vote for 1890." I find on looking up the papers that the statement made by these applicants is quite true, and that in 1889 and 1890 these bonuses were granted by my predecessor in office, although the proposed increases had been struck off by the Cabinet.

(4.) The only decision I can give upon this application is that I must decline to grant it. I do not think that I should be justified in granting increases of salary struck off by the Cabinet, or in granting increases which have not been approved by Parliament itself.

- (7.) Tunnel at Lapstone Hill:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will one of the Railway Commissioners, in order to test the necessity of constructing an air-shaft in the tunnel lately opened at Lapstone Hill, undertake to perform a journey on the engine of the Western mail train, preceded by a pilot-engine, to prove the danger or otherwise of the engine-driver and fireman perishing from heat and suffocation?

Mr. See answered,—I have consulted the Commissioners upon the subject, and they do not consider it either desirable or necessary that this should be done.

- (8.) Land resumed for Railway Purposes, Molong, Parkes, and Forbes:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the Answer given by him to a Question asked by Dr. Ross on 2nd February, having reference to payment of compensation for resumption of land for railway purposes, Molong, Parkes, and Forbes, will he see that those persons whose land has been resumed, and the title of the same found to be correct, are paid compensation without further delay; if not, will he say for what reason the payment of the compensation is delayed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As I have already informed the Honorable Member every necessary step shall be taken to expedite the payment of these claims.

- (9.) Duties of Inspector of Scaffolding:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Bavister, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it part of the duty of the Inspector of Scaffolding to inquire into and report as to accidents occurring to or in connection with cranes or machinery used on buildings in course of construction?
- (2.) If so, how many reports of such a character have been furnished by that official since 1st October, 1892, to present date?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I do not think it is the duty of the Inspector of Scaffolding to report on accidents occurring to cranes and machinery.

(2.) I will cause inquiries to be made, and if there are any reports in the Colonial Secretary's Office, I will lay them upon the Table.

- (10.) Dining Car for Mail Trains:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has his attention been drawn to a sub-leader in yesterday's *Herald*, in reference to the supply of food and light refreshment (not spirituous) upon trains while on long journeys, particularly on the South, North, and Western lines, and will he see that some steps are taken to carry out such a reform, in the way of attaching a suitable dining car to each long distance train for the better convenience of the travelling public on long journeys; if so, when?

Mr. See answered,—Unless arrangements are made by which the whole of the passengers of both classes can obtain access to the dining cars the stoppage at stations for refreshments could not be dispensed with. The Commissioners do not consider the small advantage to be gained would justify the large expenditure which would be required to be incurred to give effect to the proposal. In consequence of the heavy grades upon our railways the additional weight which would be added to

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to the trains by providing such accommodation would entail considerable expense, as in many cases an additional engine would be required. Dining cars also are financially a failure. Apart from these considerations it may be pointed out that a large expenditure has been incurred throughout the lines to provide refreshment accommodation for all classes of passengers.

(11.) Cost of General Election in 1891:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Young, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The cost to the country of the general election in 1891?
- (2.) Has the money been voted; and if not, on what Estimates does he propose to place it before this House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £15,490 3s. 6d.
- (2.) The expenditure is covered by special appropriation under Section 29 of the Electoral Act.

(12.) Stipendiary Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The number of Stipendiary Magistrates in the Colony, and the amount annually expended in the shape of salaries and travelling expenses?
- (2.) The approximate number of unpaid magistrates?
- (3.) The number of Clerks of Petty Sessions?
- (4.) In view of carrying out the principle of retrenchment, will he see that steps are taken to reduce the number of Stipendiary or Police Magistrates, and their travelling expenses, and thus compel the unpaid magistrates to do the work or else resign their position?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the information required can be more conveniently furnished in the form of a Return, which will be prepared and tabled as early as possible.

(13.) Appointment of Surveyors by Municipalities to conduct Alignments:—Mr. Eve asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Attorney-General has written an opinion, dealing with the question of allowing municipalities to appoint surveyors to conduct alignments; and will he lay a copy of that minute or opinion upon the Table of this House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not usual to lay the opinions of the Attorney-General upon the Table of the House, but if the Honorable Member desires to ask a question as to what course should be taken under certain circumstances, I shall be glad to answer him.

(14.) The Unemployed:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a telegram which appeared in yesterday's *Herald*, and to the answer given by the Minister for Works in Melbourne to a deputation which waited upon him on Tuesday, in reference to the unemployed difficulty and trouble in that Colony?
- (2.) Is he aware, in replying to the deputation, that the Minister said, "That he concurred in the view expressed by the deputation, that the proper mode of dealing with the unemployed difficulty was to proceed with railway construction and land settlement in a district, in place of building suburban railways, as that only attracted persons to the city, and served to add to the number of the unemployed"?
- (3.) In view of the above opinion expressed by the Minister for Works, will he see that a similar railway policy is carried out in New South Wales, and that the extension of the South-western railway from Parkes is pushed forward to Condobolin, Menindie, or Wilcannia, &c., as proposed by the Parkes Government in 1882?
- (4.) Will he also endeavour to overcome the unemployed or labour difficulty by encouraging land settlement in the western interior—more especially as the leases in the Central Division are shortly about to expire in that district?

Mr. Lyne answered,—While sympathising to a large extent with the spirit of the answer given by the Minister for Works in Victoria, the Honorable Member must be aware that the real difficulty in this case is the inability of the Government at the present time to obtain loan moneys at a reasonable rate. The loan market will, however, doubtless, right itself; and this desirable event can only be hastened by the Government adopting a prudent course in connection with its loan expenditure.

(15.) Sewerage Works at Arncliffe:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the Government valuation of Mr. E. Godfrey's land, resumed for the sewerage works at Arncliffe?
- (2.) What was the amount claimed?
- (3.) Has the claim been settled; if so, for what amount?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £600 2s.
- (2.) £2,145.
- (3.) Yes; for £800. This amount, in addition to the above valuation, includes compensation for temporary use of land, loss of crops, and compensation to tenants.

(16.) Lands resumed for Railway Purposes:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—For the information of Honorable Members, and with a view to the adoption of the betterment principle in the construction of all railways in the future, will he cause a Return to be prepared, and laid upon the Table of the House, showing the amount paid up to date for all lands resumed for the construction of railways in the Colony?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member has already been prepared in regard to Crown lands up to the end of 1891, which shows that 22,353 acres of Crown lands had been taken for railway purposes, valued at £237,672. The Return of private land is made up to November, 1889, when 21,212 acres, representing a value of £1,238,151, had been resumed.

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- (17.) Case of Williamson *v.* H. McNamara:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he in possession of the papers in the case pending in the City Police Court against Mr. McNamara for committing a nuisance in connection with his slaughtering business at Arncliffe? (2.) Has he written to the presiding magistrate or magistrates requesting that the case against McNamara be postponed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I have a long *précis* of the case in the matter of McNamara, which I shall be glad to show the Honorable Member or any other Honorable Member who takes an interest in the case. (2.) No request was made to the magistrate to postpone the case in question.

- (18.) Mr. Lyne, Sheep Inspector, Wagga Wagga:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is Stock Department Officer Lyne, at Wagga Wagga, a brother of the Minister for Works? (2.) Is it a fact that this officer (Mr. Lyne) has recently furnished Mr. O'Sullivan, of the *Wagga Wagga Advertiser*, with departmental information, while delaying the same with respect to Mr. Hawkins, of the *Wagga Wagga Express*?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes. He was elected by the Sheep Directors of the District some years ago. (2.) There is no information on the subject in this Department.

- (19.) Plural Voting:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) In view of the likelihood of a general election taking place before the new Electoral Bill, if carried, can come into force, will the Government at once introduce a short Bill to prohibit plural voting at all future elections?

(2.) If not, will the Government afford time to a private member to introduce and carry through such a measure?

Mr. Barton answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would address this Question to the Head of the Government, as it is not within my province to answer for the intentions of the Government on matters which must be determined by that body as a whole.

2. LEE AND BRADY SETTLEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees for the time being of a certain settlement made by William Lee and Maria Brady, and dated the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to effect sales, mortgages, leases, and exchanges of the lands and hereditaments comprised in or subject to the trusts of the said settlement.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Waddell 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 trustees for the time being of a certain settlement made by William Lee and Maria Brady, and dated the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to effect sales, mortgages, leases, and exchanges of the lands and hereditaments comprised in or subject to the trusts of the said settlement,”—read a first time.

3. MR. BENJAMIN LEE, STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Tonkin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, and other correspondence between the Department of Justice and Mr. Benjamin Lee, S.M., with reference to his enforced retirement from the Public Service, dating from the 8th August, 1892, and inclusive of the 6th February, 1893.

Question put and passed.

4. STATE LABOUR FARM FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYED (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Schey* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and other documents between the Colonial Secretary and any other persons, having reference to the proposed formation of a State labour farm for the relief of the unemployed, and other matters appertaining thereto.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of Erskineville Naming Bill postponed, until Tuesday, 7th March.

6. PASTORAL LEASES IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION:—*Mr. Sheldon* presented a Petition from certain Selectors, Homestead Lessees, and other Residents of Walgett and surrounding district, representing that it is essential in the interest of the country generally that when the present leases held by the Pastoralists in the Central Division expire in 1895 there should be no further renewal of the same, as the land is urgently required by the people for settlement; and praying the House to refuse any further extension of the leases referred to.

Petition received.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Neild* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the ‘injury which will be inflicted upon the great national timber asset of the Colony by the contemplated dismissal of the chief officials of the Forestry Department.’”

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

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

Mr. Davis moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dickens,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. York,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Holborow.
Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Davis.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Miller.

Tellers,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the majority in favour of the Motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

8. WILLoughby AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACTS AMENDING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dowel, 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. Dowel the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887' and 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th February, 1893.

9. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dowel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild invited Mr. Speaker's attention to clause 4 of the Bill, and also to the notice of the Promoters, and contended that as no cable line was clearly specified in either, the 69th Standing Order had not been complied with.

Mr. Speaker stated that the notice was in strict accordance with the Standing Order and the Bill, and that the clause referred to was quite regular.

Debate continued.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Perry,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Tellers,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Dowel.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Bayster,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

10. MINING ON PRIVATE 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,—

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1893, A.M.

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

11. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Employers Liability Act of 1886*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th February, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 9th February, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *Omit “1891” insert “1892”*
 Page 1, clause 2, line 14. *Omit “includes” insert “means”*
 Page 1, clause 2, line 15. *Omit “whether at sea or in port” insert “owned in the Colony or who
“has signed articles of engagement in the Colony”*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 1. *Omit “New South Wales” insert “the Colony a ship is moored or at
“anchor receiving or discharging cargo or coals and”*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 3. *Omit “or unfitness”*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 6. *After “necessary” insert “and usual”*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 7. *After “furniture” insert “of such ship”*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 9. *After “him” insert “by such employer”*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *After “employer” insert “for any such personal injury”*
 Page 2, clause 3, lines 19 and 20. *Omit “or such other persons”*
 Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause add “Provided nevertheless that in the event of a personal
“injury to a seaman any compensation shall be recovered under this Act by such seaman
“against an employer there shall be deducted from such compensation any expenses which
“the said employer may have had to pay for such accident under the provisions of the Act
“twenty-seventh Victoria number thirteen.”
 Page 2, clause 4, line 30. *After “necessary” insert “and usual”*
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 33 and 34. *Omit “Provided always that proof of absence of negligence
“shall be on the defendant”*

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.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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 George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887,’ and ‘Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending 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 forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Raymond Terrace Mechanics School of Arts Sale Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the present or other the trustees for the time being of the Mechanics School of Arts, at Raymond Terrace, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the lands, hereditaments, buildings and premises, and goods and chattels vested in them as such trustees as aforesaid, and to apply the proceeds of such sale, if and when effected, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter specified,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.

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2. ELECTORATE OF SOUTH SYDNEY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 31st January last, declaring the Seat of James Matthew Toohey, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Toohey, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Patrick Manning, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. James L. Parsons:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Was Mr. James L. Parsons, who was recently appointed at a fee of £120 to write a pamphlet on the resources of the Western District, at one time editor of the *Central Australian*, a paper owned by Mr. W. N. Willis, one of the Members for Bourke?
(2.) Is he the same James L. Parsons who was charged before the Police Court, at Bourke, on 9th January, 1893, with being of unsound mind, and remanded for medical examination?

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(3.) Is he the same J. L. Parsons who, during the last month, and within a week of his appointment, asked the Inspector of Police to lock him up lest he should commit suicide?

(4.) Who recommended Mr. Parsons for his appointment; and was there no officer in the Civil Service competent for the duty?

(5.) Was the appointment made on the recommendation of, and with the approval of, the Chicago Exhibition Commission?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I think this Question was answered one day last week. It is perfectly true that a gentleman named Parsons has been engaged to write a pamphlet on the resources of the Western District. Other details I am not in a position to answer.

(2.) Land for Selection in the North-western portion of Central Division:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Lands.—In view of the diversity of opinions respecting the quantity and quality of land available for selection in the resumed area of the north-western portion of the Central Division, will he consider the desirability of appointing a special Board, consisting of the Chairman of the Land Board, one member nominated by the lessees, one member nominated by the selectors, together with an expert, for the purpose of inquiring and reporting upon the quantity, quality, situation (as to distance from water frontage and population centres), and suitability for settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I do not see any necessity for appointing a Board of this character which could have no legal status; moreover the officers of the Department are quite competent to furnish any information necessary in connection with this aspect of the land question.

(3.) Railway Employees:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an average of upwards of 1,000 hours for each pay period during the months of October, November, and December, 1892, were worked by the engine-drivers and firemen in the Eveleigh Depôt?

(2.) How many drivers were reduced to firemen, firemen to cleaners, and cleaners discharged, during the period October to December, 1892?

(3.) Will he lay the pay-sheets of the engine-drivers and firemen in the Eveleigh Depôt, for the pay period ended 29th December, 1892, upon the Table of this House, to prove or disprove the statement made by the Honorable Member for Redfern (Mr. Sharp)?

(4.) In view of the present depression, will he take steps to minimise overtime, and thus effect retrenchment with a due regard to the unemployed, the health of the men, and the public safety?

Mr. See answered,—The question of overtime has for a long time received special attention, and the Commissioners are assured by their officers that everything possible is being done to reduce it, but with the staff employed in connection with the working of the traffic it is not possible to avoid it altogether, as could be done in workshops by employing additional men. The matter of the depression has been patent to the Railway Commissioners for a considerable time, and the best provisions in the interests of the country, as well as the staff, are being made.

(4.) Wheat Conveyed by Rail to Sydney from Western Line:—Mr. Stevenson, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of bags of wheat that have been forwarded to Sydney per rail from Dubbo, Wellington, Molong, Borenore, Orange, Springhill, Milthorpe, Blayney, Carcoar, and Bathurst, respectively, from the 1st January to the present date?

(2.) The amount received at each station respectively for the carriage of the same?

Mr. See answered,—There will be no objection to this being laid upon the Table of the House, in the shape of a Return, in the usual way.

4. LEE AND BRADY SETTLEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Lee and Brady Settlement 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. Barton, Mr. Perry, Mr. Dale, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Dowel, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. CITY OF SYDNEY LANES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lees moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain lanes as now formed and made in the City of Sydney.

Question put and passed.

6. BONUSES IN PUBLIC INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, letters, minutes, or other papers in connection with bonuses applied for or granted to members of the Civil Service in the Public Instruction Department during the years 1889 to 1892 inclusive.

Question put and passed.

7. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK:—Mr. Dowel (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank" have power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, from time to time, to this House.

Question put and passed.

8. ATTORNEYS' BILLS OF COSTS AND PRACTICE OF CONVEYANCING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Fuller presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal the fourteenth section of the Act 11 Victoria, No. 33,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 14th March.

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9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

*Governor.**Message No. 30.*

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 1893*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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10. LABOUR PROTECTION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sheldon, 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 restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales, and for purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales, and for purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Sheldon then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales, and for other purposes connected therewith*,”—which was read a first time.

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

11. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the Water Supply within the Municipality of Goulburn*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*JOHN LACKEY,**Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 14th February, 1893.**President.*

12. BIRDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDING 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 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.

13. MEMBER SWORN:—William Patrick Manning, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney.

14. FISH ACCLIMATISATION:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Neild, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1893 a sum of money towards the purposes of fish acclimatisation.

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

15. MINING ON PRIVATE 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,—

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

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

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

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

*F. W. WEBB,**Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.**J. P. ABBOTT,**Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Foreigners employed in Public Works Department:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How many foreigners are employed in the Works Department?
 (2.) What is the nationality of each?
 (3.) What salary does each one receive?
 (4.) What is the age and length of service of each?
 (5.) How many are naturalised British subjects?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Considering the large number of employees in the Public Works Department, the Honorable Member will, I think, see that to answer his Questions will involve a large amount of work, and if the Honorable Member will move for a Return I shall offer no objection.

- (2.) Mr. D. H. Neale, of the Railway Department:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. D. H. Neale, of the Railway Department, has resigned?
 (2.) If so, has any reason been given for such resignation?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes; Mr. D. H. Neale resigned on the 30th November last.
 (2.) A paragraph referring to the same will be found in the Quarterly Report submitted to Parliament on the 1st instant.

- (3.) Plural Voting:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In view of the likelihood of a General Election taking place before the new Electoral Bill, if carried, can come into force, will the Government at once introduce a short Bill to prohibit plural voting at all future elections?
 (2.) If not, will the Government afford time to a private Member to introduce and carry through such a measure?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member's Question I may say that I do not think the course suggested by him will be necessary, in view of the early passing into law of the Bill now before the Upper Chamber.

- (4.) Appointment of Mr. Harris:—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has a Mr. Harris, a relative or connection of Mr. Torpy, one of the Members for Orange, been appointed to a position in the Government Service by the present Government; if so, at what salary, and what are his duties?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Mr. R. Harris was appointed a forester on the 13th January, 1892, at a salary of £200. His duties are to supervise and inspect the reserves in the district assigned to him (Queanbeyan), and to assist Mr. Forester. I am informed there is nothing on the papers to indicate that Mr. Harris is a relative or connection of Mr. Torpy's.

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(5.) Appointment of Mr. Lewis:—Mr. Fegan asked the Postmaster-General,—Has Mr. Lewis, a connection or relative of the Minister for Works, been appointed to a position in the Government Service by the present Government; if so, at what salary, and what are his duties?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The only person of that name appointed to my Department was George Lewis, as a temporary letter-carrier, at 15s. per week, in February, 1892. He resigned in March of the same year. I am not aware whether he is a connection or relative of the Minister for Works, or of the Honorable Member. I do not think Parliament should be degraded by such contemptible Questions being asked.

(6.) Trial Survey for Railway from Bourke to Barrington:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the trial survey for a railway from Bourke to Barrington be made *via* Mungunyah and Engonia?

(2.) Will the trial survey for a railway from Bourke to Hungerford be made *via* Ford's Bridge and Yantabulla?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot at present answer these Questions, but the Honorable Member may be assured that the whole country between the points referred to will be thoroughly explored before any determination is arrived at.

(7.) Case Municipality of Rockdale *v. McNamara*:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any communication passed between him or his Department and the Stipendiary Magistrates in regard to the case Municipality of Rockdale *versus* McNamara; if so, what was the nature of such communications?

(2.) In the case of the Municipality of Rockdale *v. Byerly*, tried in the Metropolitan Police Court, is it a fact that the case was postponed, to the inconvenience of a number of witnesses and others, upon the ground that the papers in the case were sent for by his Department, and had not been returned?

(3.) Is it a fact that the papers in the case, whilst it was *sub judice*, were obtained by his Department; and if so, for what purpose?

(4.) What was the cause of the delay in returning the said papers?

(5.) Have any instructions been communicated by him or any of his officers in regard to the prosecutions for an alleged nuisance within the Municipality of Rockdale, and more particularly those against Messrs. McNamara and Byerley?

(6.) Will he see that no obstacle to the due and impartial administration of the existing law relating to nuisances is put in the way of public bodies prosecuting in accordance with the laws incorporating them?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member's very long string of Questions, I would point out to him that there is not the slightest danger of the course of justice being interfered with by this Government. I have already answered Questions, and I would refer the Honorable Member to the replies as to the nuisance complained of. The whole question of what shall be done with the nuisances in these various districts is one of grave importance, but I think that when the Local Government Bill is passed it will be found that the various municipalities will have power in their hands to deal with these questions, instead of bringing them before the central government.

(8.) Defaulting Municipal Councils:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the Government taking any steps to compel defaulting Municipal Councils to pay up the interest and sinking fund on cost of constructing waterworks within such Municipalities?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member is aware that his question relates to a very complicated matter. I am, however, consulting the Cabinet, with the view of arriving at a practicable solution of the difficulties which surround the case.

(9.) Trial Survey for Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Dale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have a trial survey made for a light line of railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa, round the Irrigation Works, with the object of seeing the feasibility of constructing same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—To carry this out would involve considerable expense, and in view of the fact that there are applications in the Department for Public Works involving an expenditure of upwards of £23,000,000, this particular railway is not likely to be undertaken for some time. It is therefore not considered desirable to authorise the survey at present.

2. CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to conspiracy, and to the protection of property, and to the use of violence, threats, and molestation.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wise then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill for amending the law relating to conspiracy, and to the protection of property, and to the use of violence, threats, and molestation,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th March.

3. CONTRACTS FOR THE RAILWAY SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and other documents between the Colonial Treasurer and any other persons, relative to the refusal of the Railway Commissioners to supply certain information asked for by Mr. Schey relating to certain contracts for the railway service.

Question put and passed.

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4. BIRDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "An Act to amend and extend the 'Birds Protection Act of 1881.'"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and extend the 'Birds Protection Act of 1881,'"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th February, 1893.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 9th March.

(4.) Public Works (Committees Remuneration Reduction) Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 23rd February.

(5.) Hay Athenaeum Trustees Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday, 9th March.

(6.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill; third reading;—until Thursday, 16th March.

6. VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from certain orchardists and vineyard proprietors in the District of Liverpool, praying the House, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, to reject the Vine Diseases Act Amendment Bill.

Petition received.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st 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 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 the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd November, 1892,—“Sericulture in New Italy and in other districts of this Colony.”

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Expenditure of the Wentworth Irrigation Trust, to 31st December, 1892.

(2.) Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer of the Camperdown branch intercepting sewer to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 5th October, 1892,—“Ferry at Kendall, Camden Haven.”

8. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to establish and levy a special rate for street watering purposes within certain portions of the Borough of Parramatta, in addition to the rates authorised by the Municipalities Act of 1867, and for other purposes therein set forth.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to establish and levy a special rate for street watering purposes within certain portions of the Borough of Parramatta, in addition to the rates authorised by the Municipalities Act of 1867, and for the other purposes herein set forth,”—read a first time.

9. RAILWAY FROM TAMWORTH TO BARRABA, *via* MANILLA:—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be surveyed and constructed from Tamworth to Barraba, *via* “Manilla,” and the necessary steps taken to submit the same for consideration and report to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hassall moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word “Manilla,” of the words “as soon as money is available for the purpose.”

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

Debate continued.

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

Original Question then put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Wright.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowd,
Mr. Chapman.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Sharp,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Darnley,

Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Bawister,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. See,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cruicksank.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

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 provisions to meet the requisite expenses in connection with "A Bill for the creation of taxation districts, and for the levying and assessment, within such districts, of a tax on income; for the appointment of officers for the levying and collection of such tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects."

*Government House,**Sydney, 9th February, 1893.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

11. INCOME TAX BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with "A Bill to impose an Income Tax."

*Government House,**Sydney, 11th February, 1893.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

12. TAX UPON INDUSTRY—MINERS RIGHTS:—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be no tax upon the right of any man to work at any lawful calling.
(2.) That the fee now charged for a miner's right is a tax upon industry, and should be abolished.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1893, 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, that the reception of the Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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

E. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Report on Tuckombil Flood-waters Escape Canal :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he had a Report on the Tuckombil flood-waters escape canal sent in?
 (2.) Will the proposed scheme reduce the liability to flood of the Richmond River; if so, will he without delay have the scheme carried into effect?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.

(2.) An inspection of the place referred to has been made. Plans in connection with that inspection are being prepared, and the submission of the Report has been deferred until these are ready.

(2.) Steam Cranes for use at Richmond River Heads :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that two steam cranes were ordered from England some twelve months since, for use at harbour works, Richmond River Heads?
 (2.) Have they arrived in the Colony yet?
 (3.) If so, when will they be ready for use?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) No; but portions have been shipped.

(3.) Salaries and Allowances to Officials in the Public Service :—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total sum paid as salaries and allowances for all officials in the Public Service, including the Governor, Judges, Ministers, Members, and all Civil Servants, whether permanent or temporary, during the month of January, 1891?

- (2.) The same as regards January, 1892?

- (3.) The same as regards January, 1893?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(4.) Bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey :—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Since what date have applications been made to the Works Department for a bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey?

- (2.) What Ministry affirmed the necessity for this structure by granting £6,000 towards its erection, and what became of this vote?

- (3.) Does he recognise the necessity for this work in view of the largely increased traffic, and can he indicate when he will feel free to provide for its being proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) October, 1879.

- (2.) The sum of £6,000 was voted for this work on the Estimates for 1882. The vote was insufficient, and it lapsed.

- (3.) When the Colony is in a position to spend money on a large work of this kind the matter will be considered along with other equally important proposals.

(5.)

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(5.) Entrance to the Nambucca River:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In what year was £3,000 voted for the improvement of the entrance to the Nambucca River?

(2.) Has any portion of this sum been expended?

(3.) Is it a fact that there are thousands of tons of ballast packed on the site for training-walls only waiting to be put into position?

(4.) Have not repeated representations been made by the Members to have this work proceeded with?

(5.) Will he take into his consideration the desirability of proceeding with this work so far as funds voted will allow?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) 1884.

(2.) No.

(3.) There is ballast on the northern side of the channel, but it would not be desirable to remove any considerable portion of it for additional training-walls.

(4.) Such representations have been made.

(5.) This work is chargeable to loan funds; and until our future loan expenditure can be more satisfactorily provided for than at present I am reluctantly compelled to postpone this and many other works of equal importance.

(6.) Census Returns for 1892:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What number of unmarried women (including widows) over the age of 21 were computed to be within the Colony of New South Wales in December, 1892?

(2.) The same as regards married women?

(3.) The same questions as regards unmarried women (including widows) and married women over the age of 25?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Government Statistician that no computation of the kind has been made. The figures at the Census were:—

		21 years and over.	25 years and over.
Unmarried	...	77,394	52,780
Married...	...	160,415	142,730

(7.) Road to the Dorrigo, in the Bellinger District:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What sum remained unexpended on the 1st January, 1893, from the vote for the formation of the road to the Dorrigo, in the Bellinger District?

(2.) Will he cause special and immediate instructions to be issued to ensure the maintenance and permanency of this road and its speedy opening for public traffic?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £1,794 5s. 11d.

(2.) A Report is being obtained on this subject, and until it is before me I am unable to give the Honorable Member the information he desires.

(8.) Training-wall on South Side of the Bellinger River:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the highly beneficial results from the formation of a training-wall on the south side of the Bellinger Harbour, will he cause provision to be made on the next Loan Estimates for promoting this important work?

(2.) What sum remains unexpended from the amount already authorised by Parliament?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) This will be considered when the Government is dealing with our future loan expenditure.

(2.) £2,174 6s. 9d.

(9.) Crown Lands on the Upper Bellinger District:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What steps are being taken to ensure the early opening for selection of the vast area of land on the Upper Bellinger and branches of the Nymboida known as the Don Dorrigo country?

(2.) Is it his intention to cause roads to be opened throughout this area to enable intending selectors to inspect and actual purchasers to settle on the land?

(3.) How soon does he believe these lands will be open for sale?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers are in the hands of the District Surveyor for subdivision of part of the Don Dorrigo Forest Reserve. The question of when these lands will be opened for settlement must be considered in connection with proposed railway construction.

(10.) Telegraph Operator at Harrington:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Young, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the name of the telegraph operator at Harrington?

(2.) What are his duties beyond being telegraph operator?

(3.) How long has he been in the service of the Government?

(4.) What are his salary and emoluments?

(5.) Is he at present absent on leave?

(6.) Same information asked for in Questions 1 to 4 respecting the relieving officer?

(7.) Does the relieving officer receive any extra allowance while relieving?

(8.) Does the Postmaster-General consider these salaries adequate?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) John M. Coulter.

(2.) Those of Postmaster.

(3.) Since 8th September, 1886.

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- (4.) Salary of £96 per annum, and commission of 2½ per centum on the sale of postage stamps.
 (5.) Yes.
 (6.) Hector Johnston, who joined the Department on the 15th April, 1892, as telegraph probationer at Wingham, at 2s. 6d. per week, is relieving Mr. Coulter.
 (7.) Yes; an allowance not exceeding 6s. per diem.
 (8.) Yes, for Mr. Coulter, in view of the very small business done at this office, which yields a total revenue of about £90 a year only. As regards Johnston's pay, I may say he is only a young lad, and was appointed as probationer at the usual pay for such lads, all of whom are engaged at the same salary and receive it until promoted.

(11.) Land for Selection in the North-western Portion of Central Division:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) With reference to his reply to Mr. Sheldon's Question No. 2, asked on Tuesday, 14th February, will he cause a Report to be furnished by the proper officers and place it upon the Table of the House, showing the quantity, quality, situation (as to distance from water frontage and from population centres), and suitability for settlement of land in the resumed area of the north-western portion of the Central Division?

(2.) Who are the departmental officers whom he deems capable of furnishing this information?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

(2.) The District Surveyors and their staffs.

(12.) Tobacco-growing in the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers Districts:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he has sent the tobacco inspectors to the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers Districts to gain information on tobacco-growing?

(2.) Is it also a fact that an officer is to be sent by the Government to those districts to lecture on water conservation and irrigation?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) These officers have been instructed to visit districts where tobacco is grown to impart information to the growers, and other districts suitable to the industry where the cultivation of tobacco might be encouraged.

(2.) Water conservation and irrigation are not dealt with in this Department.

(13.) Hospital for Insane at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was Mr. Boothby's tender accepted for building a kitchen and other work at the hospital for insane at Parramatta?

(2.) What was the amount of his tender for the work, and the time for the completion of same?

- (3.) Is it his intention to enforce the penalties under the contract, if not carried out according to tender?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

(2.) £3,634 16s. The work should be completed on 22nd May, 1893.

(3.) Certainly, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

(14.) Debentures and Treasury Bills:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of Debentures fall due in the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, stating the amount for each year respectively?

(2.) The same information with regard to Treasury Bills?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) 1893, £40,000; 1894, nil; 1895, £832,000; 1896, £977,400; 1897, £65,800; also annual drawings of £20,000 on account of Railway Loan of £1,000,000, 31 Victoria No. 11.

(2.) 1894, £1,250,000; 1896, £2,013,500; also annual payments of £150,000 to retire Treasury Bills issued under Act, 53 Victoria No. 9, to cover deficiency, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1886 and previous years. Treasury Bills to the extent of £736,500, now being negotiated in England, would mature in 1896. The information respecting Debentures I gave when I introduced the Funded Stock Bill.

(15.) Crown Lands:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that steps are taken by his Department to have a handbook prepared, showing where all vacant Crown lands are situated and open for selection, and the area of the same in each district respectively; also, special areas, and the price of the same per acre, and where situated?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The cost of preparing such a handbook would be out of all proportion to the advantages expected to be derived from such publication, in consequence, chiefly, of the weekly fluctuations in the area available for settlement. In 1891 a book was published by the Department, at a cost of £728 4s. for printing alone, giving full particulars of measured lands open to conditional purchase and conditional lease, and special areas in the Eastern and Central Divisions; but, apart from the number of copies required for the use of the officers of the Department, and for distribution, only 220 copies were sold, at 1s. each, by the Government Printer, independently of a few sold locally by the Crown Lands Agents.

(16.) Duties of Comptroller-General of Stores:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the specific duties of the Comptroller-General of Stores?

(2.) What check or supervision, other than the Audit Office or Treasury, has the Government on the large amount voted annually for stores and stationery, and entrusted to one officer for disbursement?

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(3.) Will he see that an inspector of accounts examines the books, &c., at the Stores Department at least monthly, and that quarterly balance-sheets and half-yearly reports be furnished to the Treasury?

(4.) What is the method (specifically) proposed to effect a saving of £20,000 in the votes for stores and stationery?

(5.) What is the present percentage paid in salaries (both permanent and temporary) for the disbursement of the stores and stationery vote proper?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The administration of the Department.

(2.) None. The present system of check and supervision is complete.

(3.) The books are periodically examined by Treasury inspectors. Monthly returns of stock are furnished, and a Report by the Comptroller-General of Stores accompanies the Annual Stock-taking Return.

(4.) A curtailment of expenditure in every Department.

(5.) 4½ per cent.

(17.) Forest in the Moruya District known as Tomago:—Mr. Chapman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is there a forest in the Moruya District known in the Forestry Department as Tomago?

(2.) Has the wattle-bark in this forest been reserved for some time, and improved by thinning trees, &c.?

(3.) Is it a fact that the right to strip this bark has been let without competition?

(4.) What is the name of the person who has secured the right to strip this bark?

(5.) What amount is he paying to the Department for such right?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No special reservation of these wattles has been made other than that they are situated upon a Forest Reserve. They have been improved by thinning.

(3.) It is not a fact; but licenses to strip the bark in the ordinary way have been issued under an increased rate for royalty. The right to strip is open to anyone by paying the requisite fees.

(4.) No one has been granted the exclusive right to strip the bark upon the reserve in question, but licenses for the purpose of stripping have been taken out by men named Carr and others.

(5.) Strippers in this case are paying the ordinary fee of 10s. each per month, with a royalty of 40s. per ton, for all bark stripped. The royalty is double that charged upon wattle lands which have not been attended to by thinning.

(18.) Steam Launch at Watson's Bay:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a steam launch is kept at Watson's Bay for the use of the Government Medical Officer, who inspects arriving vessels?

(2.) What is the cost per annum of the steam launch referred to?

(3.) Could not the work of conveying the Medical Officer to passing vessels be performed by the watermen of Watson's Bay at a cost per annum much less than that paid for the steam launch referred to?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—

(1.) A steam launch was obtained on the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Boarding Health Officer at Watson's Bay.

(2.) About £550 per annum.

(3.) Prior to obtaining the launch this work was done by a boat's crew at about the same cost.

(19.) Pilots stationed at Sydney Heads:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many pilots are stationed at Sydney Heads?

(2.) How many vessels did they average per week for the year 1892?

(3.) Is it a fact that a request has been made for the appointment of two more pilots?

(4.) Is it a fact that a steam launch is kept for the purpose of taking the pilots back to Watson's Bay after they had brought the vessels up the harbour, though there are steamers running fifteen times per day between Sydney and Watson's Bay at a cost of 6d. per passenger?

(5.) What is the cost per annum of the steam launch referred to?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Five pilots.

(2.) Thirteen, or a little over two for each pilot.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) A steam launch is kept for the purpose of taking pilots back to Watson's Bay, and also for supplying outward bound ships. The Watson's Bay steamers ply to Circular Quay. The pilot service extends all over Port Jackson, night and day.

(5.) £800 a year. This provides for a double crew for day and night service..

(20.) Rabbit-proof Fences:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The amount of money (public or private) that has been expended in the erection of rabbit-proof fencing to the present date; the area so enclosed; and the number of miles of fencing?

(2.) The amount of expenses it takes annually to keep these fences in a state of repair?

(3.) How long is a rabbit-proof fence supposed to last?

(4.) Is any allowance in the shape of rental made to lessees of Crown lands who have enclosed their runs with wire-proof fencing; if so, how much, and on what conditions?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 632½ miles of rabbit-proof fencing have already been erected at the public expense, at a cost (exclusive of supervision) of £50,847 7s. 10d., and 404½ miles are now in course of erection, at an estimated cost of £22,421 18s. 7d. I am not aware of what amount has been expended by private individuals. The area enclosed cannot be stated.

(2.) Some small sums have been expended on the repair of a break in the fence between Bourko and Berringun, but that and the barrier fence on the South Australian border are kept in order by the Crown lessees. The rabbit-proof fence along the railway line between Bourke and Narromine is repaired by the railway fettlers by instructions from the Railway Commissioners.

(3.) There is no definite information on this point.

(4.) No.

(21.) Unsold Lots in the Towns of East and West Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of the unsold town and suburban lots in the towns of East and West Molong?

(2.) Will he see that some more effectual steps are taken to deal with these lands either by disposing of them at public auction at reduced price, or will he lease the lands to the Municipal Council pending the sale of the same?

(3.) The same information with regard to the towns of Cudal and Toogong?

(4.) Is it not a fact that a large area of unsold town and suburban lots in the various townships of the interior have for years been lying in a state of idleness, and bringing in no revenue to the Treasury?

(5.) Will he see that some steps are taken for either selling or granting an annual lease of these lands to the various Municipal Councils, in place of allowing them to remain in a state of idleness and becoming a nuisance in carrying out the provisions of the Towns Police Act or Municipal by-laws in regard to preventing cattle and horses straying on to them?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 3.) A Return will be prepared giving the information sought by the Honorable Member.

(2 and 5.) Will be considered when the information asked for in 1 and 3 is available.

(4.) There is a considerable area included in unsold town and suburban lots in the various townships of the interior, but these lands are being offered for sale or settlement as rapidly as the work can be brought forward.

(22.) Appointments to the Civil Service:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With respect to the expressed intentions of the Government to economise in the Civil Service is it a fact—(1) That a brother or relative of Mr. Miller, Member for Monaro, has recently been appointed to a position in the Technical College at Ultimo; (2) is it a fact that a son of Mr. Johnston, Member for Balmain, has been appointed to the Postal Department; (3) is it a fact that the sons of Mr. Barbour, Member for the Murray, of Mr. Traill, Member for South Sydney, of Mr. Hutchison, Member for Glen Innes, have also been appointed to the Civil Service?

(2.) Would he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return of the appointments made by the present Government of sons, brothers, brothers-in-law, or other near relatives of Members of the present Legislative Assembly?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return to embrace this information, I will endeavour to obtain it.

(23.) Jersey and Ayrshire Stock at the Berry Show:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—With respect to the special prize of £30 offered by him on the recommendation of Mr. D. Hyam for Jersey and Ayrshire dairy stock at the Berry Show, will he state whether it is a fact that the Berry Society regard the offer of the prize as useless in consequence of there being no probable competitor against Mr. Hyam?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Berry Show took place on the 8th, 9th, and 10th instant. It is understood there were other competitors for these prizes besides Mr. Hyam, but the Show Secretary has been asked by telegram.

(24.) Mr. Poole, Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) On what ground is Mr. Poole, Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton, whom he three months ago stated should be removed because of his being improperly interested in mining, allowed to remain in the Public Service?

(2.) Is it a fact that great dissatisfaction with respect to the matter exists among the miners at Dalmorton?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) On the report of the Warden, Mr. Poole was called upon to resign. Mr. Poole denied the charges made against him, and he was informed that his denial must be supported by a statutory declaration. This was supplied, but subsequently a sworn statement was received from one Robert Bushell, that Mr. Poole was interested with him in a certain mine, and participated in the profits thereof. Later on a statutory declaration was received from Daniel Shea, a partner of Robert Bushell in the mine in question, denying that Mr. Poole had any interest in it. The papers were sent to the Warden, who says gross perjury has been committed on one side or other, and recommends an inquiry on oath.

(2.) Yes; it is understood that some are for and some against his removal.

(25.) Travelling Expenses granted to Public Servants during 1892:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The total amount of travelling expenses for the public servants of the Colony for 1892, and the proportion of the same to each Department?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return as soon as possible.

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(26.) Seed Wheat supplied to Farmers:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the officers of his Department, said to be acting on his authority, are pressing large numbers of farmers, who some time back obtained grants of seed wheat, to compel them to repay the money value of such wheat?

(2.) Is it a fact that it is alleged that in the great majority of cases, the wheat was either so inferior, or was distributed so late that in many cases not a grain of wheat was obtained in crop by the farmers?

(3.) In view of the fact that concessions with regard to the rabbit subsidy and rents have been made to the pastoral community, will he consider the expediency of at once stopping the legal proceedings now threatened against the farmers?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the grain was of the best quality procurable, was accepted without any complaint, and was supplied immediately it was asked for.

(3.) It is only in cases where the farmers have ignored the communications addressed to them, asking payment, that legal proceedings are to be taken. If they will make a payment on account, and arrange for payment of the balance by instalments, as has been done in other cases, action to recover by legal process will be stopped.

(27.) Temperance Lessons in Public Schools:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the temperance lessons authorised to be given in the Public Schools of the Colony, are given in only a comparatively few of the schools?

(2.) Will he cause such instructions to be issued as will ensure these lessons being taught in all public schools?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Instructions have already been issued.

(28.) Public Schools at Leichhardt West and Lilyfield:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he come to any decision in regard to the erection of a new school building at Leichhardt West or at Lilyfield?

(2.) In view of the dilapidated state of the present school building at Leichhardt West, and the great need for additional accommodation for the children attending the school, will he cause the work to be commenced as early as possible?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes; plans for additional accommodation are now being completed, and it is expected that tenders will be invited shortly.

(29.) Loan to Penrith Municipal Council:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a sum of £13,000 been lent to Penrith Municipal Council?

(2.) If so, what interest has been charged, and when is the loan to be repaid?

(3.) From what fund has the money been paid, and will the House have an opportunity of dealing with the matter?

(4.) Did the Penrith Council borrow to the extent that they were unable to pay the interest on their loan?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—These Questions have already been answered at the request of the Honorable Member.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Thursday, 16th March.

(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Trade Union Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 16th March.

(4.) Tax on Industry—Miners Rights; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tonkin,—

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be no tax upon the right of any man to work at any lawful calling;

“(2.) That the fee now charged for a miner's right is a tax upon industry, and should be abolished”;—until Tuesday, 21st March.

3. PICTURESQUE ATLAS COMPANY:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* presented a Petition from W. R. Gullick, General Manager of the Picturesque Atlas Publishing Company (Limited), praying the House to grant permission to appear before the Select Committee on “Picturesque Atlas Company” in person, or by solicitor, or by counsel, and, if necessary, to adduce such evidence and send for such papers and persons as the Petitioner may be advised; together with power to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.

Petition received.

Mr. FitzGerald (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted. Question put and passed.

4. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Barbour* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barton,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Alfred Allen,

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Scott,
Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Schey,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Newton.

*Tellers,*Mr. Black,
Mr. Dickens.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that there were not forty Members in favour of the Motion.—

Question passed in the negative.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barton,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. John Wilkinson,

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Daie,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Garrard.
Tellers,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Nicoll.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dawson.
Tellers,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on
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5. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain Resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolutions be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolutions were then read a first time as follow:—

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid yearly from the 1st day of January, 1893:—

On and in respect of all interest of money, annuities, shares of annuities, dividends, debentures, profits, and gains, arising or accruing from investments or property, real or personal, in the said Colony (excepting investments in New South Wales Government Debentures and Funded Stock) payable to any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate companies, or societies (whether corporate or not), and whether resident or carrying on business in the said Colony or not—on and in respect of the annual profits and gains derived by any person or persons from any kind of investments or property whatever, or from any annuities, allowances, or

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or stipends, or from the exercise of any profession, trade, or vocation, or from any source whatever; and on and in respect of every public office or employment of profit, and upon every annuity, pension, salary, or stipend payable to any person out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or the Superannuation Account or any other fund (with such exceptions, qualifications, adjustment, and deductions as may be prescribed). For every 20s. of the annual value or amount thereof, over and above the sum of £200—the sum of 4d., where the entire value or amount does not exceed £500; 6d. where the same is more than £500 and does not exceed £2,000; 8d. where the same is more than £2,000 and does not exceed £5,000; and 10d. where the same exceeds £5,000; but so that no such sum of £200 or less shall be subject to the said payment, and that £200 of the said value or amount where the same exceeds £200 shall stand free and clear of such payment.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the creation of Taxation Districts, and for the levying and assessment, within such Districts, of a Tax on Income; for the appointment of officers for the levying and collection of such Tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.

Mr. See moved, "That the" Resolutions be now read a second time.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the words "That the" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Report be taken" into further consideration after this House has had an opportunity afforded to it by the Government to give legislative effect to the Resolution passed by this House on the 19th day of October last in favour of a direct tax on land values."

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order, because it could not be debated without repeating a discussion on Land Taxation which took place in the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was admissible, as it was equivalent to a proposal for the postponement of the consideration of the Resolutions until after a certain event.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Torpy,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Trail,
Mr. Perry,

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Eddien,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Murphy,
Tellers,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Crick.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Black,
Tellers,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 73.

Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Nicholson,

Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. M. Clark.

Tellers,

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Danahey.

Tellers,

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolutions then read a second time.

Mr. See moved, That the Resolutions be now agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. INCOME TAX BILL:—

(1.) Mr. See moved, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to impose an Income Tax.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose an Income Tax*,"—which was read a first time.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1893, A.M.

The House adjourned at two minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) The Medical Congress :—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Rac, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Medical Congress has received a State grant of £500?

(2.) If so, for what purpose?

(3.) Has any guarantee been given that this sum will be devoted to the promotion of the common interests?

(4.) Is it a fact that in addition to the above grant this Association has had all the reports and printing in connection with the recent annual conference executed by the Government at an approximate cost of £500?

(5.) If so, will the Government take like steps in connection with the balance-sheets and reports of other trades and professions?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Towards expenses of triennial meeting.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) The estimated cost of printing and binding 1,000 copies of the report is £471 17s. 6d.

(5.) No.

(2.) Duties of Dr. Cobb, Pathologist :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he give full particulars as to the duties and qualifications of the Pathologist (Dr. Cobb); the investigations already conducted by that officer; and those now in hand for the benefit of the agricultural community?

(2.) Is it true that the leading agricultural experts of Australia have on several occasions signified their high appreciation of the value of Dr. Cobb's work with regard to plant diseases, more especially rust in wheat?

(3.) What is the estimated loss to the Colony through the ravages of rust in wheat and other plant diseases?

(4.) What is the loss sustained in England, France, and the United States respectively, through these pests?

(5.) What per cent. of this loss is preventable through the remedies hitherto discovered, and at what cost?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I will, in the course of a few days, lay a Return upon the Table embodying the information asked for by the Honorable Member in this Question, and also in Questions Nos. 3, 4, and 5, standing in the name of the Honorable Member on this day's Notice Paper.

(3.)

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- (3.) Relieving Police Magistrates:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) How long has the Acting Police Magistrate been relieving the Police Magistrate at Narrabri?
 (2.) Is it a fact that £1 per day extra is now being paid to five Police Magistrates for relieving, and that this sum has been paid for over twelve months continuously?
 (3.) The names of the Police Magistrates who are receiving relieving fees, and the amount paid to each for the past twelve months?
 (4.) If these are facts, does he intend continuing these payments of £365 per annum over and above the salaries voted by Parliament?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the information asked for can be more conveniently furnished in the form of a Return, which will be laid upon the Table of the House in the course of a day or so.

- (4.) Case of Lyons and Farely v. Erwin:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) In the case of Lyons and Farely v. Erwin, case in equity, was the final decree obtained subject to two imperative conditions?
 (2.) If so, were such conditions complied with as directed?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that this is a matter in which private interests only are affected, and the information required is quite open to the parties concerned if asked for in the proper way; that it does not come within the scope of the Minister's duties to inquire into this matter; and that similar Questions upon this subject have on several previous occasions been answered in a similar way.

- (5.) Resumptions for the Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have any of the valuations of the resumptions for the Marrickville-Burwood Road railway yet been completed; if so, on what date were they sent to his office?
 (2.) Will he cause the results to be made known to the persons whose property has been resumed at as early a date as possible?
 (3.) If there has been any delay, what has been the cause or reason?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The valuations have been completed and the offers are now being made to the parties interested. No delay has occurred beyond what was necessary for the investigation of the titles. I may mention that the notices of valuation would have been signed a few days earlier, but for the protracted sittings of late in this House, making it almost physically impossible for Ministers to keep pace with their office work.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 30th March.
 (2.) Labour Protection Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 13th April.
 (3.) Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.
 (4.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barbour, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Thursday, 23rd March.

3. GUNNEDAH SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Kirkpatrick presented a Petition from Thomas Polk Willsallen and Robert John Nowland, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the trusts of the site of the Gunnedah School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Gunnedah, and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease, and for other purposes.

And Mr. Kirkpatrick having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Gunnedah Advertiser*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.

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

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

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 February or following month of the year 1893.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th February, 1893.

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

5. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK:—Mr. Dowel, as Chairman, in accordance with the power granted on 14th February, 1893, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th November, 1892; together with Appendix.

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the Document be printed.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. See,
Mr. Barton,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Waddell,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Morgan,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Houghton,

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. York,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Frank Farnell.
Tellers,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. McCourt,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Murphy.
Tellers,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane on increase of the number of Insane during the year 1892.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 9th February, 1893,—“State Labour Farm for Relief of Unemployed.”
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 8th February, 1893,—“Royal Commission on Charges made against the Chief Commissioner of Railways.”
- (4.) Amended Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
- (5.) By-law of the Municipal District of Gulgong.
- (6.) By-law of the Municipal District of Balranald.
- (7.) By-law of the Borough of Burwood, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (8.) Seventh Annual Report of the Goulburn Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
- (9.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Illaroo, county of Camden, in connection with the supply of water to the town of Nowra.

Ordered to be printed.

7. CITY BANK OF SYDNEY 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 alter the title of ‘The City Bank’ to that of ‘The City Bank of Sydney,’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st February, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

8. HILLGROVE AND ARDMIDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC 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 with amendments.

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

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

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9. FISH ACCLIMATISATION:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1893 a sum of money towards the purposes of fish acclimatisation.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. SEGENHON ESTATE IRRIGATION 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 Tuesday, 7th March.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

11. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), for the creation of Taxation Districts, and for the levying and assessment, within such Districts, of a Tax on Income; for the appointment of officers for the levying and collection of such Tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the creation of Taxation Districts, and for assessing and levying a Tax on Income within such Districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such Tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*”—which was read a first time.

(3.) Whereupon Mr. See moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Barnes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. York,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Danger,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dickens,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Frank Furnell,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Darley,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Donnelly,	Tellers,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Perry,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Young,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Nield,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Brunner,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Tellers,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Gardiner,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Mining on Private Lands Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Asiatics and Coloured Persons Immigration and Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Bill;—until To-morrow.

13. INCOME TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bavister,

Mr. Danahey,
Tellers,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 43.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. See,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Black,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. York,
Mr. Rose,
Tellers,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1893, A.M.

Question put.—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,

Mr. Wise,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. York,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Tellers,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rose.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Morton,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dangar,
Tellers,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bavister.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. See moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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

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 the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the application of a certain amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Vote for Lunacy—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land resumed for Railway Purposes from the Tweed and Lismore Estates:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Of the area resumed by the Government for railway purposes from the Tweed and Lismore estates of Mr. J. P. Garvan, how many acres were cleared; how many scrub?

(2.) Of the £1,050 awarded Mr. Garvan by the arbitrators, what proportion was for scrub land; what proportion for cleared?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Cleared land, 7 acres 3 roods 39 perches; partially cleared, 24 acres 3 roods; scrub land, 10 acres 1 rood 20 perches.

(2.) I am unable to say, as these particulars are not set out in the award.

(2.) Land owned by Mr. Garvan in vicinity of Tweed and Lismore Railway:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Of the 3,362 acres owned by Mr. J. P. Garvan in the vicinity of the Tweed and Lismore railway, how many are cleared?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no information on this matter.

(3.) Harbour Steamers maintained for Government Service:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

• (1.) How many harbour steamers (giving names and tonnage) are maintained in the Government Service within the harbour of Port Jackson, and by what Departments of the Public Service are they maintained?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of these several steamers per annum?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(4.) Fusel Oil:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The quantity of fusel oil that has been imported into the Colony during the last twelve months?

(2.) The same information with regard to *Cocculus Indicus*?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No importations of fusel oil recorded, or separately entered.

(2.) The same applies to *Cocculus Indicus*.

(5.) Alleged Release of Willoughby Andrews:—*Mr. Eve* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is there any truth in the rumour in one of the Sydney papers that Willoughby Andrews, convicted some three years ago of the murder of J. H. Bartlett, draper, of King-street, Sydney, and who had his death sentence commuted to imprisonment for life, has been released?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the prisoner named has not been released.

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(6.) Salaries and Travelling Expenses to Stock Inspectors:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The amount of money contributed annually by stock-owners in the Colony under the Stock and Pastures Act?

(2.) The number of inspectors of stock in the Colony, and the amount paid annually in the shape of salaries and travelling expenses respectively?

(3.) The number of officials employed in the Chief Inspector of Stock Branch in Sydney, and the amount of salaries annually paid to the same?

(4.) The number of noxious animals killed annually in the Colony under the Stock Acts, and the amount annually paid for scalps of same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) For the year 1891, which is the last for which complete returns have been received, the amount was £31,664 8s. 9d.

(2.) There are fifty-five inspectors (including those in Sydney) whose salaries for 1892 amounted to £14,730, with £1,847 15s. 2d. for travelling expenses.

(3.) Thirteen (exclusive of inspectors), whose salaries for 1892 amount to £2,485.

(4.) For 1891 the returns were:—402,053 kangaroos, 705,510 wallabies, 11,530 native dogs, 649,131 hares, and 20,206 wild pigs. The total of general expenditure for 1891 was £46,794 10s. 9d., but it is not possible to ascertain how much of that sum was paid for scalps without an inspection of the balance-sheets of the several Boards.

(7.) Contract for Water Bore at Coonamble:—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What date is the contract recently let to bore for water at Coonamble to be completed?

(2.) What progress (if any) has been made with the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) End of November.

(2.) The contractor's plant is on its way to Coonamble.

(8.) Officers of the Agricultural Branch of the Department of Mines:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have certain officers of the Agricultural Branch of his Department been reported for drunkenness while on duty in and out of their offices?

(2.) Is it a fact that, against the advice of the Director of Agriculture, the officers have been neither punished nor admonished?

(3.) Is it a fact that from departmental friction the Agricultural Branch is in a state of confusion, and that the salary of the Director of Agriculture had been left off the Estimates first submitted by the Minister?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) One officer was charged with being drunk on one occasion; he was in consequence called upon to show cause why he should not be suspended.

(2.) He furnished an explanation and certificates which were deemed satisfactory.

(3.) No.

(9.) Applicants applying for Land Settlement in the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions:—

Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that steps are taken to open a list or register of applicants to be kept in his office, showing the demand and number of applicants applying for lands for settlement and selection in the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions of the Colony, especially as the leases in the Central and Western Divisions are shortly about to expire, on the same principle that is now adopted in the Labour Bureau in regard to the unemployed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As the particulars referred to by the Honorable Member are already obtainable from the books of the Department, the additional expense which would be involved in purchasing and keeping special registers for the purpose would not be justifiable.

(10.) Mr. J. Ednie Brown, Director-General of Forests, and Mr. Holdsworth:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. J. Ednie Brown, Director-General of Forests, and Mr. Holdsworth, Chief Clerk of the same Department, have been removed from the Public Service?

(2.) If so, what are the grounds, and the date of their removal, and the terms on which it has taken place?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The office of Director-General of Forests has been abolished, and the services of Mr. J. Ednie Brown terminated on the 20th instant. The office of Secretary will be abolished as soon as provision can be made elsewhere for Mr. Holdsworth.

(2.) The abolition of these offices is part of a scheme of retrenchment, rendered necessary in the public interest.

(11.) Railway Contractors' Final Certificates:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of final certificates from railway contractors are at the Treasury for some time unpaid?

(2.) Is a certificate from Gulliver and Tate for over £7,000 at the Treasury unpaid; if so, when will the amount be paid?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) There are at present three or four railway contractors' vouchers at the Treasury unpaid.

(2.) Gulliver and Tate's voucher has been referred back to the Railway Department; there is no available vote from which the account can be paid at present.

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(12.) Alleged Appointment of Mr. James Martin, M.P., to Chicago Exposition :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Mr. James Martin, Member for South Sydney, received an appointment to go to the Chicago Exposition ; if so, who appointed him ?

(2.) Does he go at the expense of the taxpayers of the country ; if so, what will his mission cost, and what benefit will the country receive in return for the expenditure ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The late Government appointed Mr. Martin as Special Commissioner at the Chicago Exhibition to report upon manufactures and manufacturing processes.

(2.) £700 has been placed at Mr. Martin's disposal to meet travelling and other expenses as such Special Commissioner. A very nice little billet.

(13.) Billiard-table in Glen Innes School of Arts :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a billiard-table has been erected in the Glen Innes School of Arts ?

(2.) Is it a fact that such table has not been licensed ?

(3.) Is it a fact that over £20 has been raised as charges made for the use of the said table during last year ?

(4.) Does he intend to allow the table to remain, and charges made, as an efficient means of education ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes ; but as the table is not open to the public for hire, no license is thought necessary.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) I have not considered the question.

(14.) Floods on the Northern Rivers :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,— In view of the disastrous floods which have recently taken place on the northern rivers, will he consider the advisability of sending a competent engineer to make surveys, and ascertain if any practicable scheme can be adopted to minimise the destruction caused by floods ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—While most desirous of doing anything which would tend to mitigate the disastrous results of floods, with which certain parts of the Colony are periodically visited, the Honorable Member must see that to carry out any effective scheme to regulate the discharge of phenomenal rainfalls would tax the resources of the Colony far beyond what they are at present able to bear. I need hardly assure the Honorable Member it would give me great pleasure to be able to give him a more favourable reply to his Question.

(15.) Duties of Mr. Fitzgerald, Inspector of Shows :—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the duties and salary of Mr. Fitzgerald, whose office is said to be that of Inspector of Shows ?

(2.) Has this officer submitted any reports ; and, if any, what reports ?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Secretaries for Shows are prepared to supply gratuitously whatever reports are required for the information of the Department ?

(4.) With respect to the officers recently appointed to inspect tobacco-growing, is he aware that one of the officers was in the employ of more than one firm of tobacco manufacturers in this city, and was dispensed with as of no service to the industry ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) To visit and report upon the conduct of Agricultural Shows, and to endeavour to put such Shows on a better footing, whereby it is thought the interest of societies and exhibitors will be promoted. His remuneration is 10s. per day and 12s. per diem travelling allowance when absent from head-quarters at night.

(2.) He has reported upon thirty Agricultural Shows, the prospects of two societies situated within a few miles of each other, and has compiled a table of prizes offered by the various Agricultural Societies in New South Wales.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) No.

3. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Crick 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 and persons undergoing imprisonment or penal servitude.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend the criminal law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences and persons undergoing imprisonment or penal servitude,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th March.

4. CASE OF CHARLES LOWE, CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY (*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 documents connected with the case of Chas. Lowe, convicted of conspiracy at the Newcastle Quarter Sessions, in March, 1892.

Question put and passed.

5. GUNNEDAH SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Kirkpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the trusts of the site of the Gunnedah School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Gunnedah, and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

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(2.) Mr. Kirkpatrick 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 declare the trusts of the site of the Gunnedah School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Gunnedah, and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease, and for other purposes,"—read a first time.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) City Bank of Sydney Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday, 9th March.
 (2.) Balranald Irrigation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st March.

7. APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P.:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" the Report of the Select Committee on "Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.," brought up on 21st March, 1892, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Sir Henry Parkes 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 evidence brought up from the Select Committee on Mr. Black's application for a free railway pass, reflects seriously on Mr. Black as a Member of this House.

“(2.) That the evidence discloses facts which make it necessary for this House to express its opinion that no free pass should be issued to any person connected with Honorable Members other than the Member himself.”

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

Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

8. PAPERS:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1892.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 14th February, 1893,—“Bonuses in Public Instruction Department.”
 Ordered to be printed.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. See 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 1893” 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.

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 £670,417 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February or following month of the year 1893, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1892, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1893.

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 1893, the sum of £670,417 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1893.

(2.)

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(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1893,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. See 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. See, passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1893."

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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1893,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Olerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Stock-Inspector Brett :—*Mr. Gormly*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the reason for the removal of Stock-Inspector Brett from Urana to Jerilderie ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that he has been stationed in Urana for eleven years without complaints from stockowners as to the unsuitability of that town for the head-quarters of the district ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Urana is the natural centre of the district, having around it the largest population, the greatest number of stockowners, the most sheep and cattle, and therefore the greatest facilities, for working the district with promptitude and economy ?
- (4.) Is the fact of one railway train running three days per week the reason for the change ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) On the petition of sixty-six owners, representing 663,146 sheep, supported by the Members for the Murray, for the formation of a new sheep district with Jerilderie as its centre, it was decided, as the surrounding Boards were not in favour of the alteration of their districts, and on the score of additional expense, not to form a new district, but to station Mr. Inspector Brett at Jerilderie, which it was thought would meet the object in view.

(2.) Yes; but the opening of the railway and the alteration of the drift of the traffic renders it essential that the Inspector for the district should, as far as possible, see the stock that are trucked, with a view to prevent stock-stealing, of which there have been considerable complaints in that district.

(3.) Urana is somewhat more central, but it cannot be said to be in a position to enable the district to be worked more promptly, as the inspector stationed at Jerilderie will have the benefit of the railway to facilitate his movements, and it is hoped that the neighbouring districts will yet agree to an alteration in the boundaries, when Jerilderie will be the more central.

(4.) The fact of the inspector having the railway is one of the reasons.

(2.) "Missing Word Competitions" :—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that "Missing Word Competitions" have been commenced in this city by certain newspapers ?

(2.) Is he aware that, on 13th December, 1892, Sir John Bridge, senior Police Magistrate at Bow-street, London, decided that such competitions were illegal, coming within the scope of the law against lotteries, and that on appeal the Magistrate's decision was upheld by the Court of Chancery on 9th February last ?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take such steps as may be recommended by the Crown Law Officers to repress these competitions ?

Mr. Barton answered.—The matter referred to has not been brought under my notice in any way, but inquiry has been instituted into the same. Perhaps the Honorable Member will be good enough to postpone the Questions until next sitting day.

(3.) Art Unions :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) How many Art Unions took place in this Colony during 1892 ?

(2.) Were all of these held with the sanction of the Attorney-General, and in accordance with law ?

(3.) Will the Attorney-General cause a Return to be laid upon the Table of the Assembly enumerating the several Art Unions sanctioned ; date of holding same ; object of same ; and special art intended to be promoted ?

(4.) Same Questions as 1, 2, and 3, respecting the present year to date ?

Mr. Barton answered.—It will be much more convenient to supply the different particulars asked for by the Honorable Member in the shape of a Return ; if he will move for the same in the usual way no objection will be offered.

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(4.) Charge of Conspiracy against Messrs. Porter, Brain, Hodges, and Morton :—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he has declined to file any indictment against the men Porter, Brain, Hodges, and Morton (late employees in the boot manufactory of Enoch Taylor & Co.), who were committed at the Water Police Office, on the 13th instant, on a charge of conspiracy?

(2.) Has he any objection to say whether he wrote any opinion or minute on the case setting forth his reasons for declining to prosecute?

(3.) If so, will he object, in view of all the circumstances connected with the case, to lay a copy of the said opinion or minute upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A minute of the nature referred to by the Honorable Member was written by me on the case.

(3.) As stated by me on a previous occasion, it is not usual to make public the reasons which have actuated the Attorney-General in declining to file an indictment. The present case, however, is exceptional in its nature, and in order that misapprehension may not exist as to the cause of my decision, and as to the distinction which exists between certain charges of conspiracy, a copy of the minute will be laid upon the Table presently.

(5.) Case of Messrs. Crick, Willis, and Hutchison, M's.P., v. Ferguson :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) With respect to the alleged criminal libel in a certain Parramatta paper against Messrs. Crick, Willis, and Hutchison, Members of the Legislative Assembly, on what grounds was the customary proceeding by summons against the defendant departed from, and a warrant issued for the arrest of the defendant in this case?

(2.) Had the Government information that the defendant, Ferguson, intended to abscond and evade the law?

(3.) On whose authority, or at whose dictation, was the newspaper proprietor referred to arrested?

(4.) Is it a fact that he was dragged from his bed at Parramatta, conveyed in police custody to the lock-up, Sydney, confined in a cell, and on the following morning placed in the dock with a number of vagrants?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1. and 2.) The following information has been furnished to me by the Minister of Justice:—It is not customary to issue summonses in all cases of indictable misdemeanours. In the case referred to a warrant was issued for the arrest of the defendant because the informant had reasonable cause to believe that he was about to abscond.

(3.) In pursuance of the warrant above referred to, which was issued by the Water Police Chamber Magistrate.

(4.) No. The facts (in accordance with a report obtained from the Inspector-General of Police) are as follows:—John Ferguson was arrested at his printing office, *Cumberland Times*, Parramatta, between 8 and 9 o'clock, on Tuesday night, 14th February instant. He answered the door, and was politely informed that a warrant for criminal libel had been issued for his arrest. He came on to Sydney with Detectives Hinds and Brown. He was charged at the Police Station, and no complaint was made by him. He informed the detectives that he did not wish to trouble anyone that night for bail. The detectives said that he could get bail if he wished, but he declined to do so. On the following morning he was placed in the usual dock, with other prisoners, and obtained bail immediately after he was brought before the Court. He thanked the detectives for the kindness they showed to him.

(6.) Constable Symington :—*Mr. Fuller* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Have there been any charges of misconduct brought against Constable Symington, of Waverley Police Station?

(2.) What is the nature of such charges, and has he been ordered for removal, and have such orders since been countermanded; and, if so, for what reason?

(3.) Has Constable Symington ever been fined or reprimanded in the Police Court or by his superiors for misconduct; if so, what are the particulars?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers and reports referring to Constable Symington?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Constable Symington's case is now under consideration, and as soon as a decision has been arrived at, there will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table.

(7.) Easter Encampment :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Holborow, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended to hold the continuous training prescribed by the regulations under the Volunteer Act at the forthcoming Easter?

(2.) If the matter has not yet been decided, will a decision be arrived at at an early date, to enable the necessary preparations and arrangements to be made by all concerned?

(3.) If it is decided to dispense with the continuous training for the current year, will the Government, by providing for detached parades additional to those fixed by the Volunteer regulations, afford Volunteers the best opportunity available to make up for the loss of continuous training?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not intended to have any encampment or continuous training during the present year, and no provision has been made upon the Estimates.

(8.) Public School at Angledool :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What steps are being taken to have a new building erected in place of the public school house recently blown down at Angledool?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Tenders have already been invited three times for the erection of this building, but on each occasion those received were not satisfactory. Fresh tenders have now been invited, to be in on 2nd March.

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(9.) Travelling Expenses to Judges of the Supreme Court:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Judges of the Supreme Court are allowed ten guineas per day as travelling expenses, in addition to free railway passes over the railways?

Mr. Barton answered,—This expenditure is not as the Honorable Member seems to indicate; but I am informed by the Honorable the Minister of Justice that fuller information will be afforded if the Honorable Member will postpone his Question for a week.

(10.) “The Silver King”:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was an individual known as “The Silver King” tried and sentenced to four years’ imprisonment about two years since for fraud?

(2.) Was the said individual released from gaol last New Year’s Day, and appointed a Government overseer or clerk of works, in or near the Bourke district, at a salary of £400 a year or thereabouts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member’s Question, I am supplied with the following Answer from the Department of Justice:—Henry James Millett, *alias* Schofield (known also, as I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons, as “The Silver King”), was tried and convicted on the 20th June, 1890, for obtaining money by false pretences. He was sentenced to four years penal servitude, with leave to petition at the end of three years. A petition to His Excellency the Governor was received on 26th July, 1892, and after consideration of the case, the prisoner was ordered to be released on the 1st January, 1893, and was released accordingly. Careful inquiries have been made in my Department, and I cannot find that any such person is employed therein. I may also be permitted to state that I instructed the Under Secretary for Public Works this morning to make every inquiry in every branch of my Department to ascertain if such a person had been appointed, and this is the reply which has been given to me:—“With reference to the Question of the Honorable Member for Paddington, which appears on the Business Paper of this day, respecting a person known as the ‘Silver King,’ I have to report that in accordance with your directions, I have made careful inquiry in every branch of the Department respecting the matter, and am able to report that, so far as I can ascertain, there is not any such person employed.” After seeing the letter which the Honorable Member for Paddington had last night, I gave special instructions for inquiries to be made. I may also say that, fearing that this man might have entered the Department under some other name, I obtained his likeness this morning, and had that sent to the heads of the Department to ascertain if such a man was in the Department. As far as can be found out, there is no such man in the Department at the present time, but a man answering to the name of Henry James Millett was employed as an inspector of culverts or brickwork before he was convicted. He has never been employed since. This, I presume, is the man referred to.

2. HILLGROVE AND ARMIDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC 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 enable the ‘Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited),’ a Company registered in Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, to construct and maintain machinery, works, and other appliances for making, generating, and transmitting electricity and supplying the same to any city, town, mine, company, co-partnership, person, or persons whatsoever, within the county of Sandon, in the said Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*”

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 ‘Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited),’ a Company registered in Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, to construct and maintain machinery, works, and other appliances for making, generating, and transmitting electricity, and supplying the same to any city, town, mine, company, co-partnership, person, or persons whatsoever, within the county of Sandon, in the said Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd February, 1893.

3. GUNNEDAH SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kirkpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Gunnedah School of Arts Enabling 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. Suttor, Mr. Donald, Mr. Hart, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Collins, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, “That this Bill be now read a second time,” postponed until Tuesday next.

5. MENINDIE IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barbour moved “That” this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McCourt 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 referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Young, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Hayes, Mr. a’Beckett, Mr. O’Sullivan, and the Mover.”

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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.

Main Question,—

(1.) That the 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. Lyne, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Young, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Hayes, Mr. A'Beckett, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover,—put and passed.

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE 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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill postponed until Tuesday, 7th March.

8. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES REMUNERATION REDUCTION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trust Property Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

10. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the Order be postponed until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipal Wharves Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

12. DOG ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having read,—Mr. Morton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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

Bill read a second time.

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

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

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on
2nd February, 1893.*

13. PAPER:—Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Attorney-General in the case of *Regina v. Porter and others*, charged with conspiracy.
Ordered to be printed.

14. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Carruthers, referring to clause 18, subsection (e), submitted that as this part of the Bill provided for the imposition of a tax on an assessed annual value of improved land not actually yielding income, the Bill was out of order, the order of leave being for an Income Tax only.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection, and ruled that the clause referred to proposed to tax that which was not income.

On motion of Mr. See, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

15. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. See moved, That the Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means (No. 5), agreed to on the 16th instant, and on which the Income Tax Assessment Bill had been founded, be now read.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And the said Resolution (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, No. 66, entry 5*), read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

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(2.) Mr. See moved, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), for the creation of Taxation Districts, and for assessing and levying a Tax on Income within such Districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such Tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects. Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

16. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. See moved, that the report be now adopted. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Question put and passed.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1893, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1893.

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 George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1893*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 27th February, 1893.

- (2.) Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the Water Supply within the Municipality of Goulburn*,”—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, 27th February, 1893.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Schools Cadet Force:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What was the total strength of the Public Schools Cadet Force at the time of making up the latest returns in the year 1891?
(2.) What is now the total strength of that force; or, if the information to date is not available, then up to the latest returns?
(3.) What were the total enrolments of students in the various technical colleges and schools during the last quarter of 1891?
(4.) What are the enrolments in the same at the present time?
(5.) What was the increase in number of scholars enrolled in the public schools in 1891 over 1890; what percentage did that represent; the like with regard to average attendance?
(6.) Can he give the same information with regard to 1892?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The total strength of the Public Schools Cadet Force at the time of making up the latest returns in the year 1891 was 6,888.
(2.) The total strength of that force is now 6,221.
(3.) The total enrolment of students in the various technical colleges and schools during the last quarter of 1891 was 6,085.

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- (4.) The total enrolment of such students during the term ended 31st December, 1892, was 6,837.
 (5.) The enrolment of pupils in the public schools during the year 1890 was 195,241, and for 1891 205,673, the increase for 1891 being 10,432, or 5·3 per cent. The average attendance for 1890 was 116,665, and for 1891, 122,528, the increase being 5,863, or 5 per cent.
 (6.) Yes; similar information will be:—Enrolment for 1892, 210,641; increase, 4,968; percentage of increase, 2·4; average attendance for 1892, 132,580; increase, 10,052; percentage of increase, 8·2.

(2.) Imprisonment of Ellen James or Dyson:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a woman named Ellen James or Dyson, undergoing a sentence of three months imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol, and awaiting trial, was released on 8th instant, on an order of the Sheriff, who intimated to the gaol authorities that the Attorney-General had refused to proceed on the second charge?

(2.) Is it a fact that the woman having been so released was re-arrested without warrant by the Police, under instructions from the gaoler, and returned to gaol to complete the sentence she was undergoing when discharged?

(3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made with a view to discovering if similar errors have been made, and will he, if it has been done on former occasions under similar circumstances, give the prisoner the benefit of the gaoler's mistake and liberate her?

Mr. Slattery answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) A prisoner named Ellen James, alias Anne Dinan, was discharged from gaol on the evening of the 9th instant, upon an order from the Sheriff, the fact of her having been recently sentenced to three months imprisonment with light labour at the Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst upon another charge having been inadvertently overlooked.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The prisoner was illegally at large, and was returned to gaol to complete her sentence. I am not aware of any reason or precedent for mitigating a sentence under such circumstances; and, so far as I can ascertain, the course adopted in this case was that followed in a previous similar case.

(3.) Meat-freezing Works at Darling Harbour:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount of money that has been expended in the erection of meat-freezing works at Darling Harbour, and the revenue derived from the same?

(2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have a bonded store for farm produce erected at Darling Harbour, so that farmers in the interior may have similar advantages afforded them of storing their produce awaiting a favourable market that is afforded the pastoralists in the shape of the meat-freezing works?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Cost to date, £61,961 16s. 6d. Although the meat market has been erected for some years, it is only recently a revenue has been derived from it; last year the revenue derived was £491 17s. 3d., and a lease has been let which will give much better results.

(2.) Bonded stores for New South Wales farm produce would be unnecessary, as it is not subject to duty. The Railway Commissioners afford reasonable facility to the farming interest, but it is not desirable that free storage should be supplied.

(4.) Report of Commission *re* Weights and Measures:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that since the departmental inquiries *re* weights and measures certain tradespeople have refused to have weighing machines adjusted or pay fees for same?

(2.) In view of this, will he take immediate steps to amend the Act and protect the general public?

(3.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table and have printed the evidence taken by the Commission, together with their Report?

Mr. Slattery answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) It is assumed that the Honorable Member refers to a refusal of tradespeople to have certain machines adjusted by scalemakers and the payment of fees for same. The Department has no information upon the subject.

(2.) The question of amending the present law will receive attention when I am considering the Report of the Board of Inquiry recently appointed to investigate the administration of the Act now in force.

(3.) It will be necessary to communicate with the Government Departments affected by the Report, and obtain replies before the Report can be dealt with. When replies to these communications have been received, there will be no objection to laying the Report and evidence upon the Table of the House.

(5.) Leases held by the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the number and extent of the various mineral leases held by the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, and the North Cobar Mining Company?

(2.) What are the labour conditions affixed to each of such leases?

(3.) How many times have such labour conditions, or any of them, been suspended or otherwise abrogated, giving the dates, conditions, and reasons assigned for such in each case?

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- (4.) How long is it since these mines, or either of them, were in full work ?
 (5.) How long is it since either of them were worked at all ?
 (6.) Does he intend to refuse any further suspension of labour conditions on these leases, and rigidly enforce same, in view of the magnitude of the State interests involved ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Great Cobar Copper-mining Company have only one lease of 60 acres, but a balance of 560 acres is held by the Company under their mineral conditional purchases. North Cobar Mining Company hold no mineral leases, but four mineral conditional purchases, in all 200 acres.
 (2.) Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, four men for first year, six men for the remainder.
 (3.) Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, seven times : 10th October, 1889, three months ; 25th January, 1890, three months ; 24th April, 1890, six months ; 28th October, 1890, six months ; 30th April, 1891, six months ; 14th August, 1891, six months ; and 4th March, 1892, six months.
 (4 and 5.) Cannot say when work ceases. Nothing done as far as is known since the Great Cobar Mine was shut down in August, 1889. Several men worked for a short time last year, raising small parcel of ore for new method of treatment.
 (6.) Yes ; cancellation of the Great Cobar Company's lease is now under consideration.

- (6.) Missing Word Competitions :—*Mr. Molesworth asked the Attorney-General,—*
 (1.) Is he aware that " Missing Word Competitions " have been commenced in this city by certain newspapers ?
 (2.) Is he aware that on 13th December, 1892, Sir John Bridge, senior Police Magistrate at Bow-street, London, decided that such competitions were illegal, coming within the scope of the law against lotteries, and that on appeal the Magistrate's decision was upheld by the Court of Chancery on 9th February last ?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take such steps as may be recommended by the Crown Law Officers to repress these competitions ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I have to-day received a Report on this subject, which will be taken into consideration without delay.

- (7.) Men employed on Lismore to The Tweed Railway :—*Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—*
 (1.) Has he yet, as per promise made to Mr. Schey some weeks ago, called for a Report from the Government Labour Bureau, *in re* some forty-three men sent, passage paid, to the order of the contractors for the construction of the Lismore-Tweed railway ?
 (2.) If so, has he arrived at any conclusions on the matter ; and will he state the nature of them (if any).
 (3.) Has he given any instructions *re* the matter ; if so, will he say what and when ?
 (4.) Has he any objection to lay the said Report and any documents having relation to it upon the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have obtained a Report from the Superintendent of the Government Labour Bureau on the subject referred to by the Honorable Member; and will with pleasure presently lay a copy thereof upon the Table for the information of Honorable Members. A perusal will show that a further Report is to come to hand, and until that is before me I cannot say anything more on the matter.

- (8.) Pastures and Stock Protection Board, Singleton :—*Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Mines,—*
 (1.) Will he cause the Pastures and Stock Protection Board, Singleton, to give an answer to a petition from the residents of Wollombi, presented by him on the 19th December, 1891, asking that the residents may be registered under the Maitland Board, which was originally the case ?
 (2.) If the Board still refuses to comply with the request, or to furnish a reply, will he cause the transfer to be carried out at an early date ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The Singleton Board has already reported in favour of the request made by the petitioners. The Maitland Board has been repeatedly asked for an expression of opinion, but no definite answer can be obtained.
 (2.) If the Maitland Board fail to reply within a reasonable time (a reminder was sent on the 22nd instant), the matter will be dealt with.

- (9.) Special Trains :—*Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a Return of all the special trains granted by the Department to Members and their friends, with the names of occupants, since this Administration came into power ?*

Mr. See answered,—There will be no objection to supply this information if moved for in the usual way. It is not usual to grant specials to private Members, but special trains are occasionally run for the convenience of the Government.

- (10.) Timber used for repairing Bridge near Tabulam :—*Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—*

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of men are employed, on day-labour, repairing and redecking a bridge on the road to Tabulam, about 18 miles from Tenterfield ?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the sawn timber required for this work was brought from Sydney, a distance of 500 miles, at a cost of fully 100 per cent. over and above that at which the same kind and quality of timber could be delivered by local saw-mills ?

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(3.) Is it a fact that the same kind of timber, of equal quality to that sent from Sydney, is growing in the locality where the work is being done, and that a saw-mill is working within 9 miles of the spot, and situated among some of the finest hardwood timbers to be found in the Colony?

(4.) What reason does he assign for not utilising the local timber instead of sending it from Sydney?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is a fact that a bridge is being redecked in the district referred to by men employed as day labourers. It is also a fact that timber has been sent from Sydney to carry out repairs to this structure. It appears a contract was let for the year 1892 for the supply of timber to the Department, and the contractors claimed, for the first time, that under its provisions they were entitled to supply timber for any Government work within the limits of the Colony. I only became aware of this after the contract was let, or I should at once have prevented the carrying out of such arrangements. Under the contract for the current year provisions have been made which will effectually prevent any such occurrence in future.

(11.) Case of Ernest Blackstone:—Mr. Haynes asked the Attorney-General,—With respect to the case against one Ernest Blackstone, referred to under motion for adjournment on the 13th December, 1892, will he say whether he is prepared to prosecute the two constables concerned for perjury, or dismiss them from the Police Force; or will he call on them for an explanation of their actions in the case referred to?

Mr. Slattery answered,—An application was made during last month, to the Vacation Judge (Mr. Justice Foster) for an order for leave to institute proceedings for perjury against the two constables who arrested Blackstone and gave evidence against him. His Honor considered that the matter should be referred to the Judge who tried the case at Quarter Sessions, and the papers were therefore submitted to Judge Backhouse, who, for certain reasons stated by him, refused the application. The question as to whether, under these circumstances, and in view of the provisions of section 300 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1884, as to committals for perjury, any proceedings can be taken against the men, has now been submitted to me by the Minister of Justice, and it is a matter for serious consideration whether, in view of the facts above stated, any prosecution for perjury can be instituted. In any event, I cannot take any departmental action such as is indicated in the question put, for the Police Force is under the Ministerial control of the Colonial Secretary.

3. Dog ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. McCourt, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McCourt then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the ‘Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875.’*”

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 ‘Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875.’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th February, 1893.*

4. FORESTRY DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Dickens, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Report submitted in January last by Mr. J. Ednie Brown (late Director-General of Forests) to the Honorable the Minister for Mines, giving a summary of operations carried out by the Forestry Department during the year 1892.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Masters and Servants Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Tuesday next.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report by the Superintendent of the Government Labour Bureau, respecting Messrs. Wilcocks and Firth's railway contract at Murwillumbah.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 30th September, 1892.

(2.) Return respecting Ministerial Picnics.

(3.) Return of new appointments in the Treasury and Sub-Departments during the Administration of Sir Henry Parkes, from 8th March, 1889, to 22nd October, 1891—thirty-one months, and that of Sir George Dibbs, from 23rd October, 1891, to 22nd February, 1893—fifteen months.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Rates relating to Milparinka Well.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Government Labour Bureau for the year ended 18th February, 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

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7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL. (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. See presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill for the creation of Taxation Districts, and for assessing and levying a Tax on Income within such Districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such Tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,"—and moved that it be read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. See,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Daie,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dowcl,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Want,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Perry,	Tellers,
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cann.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Brunker,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gardiner.

Tellers,

Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cullen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

(2.) Mr. See then moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 62.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. See,	Mr. Sharp,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Black,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. Houghton,	Tellers,
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Chapman.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Gould,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cotton.

Tellers,

Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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8. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL.—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from George Ralph, of Church-street, Parramatta, stating that, in the opinion of the Petitioner, there is no necessity for this Bill, and praying the House to reject it.
Petition received.
9. PICTURESQUE ATLAS COMPANY.—Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from James H. Rainford, J.P., Chairman, J. H. Decent, Treasurer, and P. R. Holdsworth, Secretary, Executive Officers of the Picturesque Atlas Defence Association, praying that the said Mr. J. H. Decent, be permitted, personally or by Counsel, to watch, on behalf of the Committee, subscribers, and general public, the proceedings now pending before the Select Committee on the "Picturesque Atlas Company."
Petition received.
Mr. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
Question put and passed.
10. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND SUPPLY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould proceeded to move the second reading of this Bill.—
Point of Order:—Mr. Cullen submitted that it was not competent for Mr. Gould to move the second reading of this Bill, or Debate the Question, the House having ordered, on the 13th September last, that the Bill should be read a second time this day.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker ruled that Mr. Gould was quite justified, by the practice of the House of Commons, and this House, in treating the Order of the Day as if it had been postponed until now, to be dealt with anew.
Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been passed in the *negative*.
On motion of Mr. Gould, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
11. 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.
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 an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Allen (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Chapman submitted that this Bill related to Trade, and should therefore have originated in Committee of the Whole. It also, he considered, involved expenditure, and required a Message from the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker stated that he should like time to consult authorities on the point submitted.
Whereupon Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 28th March.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

13. POSTPONEMENT.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Income Tax Bill postponed until to-morrow.
14. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the Preamble, the Title, and Clauses 2, 5, 19, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 31."
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. Hutchinson moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words "and clause 32."
Question put and passed.
Mr. Gough moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 22."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Chapman moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 9."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Reid moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and a new clause to stand clause 34."
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Burdekin,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Want,
 Mr. Levien,
 Mr. Hoyle,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Jeanneret,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Gough,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Fuller,

Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Daingar,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Eddon,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Morgan,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Newman,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Rose,
 Mr. Dawson.
Tellers,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Chapman.

Noes, 27.

Sir George Dibbs,
 Mr. Barton,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Willis,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. See,
 Mr. Copland,
 Mr. Wright,
 Mr. Manning,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Colls,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Waddell,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kidd moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 15."

Question put and passed.

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 the Preamble, the Title, and Clauses 2, 5, 9, 15, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, and new clause to stand clause 34,—put and passed.

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

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Steamers used for Ministerial Picnics:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is any record kept of the services rendered by Government steamers within the harbour of Port Jackson other than that immediately connected with the Public Service?
 (2.) What Government steamers have been employed, during 1892, conveying picnic parties composed of Ministers or Members of Parliament or their friends?
 (3.) Was any charge made for the services of such steamers; and, if so, what?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be furnished in the course of a few days, in the shape of a Return.

- (2.) Bonuses to Principal Officers of the Statistician's Department:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that bonuses of £200 and £100 have been given to four of the principal officers of the Statistician's Department?
 (2.) Is it a fact that while these bonuses were being paid to officials already highly paid, a number of officers who had assisted in the work for which the bonuses were paid were discharged on the ground that there were no funds wherewith to pay them?
 (3.) What are the salaries of the officers who received the bonuses, and what were the bonuses to each?
 (4.) What was the average salary of the officers who were discharged, and does he intend a bonus dividend or other recompense to them?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government Statistician:—The only persons discharged from the Statistician's office were the temporary officers employed in the collection and tabulation of the census. These officers were taken on for a temporary purpose, and were discharged when the work was so far completed as to admit of their services being conveniently dispensed with, only those were retained who were absolutely necessary in order to prepare the tabulation for the printer. It does not follow, as the Question would imply, that because a person once contrives to secure work in a Government office, that he is entitled to be permanently retained. The temporary officers were paid at various rates—some by piece-work, and some by the day. To ascertain the average remuneration is a work of some labour, but a Return will be furnished giving the information, as well as the allowances made to the permanent officers who supervised the details of the taking and tabulation of the census.

- (3.) Deaths from Snake-bites:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) In view of the large number of deaths occurring every year from snake-bites, will the Government see that steps are taken to have a complete set of life-size drawings made from preserved specimens in the Museum (chromo-lithographs) of the various snakes found in New South Wales, distinguishing the venomous from non-venomous, with a short description of each, for educational purposes, and will he cause a copy of the same to be given to each School of Arts and Public School in the Colony?
 (2.) Will he obtain from the Medical Adviser to the Government an opinion as to whether from the want of such knowledge persons have died after the bites of harmless snakes from fear?
 (3.) Will he also obtain an opinion that such deaths could possibly, under the circumstances, occur from fear, or from the use of remedies, and not from the alleged effect of snake poison?
 (4.) Will he also see that steps are taken with the view of proving in the lower animals the efficacy or non-efficacy of strychnine and other remedies as alleged cures and antidotes for snake poison or bites?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—

- (1.) The Trustees of the Australian Museum have the matter in hand.
- (2 and 3.) It is possible that the depressing effects of fear might aggravate a case which, in other circumstances, might not be fatal, but it is unlikely that the effect of fear in a hitherto healthy person would of itself be fatal. There is good reason for believing that the treatment of snake-bite by certain remedies has proved disastrous.
- (4.) The physiological action of the venom of the Australian snakes is under investigation in the Physiological Laboratory of the University by the Demonstrator of Physiology, Dr. C. J. Martin, and I understand that the British Medical Association (Sydney Branch) is likely to aid by granting a sum of money in completing the research, which in any case will be pushed on with all possible speed.

(4.) Interest on Sale of Crown Lands:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Referring to the comparative statement published on the 3rd January last in *Gazette* No. 1, how much of the sum £706,107 6s. 6d. was collected as interest?
- (2.) Was the sum £95,931 16s. 2d. received as interest on land conditionally purchased, exclusive of the sum collected as interest in the first question?
- (3.) What is the reason that the interest on the sale of land is not all shown under the one heading?
- (4.) What was the total amount received for 1892 as interest on the sale of Crown lands?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) It was decided, at the suggestion of the Lands Department, that the labour of dividing the instalments of 1s. per acre into principal and interest being so great, and there being no absolute necessity for it, nor yet legal enactment requiring it, such division from the 1st January, 1885, should be discontinued, and that in future the moneys should be credited to a new head, to be called "Instalments, inclusive of Interest." Under these circumstances the amount of interest included in the £706,107 6s. 6d. cannot be given.
- (2.) Yes; the amount represents interest paid by conditional purchasers under 1861 Act, whose balances are not being liquidated by annual instalments.
- (3 and 4.) Answered by No. 1.

(5.) Office of Director-General of Forests:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he inform the House whether the Government has any intention of reconsidering the abolition of the office of Director-General of Forests?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not contemplated to reconsider the abolition of the office of Director-General of Forests.

(6.) Disease known as Phylloxera:—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What number of acres of grape vines have been destroyed in this Colony because of the disease known as phylloxera?
- (2.) At what cost?
- (3.) What compensation has been given to owners and occupiers of vineyards so destroyed?
- (4.) What amount has been paid to inspectors and other officers charged with the duty of looking after phylloxera?
- (5.) What amount, if any, has been paid by this Colony for the destruction of phylloxera in Victoria?
- (6.) Has Victoria contributed anything towards the eradication of this disease here; if so, how much?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table giving the information.

(7.) The Hessian Fly:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the *Canterbury Times* of 2nd February, 1893, published in New Zealand, sets forth that the Hessian fly is ravaging the crops in parts of New Zealand?
- (2.) If so, will he take precautions against imported produce introducing the pest into this Colony?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) There is at present no power to prevent the importation of produce from New Zealand.

(8.) Easter Encampment:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—As the Government do not intend that the Easter encampment should be held, is it their intention to create additional regimental work to enable the members of the Partially-paid Volunteer Force to earn the £12 per annum as allotted by regulations?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The ordinary Easter encampment will not be held this year, but a mobilisation of the troops will be ordered for exercise in the latest system of attack and defence, by which the special training required for efficient will be secured.

(9.) Cooma Post Office:—Mr. Dawson asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that tenders for the painting and renovating of the Cooma Post Office have been accepted some months?
- (2.) If so, when will the contractors be asked to proceed with the work?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) No tender has been accepted for painting and renovating this office and the work cannot be proceeded with until funds are available.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.

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- (10.) Refund of Parliamentary Allowance:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Have any Members voluntarily refunded 5 per cent. of their Parliamentary allowances, in accordance with the Resolution unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly in January last?
 (2.) If so, what are their names?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes; one Member.
 (2.) Mr. Thomas Rose.

- (11.) Diphtheria Hospital at the Glebe:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any money been paid on account of the rental of a building in the Glebe for a diphtheria hospital; if not, will he withhold the payment of such money until it is voted on the Estimates?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No amount has yet been paid, but a sum of money is now on the Estimates for the rent of a building in the Glebe for a diphtheria hospital. I may point out that grants have been made for similar purposes throughout the Colony.

- (12.) Explosion at Broken Hill:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers in connection with the late explosion at Broken Hill, and any documents or reports in his possession dealing with the question of the danger of rackarock as an explosive?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No.

- (13.) Stock-Inspector Brett:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What action does he intend to take in regard to a petition presented asking that Stock-Inspector Brett be not removed from Urana?
 (2.) Is it a fact that a large number of stock-owners will be greatly inconvenienced if the proposed removal is carried out?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The matter is now under consideration, and it is likely that a decision will be arrived at shortly.
 (2.) It may be that some stock-owners in the district may be inconvenienced, but the majority will be benefited, while the Inspector stationed at Jerilderie will also be in a better position to supervise a considerable drift of stock from other districts not now seen by any other Inspector before leaving the Colony.

- (14.) Appointment of Mr. Brown as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Armidale:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has a Mr. Brown been appointed Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Armidale?
 (2.) What is his length of service?
 (3.) Is it his intention to make his appointment permanent?
 (4.) Are there officers who have longer service and stronger claims to this position?
 (5.) What salary is Mr. Brown receiving?
 (6.) If he retires, will he be entitled to a pension?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) Mr. Walterus Brown was employed to relieve the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Armidale from 5th July till 21st December last.
 (2.) Mr. Brown has been occasionally employed as a relieving officer, when the permanent relieving officers of the Department were engaged otherwise, since November, 1888.
 (3 and 4.) The position of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Armidale is not vacant.
 (5.) Mr. Brown, while at Armidale, received salary at the rate of £325 per annum.
 (6.) Mr. Brown's casual employment as a relieving officer does not entitle him to a pension.

- (15.) Appointment of Mr. Byrnes as Acting Police Magistrate at Brewarrina:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has a Mr. Byrnes been appointed Acting Police Magistrate at Brewarrina?
 (2.) What length of service has he?
 (3.) Is it his intention to make his appointment permanent?
 (4.) Are there a number of men who have stronger claims than Mr. Byrnes, owing to length of service?
 (5.) What salary is Mr. Byrnes receiving?
 (6.) If he retires will he be entitled to a pension?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1, 2, 3, and 4.) I would refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given to a Question upon this subject on 7th September last, in which the reasons for making this temporary appointment were fully stated.
 (5.) £400 per annum.
 (6.) No.

- (16.) Revenue received from Customs and Excise:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What was the amount of revenue received from Customs and Excise for the months of January and February, 1893, respectively?
 (2.) The like information for January and February, 1892?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Customs—January, 1893, £176,902 12s. 8d.; February, £184,664 1s. 4d. Excise—January, £25,471 12s. 1d.; February, £21,426 19s. 11d.
 (2.) Customs—January, 1892, £220,812 17s. 7d.; February, £227,247 5s. 3d. Excise—January, £24,808 2s.; February, £26,451 13s. 5d.

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(17.) Public Schools at Angledool and Collarendabri:—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Were tenders called for the erection of a new public school at Angledool?
- (2.) If so, were any tenders received, and what were the amounts respectively?
- (3.) Have tenders again been called for; and, if so, when will they be considered?
- (4.) The same information with reference to the proposed new school-house at Collarendabri?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. In May, 1892, one tender was received, the amount being £311 12s. In July, 1892, four tenders were received, the amounts being £475 10s., £430, £425 10s. 6d., and £311 12s.; and in October, 1892, three tenders, the amounts being £370, £315, and £311 12s., respectively.

(3.) Yes; fresh tenders are due to-morrow, the 2nd March.

(4.) Tenders were invited for the erection of a new school building at Collarendabri on the 16th May, 1892, but none were received. Fresh tenders were invited on the 2nd February for a public school and teacher's residence, to be in on the 2nd instant.

(18.) Applicants applying for Land Settlement in the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions:—

Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to Dr. Ross's Question, No. 9, of the 22nd February, will he state the number of applications there are at present in the books of his office from applicants desirous of securing land by selection and auction and improvement purchases in the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions respectively; and the total number of acres applied for in each?

Mr. Slattery answered,—During the year 1892 letters were received from 145 persons making inquiries respecting land open to selection. The further information, which it is understood is desired by the Honorable Member, will be supplied in the annual Report of the Department for 1892, now in course of preparation, and shortly to be laid before Parliament.

(19.) Census Returns for 1892:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of unmarried men, including widowers, over 21 years of age, were computed to be within the Colony of New South Wales when the last census was compiled?
- (2.) The same as regards married men?
- (3.) The same as regards unmarried men, including widowers, and married men over the age of 25?
- (4.) How many names were registered on the electoral rolls of the Colony when the last census was compiled?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government Statistician:—

- (1.) 158,718.
- (2.) 166,241.
- (3.) Unmarried, 118,693; married, 159,722.
- (4.) 305,456.

(20.) Chief Commissioner for Railways:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Chief Commissioner for Railways is again absent from the Colony on leave for the alleged benefit of his health?
- (2.) Will any stoppage from his salary be made for the period of such leave?
- (3.) If not, will the Treasurer endeavour to arrange that all other Government servants be paid in full for all time lost from official duty while seeking restoration of health?
- (4.) Is it a fact that another of the Railway Commissioners, Mr. Oliver, is also away on leave with Mr. Eddy.
- (5.) Will he ascertain if it is a fact that there is frequently only one Railway Commissioner in Sydney to attend to Departmental business; also if any urgency exists for radical retrenchment in Public Service expenditure, and, if so, whether, in view of the large annual saving which might thereby be effected, will he discuss with the Cabinet the advisability of so amending the Railway Act as to dispense with two of the present Board of Commissioners?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Reasonable leave is always granted on full salary to officers of the Service when necessary through ill-health.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The Railway administration is entirely in the hands of the Commissioners under the Railway Act, and can only be altered by Parliament.

(21.) Floods in the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that conditional purchasers and leaseholders in the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers Districts have been considerable losers owing to continuous floods?
- (2.) If so, will he take steps in the direction of extending the time for payment of interest, instalment, and rents?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware, except from the reports in the public press.
- (2.) Each case of individual hardship will be dealt with on its merits.

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- (22.) Governor of the Colony :—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Does the newly-appointed Governor, Mr. R. W. Duff, receive his salary from the Colony from the date of his appointment, or from the date of his arrival in the Colony?
 (2.) Will the Acting-Governor, Sir Frederick Darley, receive the salary voted for the Governor, in addition to that of Chief Justice?
 (3.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the Acting-Governor of Victoria, Dr. Madden, is only in receipt of his salary as Chief Justice during the absence of the Governor from that Colony?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) He is entitled to half salary from the day he leaves England for this Colony, and full salary from the day he is sworn in as Governor.
 (2.) He is entitled to the full salary of the Governor from the day he is sworn in as Administrator of the Government until the day the new Governor leaves England for this Colony, and half salary from that date until the new Governor is sworn in. He is entitled to the full salary as Chief Justice in addition.
 (3.) I do not think this is a matter which concerns this Government.

- (23.) Mr. Poole, Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 Relative to the case of the officer Poole, on the mining-field at Dalmorton, whom the Minister, in consequence of his meddling in mining transactions, held should be removed from the Service, will he now direct an inquiry, on oath, as to the officer's conduct in the matter of mining business on the field?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The necessary steps are being taken to appoint Mr. Warden Clarke a Commission to inquire into the matter on oath.

2. SUNDAY CLOSING 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 secure the more effectual closing of public-houses on Sundays during prohibited hours.
 Question put and passed.

3. TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of travelling expenses and allowances paid to each officer in the Civil Service for the year 1892.
 Question put and passed.

4. 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, 1st March, 1893.*

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trust Property Act Amendment Bill postponed until Thursday, 16th March.

6. PAPERS :—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order made on 9th February, 1893,—“Mr. Benjamin Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate.”
 (2.) Report by the Chief Inspector of Stock of New South Wales on Stock-breeding and fattening in New Zealand.
 Ordered to be printed.

7. LEE AND BRAID SETTLEMENT BILL :—Mr. Waddell, 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 14th February, 1893; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday, 30th March.
 Question put and passed.

8. CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN :—Mr. Holborow 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 connected with Calaghan's conditional purchase, 81-51, Braidwood, and 83-246 and 84-30, Queanbeyan, recommended for forfeiture.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Colls, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. McCourt, Dr. Ross, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Rose, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the same subject, during the Session of 1890, be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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9. APPOINTMENT OF MR. J. L. PARSONS AND OTHERS:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, &c., in connection with the appointment of J. L. Parsons to write a pamphlet on the resources of the Western Districts.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and also all correspondence, &c., in connection with all appointments referring to or connected with the Chicago Exhibition."

Point of Order:—Mr. Langwell requested Mr. Speaker to rule as to the relevancy of this amendment, and submitted that as the original motion did not refer in express terms to the Chicago Exhibition the amendment was out of order.

Mr. Speaker stated that the proposed amendment was not relevant, and could not be put.

Mr. Traill moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and with all other appointments constituting a charge upon the same vote out of which it is proposed to pay Mr. Parsons, including the appointment of Mr. James Martin, M.P."

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Want raised the objection that this amendment was irrelevant to the notice, and the House was therefore taken by surprise in being called upon to consider the subject introduced by the amendment.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was relevant, and in order.

Debate continued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Want submitted that Mr. Traill's proposed amendment anticipated the consideration of Mr. Wright's Notice of Motion for papers in connection with the appointment of Mr. James Martin, M.P., to a position in connection with the Chicago Exhibition.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker decided that the latter portion of the amendment was open to the objection taken, and, with the consent of the Mover, he struck out that portion.

Debate continued.

The Honorable Member, Mr. Tonkin, having several times interrupted the Debate by making interjections, he was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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

Question, as amended,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, &c., in connection with the appointment of J. L. Parsons to write a pamphlet on the resources of the Western Districts, and with all other appointments constituting a charge upon the same vote out of which it is proposed to pay Mr. Parsons,—put and passed.

10. SPECIAL AREAS OF CROWN LANDS:—Mr. Cruickshank proceeding to move the Notice of Motion on this subject standing in his name,—

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

11. PAPER:—Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 5th October, 1892,—“Government Fees to Barristers.” Ordered to be printed.

12. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved “That” this Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Neild 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 “this House is of opinion that the present Parliament should be dissolved, and the constituencies appealed to before the Income Tax Assessment Bill, or any other measure proposing additional taxation is further proceeded with.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Barton,
Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Rose,

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. York.
Tellers,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Newton.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Newman,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Durnley,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. G. J. Clark,
Mr. Bavister.

Tellers,

Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH, 1893, A.M.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Alfred Allen,

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. York,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook.
Tellers,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Newman,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Want,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dangar.

Tellers,

Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Parkes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. See then moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Neild 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 Income Tax Assessment Bill of 1893 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. See, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Manning, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Cotton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hayes, and the Mover."

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.

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

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

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m.
This Day.F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Travelling Expenses allowed to Judges of the Supreme Court :—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Judges of the Supreme Court are allowed ten guineas per day as travelling expenses, in addition to free railway passes over the railways ?

Mr. Barton answered,—Broadly speaking, the Answer would be in the negative ; but if the Honorable Member will put the Question again on Tuesday I shall then be able to give him further information.

- (2.) Flood-gates at Entrance to Lake Cudgelico :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have been taken (if any) to repair the embankment and flood-gates at the entrance to Lake Cudgelico ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have given instructions for this work to be carried out without delay.

- (3.) Locomotives for the Colony :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did he send the letter recently written by Messrs. Neilson & Co. to *The Engineer*, and containing certain allegations concerning the supply of locomotives for this Colony, to the Railway Commissioners, with a request for any reply or comments thereon ?

- (2.) Was any reply or comment furnished by the Commissioners ?

(3.) Did he consider such reply to be satisfactory ?

(4.) Did he refer the matter back to them with a request for any further reply or explanation ?

(5.) Was any such further document furnished ?

(6.) Is he entirely satisfied now with the reply given ?

(7.) Will he lay the correspondence, &c, upon the Table for the information of Honorable Members ?

Mr. See answered,—I will lay the correspondence upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (4.) Improvements to Entrance of the Brunswick River :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a Report yet been obtained (as promised last year to a deputation from the Brunswick) as to the advisability of improving the entrance to the Brunswick River ?

- (2.) If not, when will it be ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Report has been received and is now being dealt with, but I have not all the data before me to enable me to come to a final decision.

- (5.) Contractor for Furniture supplied by Colonial Architect :—Mr. Hoyle asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who is the contractor for the supply of furniture under the control of the Colonial Architect ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the contractor was not able to carry out the contract, and has sublet the same ?

(3.) Is it a fact that the persons to whom the contract has been sublet are getting the work done by Chinamen ?

(4.) Will he put a stop to this practice ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No contract has yet been let for the supply of furniture for this year, and before a tender is accepted I shall make strict inquiries in view of the suggestions contained in these Questions.

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(6.) Storage of Wheat:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that a ring of flour merchants have controlled the New South Wales wheat market this year?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of permitting wheat-growers to erect on Government land, adjacent to railway transit, galvanised iron sheds for storing wheat in the early part of the season?

(3.) Is he aware that a similar policy is pursued in Victoria?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I am not aware; but I will cause inquiry to be made.

(7.) Men discharged from the Dredge Service:—*Mr. Cook*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men have been discharged from the Dredge Service, for retrenchment purposes, since December last?

(2.) Have these men been compensated in any way for loss of employment, by notice, or otherwise?

(3.) Will he ascertain how many superior officers in the Government Service have been given six months leave of absence on pay, pending their retirement?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Ninety-five.

(2.) No; I should point out that these men were only temporary hands, taken on for working some of the dredges and tugs in two and three shifts. The necessity for this course having ceased, the men were paid off. None of them were in the employ of the Department for three years.

(3.) It has been the practice, in some cases, where officers have been a great number of years in the Service, to give them leave of absence on full pay before retirement, but it will take some time to obtain the information.

(8.) Contractor for Government Furniture:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The name of the contractor for the Government furniture?

(2.) Is it a fact that some of the work is sublet, and made by Chinese?

(3.) If so, will he see that the work is done by Europeans?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have to refer the Honorable Member to the Answer to a somewhat similar Question given by me to one of his colleagues in reply to Question No. 5 of this day.

(9.) Case of William Spicer's Conditional Purchase in the Queanbeyan District:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he inquire as to the case of William Spicer, a conditional purchaser in the Queanbeyan District, whose appeal to the Land Court was recently dismissed, for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is desirable, in the interests of the Crown and bona-fide selectors, to obtain Reports from the Local Land Board and Inspector of Conditional Purchases, and also of determining whether further proceedings should not be instituted against the said William Spicer?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I shall be glad to direct any necessary inquiry to be made, if the Honorable Member will be good enough to furnish such information as will enable the case to be identified in the Department.

(10.) Proposed Railway from The Rock to The Murray Hut:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to submit the proposed railway from The Rock to The Murray Hut to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible for me to give a definite Answer to this Question at the present moment, but the Honorable Member is probably aware that, in reply to a deputation which he introduced to me some time ago in reference to this subject, I promised that this proposal would be submitted to the Cabinet with others when the Railway policy of the Government was being considered. I can only repeat that promise now, but cannot, as before intimated, fix any date at the present moment.

(11.) Alleged Appointment of Mr. Sharp in Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have the junior officers of the Telegraph Department or any branch thereof been reduced in pay on the score of Governmental retrenchment?

(2.) Has the son of Mr. Sharp, M.L.A., just been appointed to a place in the Department superior to that occupied by the youths already in the Service, and whose salaries have, as alleged, been reduced?

(3.) What were the special qualifications (if any) of Mr. Sharp's son, and was he of known superior merit to the youths in the Department awaiting promotion?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) No; but I may add for the Honorable Member's information that a son of Mr. Sharp has been admitted, on probation, to the mechanical branch of the Telephone Office, without pay.

(12.) Contractors for Bridge at Pioneer Crossing, Moree:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who were the original contractors for bridge at Pioneer Crossing, Moree?

(2.) When was the contract signed?

(3.) At what date was the time for completion of present contract, including any extension?

(4.) Have any sums detained as fines been remitted?

(5.) By last report, when is the bridge likely to be available for use by the public?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) Henry Bevan, whose tender was accepted on 20th November, 1888, and bond signed on 15th December of same year.

(3.) The original contract was cancelled and the work subsequently let to T. Casey to be completed on 10th December, 1891.

(4.) Yes ; the sum of £150, pending the final completion of the contract.

(5.) Early in May next.

(13.) Deficit at Close of Year 1892 :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,— What is the amount of the deficiency in the revenue at present ascertained at the close of the year 1892?

Mr. See answered,—The information will presently be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(14.) Income Tax, and Tax on Land Value Bills :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the late Government of Sir Henry Parkes prepared and left in the Treasury Department two Draft Bills—Income Tax, and Tax on Land Values ; if so, what were the main principles and taxing provisions of such Bills ?

(2.) Was such Draft Income Tax Bill similar in character to the one now before Parliament ; and will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of such Bills ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed that one Draft Bill was prepared. I understand it embraced an Income Tax as well as a Tax on Land Values.

(2.) As I have not seen the Draft Bill referred to, I am unable to say what provisions it contains. The Bill not having been introduced, in my judgment it would be irregular to lay it upon the Table.

(15.) Amounts raised by Loans during 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892 :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What were the amounts raised by way of loans during the years 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892 respectively ?

(2.) How much of such loan moneys were expended during each of the years mentioned on railways and other reproductive works ; and were any of such loan moneys expended on works other than reproductive ; if so, what was the kind and character of such works ?

(3.) What was the number of persons employed in the Government Service in each of the above-mentioned years, and the total amount of salaries paid each year to the persons so employed ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) 1889, £3,526,210 8s. 2d. ; 1890, nil ; 1891, £4,211,015 14s. 7d. ; 1892, £3,227,856 10s. 3d., exclusive of £250,000, being advances by Savings Bank renewed by Treasury Bills.

(2.) The detailed information in respect of the years 1889 to 1891 is given in the Public Accounts for those years. The information for 1892 will be found on page 32 of the Abstracts of Revenue and Receipts published in *Gazette* of 3rd January, 1893.

(3.) The preparation of this information will involve much labour and time, but can be furnished in the shape of a Return, if moved for by the Honorable Member in the usual way.

(16.) Retrenchment Proposals in Public Works Department :—*Mr. Hoyle* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the proposed reduction to be made in connection with the Public Works Department owing to the retrenchment proposals for the year 1893, what reductions does he intend to make in the professional staff of the following Departments :—(a) Harbours and Rivers ; (b) Colonial Architect's ; (c) Roads and Bridges ?

(2.) Is it a fact that an Assistant Engineer has been appointed to the Supervising Engineer of the Roads and Bridges Department, Metropolitan Division ?

(3.) If so, does he consider this appointment necessary ?

(4.) Is it his intention to abolish the position of Supervising Engineer and Assistant Engineer, and transfer the duties to the Deputy Commissioner for Roads and Bridges ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question of further retrenchment in my Department is at the present moment being considered. No new Assistant Engineer has been appointed to the Metropolitan Division ; one was taken in from the country to take the place of another sent out.

(17.) Lands Resumed in February, 1892 :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. McMillan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that in cases of resumptions gazetted as far back as February, 1892, the Government up to the present time have not made any offer to persons interested in such resumptions ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There are a few cases which have not yet been dealt with, owing to certain difficulties which have arisen in connection with the investigation of the titles. These, I understand, have now been overcome, and the claims will be dealt with immediately.

2. APPOINTMENT OF MR. MARTIN, M.P., TO POSITION IN CONNECTION WITH CHICAGO EXHIBITION (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Wright* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., in connection with the appointment of Mr. James Martin, one of the Members of this House, to a position in connection with the Chicago Exhibition, and also information as to what sum of money (if any) has been paid to Mr. Martin, and when payment of the same was made.

Question put and passed.

3. FOREIGNERS EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Hoyle* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of foreigners employed in the Public Works Department.

(2.) The occupation of each.

(3.) The salary and length of service of each.

(4.) The number that are naturalised British subjects.

Question put and passed.

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4. ART UNIONS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of art unions held within the Colony during 1892; date of holding same; if sanctioned by the Attorney-General; the object for which such art union was held; and the special branch of art intended to be promoted.
 (2.) The same information for January and February, of 1893.
 Question put and passed.
5. CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN :—Mr. Holborow, 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 1st March, 1893.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. PAPER :—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amount of the deficiency in the Revenue at the close of the year 1892.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
 And the Question being again proposed,—
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Frank Farnell
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Mr. Jeanneret,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. Willis.

Tellers,

Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Barton,
 Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Traill,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Wright,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
 Mr. Donnelly,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Bavister,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Barnes,

Tellers,
 Mr. Gough,
 Mr. Cann.

And so it passed in the negative.
 On motion of Mr. Garrard, the Order of the Day was discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next :—
 (1.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Racing Association Bill; second reading.
9. LIQUOR LICENSING LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dangar 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 so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Lync,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Levien,
 Mr. Barton,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Gillics,
 Mr. Wal,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Miller,

Tellers,

Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Donald,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Bavister,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Williams,
 Mr. Donnelly,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Mr. McGowen,

Noes, 7.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Hutchinson.
 Tellers,
 Mr. Hoyle,
 Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

10. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH, 1893, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at a quarter past Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fines inflicted at the Police Courts:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Are persons paying fines inflicted at the Police Courts entitled to any receipt for same on payment?
 (2.) As a matter of practice are such receipts usually given?
 (3.) If demanded by the payer of any such fine, is the clerk who receives same justified in refusing to give any receipt or acknowledgment?
 (4.) If no receipt is given, what check is placed on the clerks to ensure that all moneys received are duly paid into the Consolidated Revenue?
 (5.) If no receipt is given, what guarantee has the payer of any fine that same may not be again demanded of him through the dishonesty, or even lapse of memory, of any person receiving same?
 (6.) If not already a regulation, will he give instructions that all fines, &c., shall be acknowledged by means of properly printed and progressively numbered receipts?

Mr. Barton answered.—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that in order to obtain the information necessary to enable him to reply to this Question, reference will have to be made to several of the country Police Offices, and he would, therefore, feel obliged if the Honorable Member would postpone this Question for a week.

- (2.) Case of Messrs. Crick, Willis, and Hutchison, M's.P., v. Ferguson:—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) With respect to the arrest of the defendant, Mr. Ferguson, in the matter of the alleged criminal libel against Mr. Crick and Mr. Willis, Members of the Legislative Assembly, will he state, in specifying this class of indictable offences, whether warrants for arrest have customarily been issued; if so, in what and how many cases have arrests been thus ordered during the last five years?
 (2.) Was the warrant in this case applied for by Mr. Crick, M.L.A., in person; and was it refused until the prosecutor insisted on the issue thereof on the ground that he knew the defendant, Mr. Ferguson, was about to abscond?
 (3.) Did the Magistrate demand an affidavit from the prosecutor to the effect that he knew defendant was about to abscond?
 (4.) Why was the warrant given to Sydney detectives to execute?
 (5.) Will he cause instructions to be issued notifying Magistrates against the issue of warrants without the amplest testimony that an attempt is to be made to abscond from justice?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) (a) If it is represented that the accused is about to abscond, it is customary to issue a warrant; (b) there have only been two other cases of criminal libel at this Court during the last five years, viz., Eddy against Reseigh Martin and Cohen, and in those cases a summons was issued, no representation being made as to their absconding.
 (2.) The warrant was applied for by Mr. Crick in person; it was suggested that a summons might ensure the presence of the accused, but on Mr. Crick's representation that he had reasonable cause to believe that accused was about to abscond, and at his request, a warrant was issued.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) The warrant was handed in the usual course to the Police officer in charge of the Court, and by him conveyed to the Superintendent of Police, who, no doubt, will be able to explain why it was given to Sydney detectives to execute.
 (5.) The circumstances under which warrants are to issue must be left to the judicial discretion of Magistrates. This discretion is exercised on well known principles, and I do not think it necessary or expedient to issue any such instructions:

(3.)

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- (3.) South Sydney Election:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Will he lay upon the Table a list of the presiding officers and poll clerks engaged for the late South Sydney election?
 (2.) Were any of such appointees servants of the Government; if so, which, and in what Departments are they employed?
 (3.) What fees were paid to such Government servants (if any), and were the salaries of same subjected to any deduction while engaged in their electoral employment?
 (4.) Is it a fact that well-known business men, and presumably of good standing, were appointed to such positions?
 (5.) Will he frame such instructions as will secure, so far as possible, that in future cases such appointments shall be given to persons who may then be out of other employment?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a statement by the Returning Officer embodying the information required.

- (4.) Employment of Mr. George Anderson in Treasury Department:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Bowes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is there a person named George Anderson employed in his Department?
 (2.) If so, when was he appointed; to what position; and at what rate of payment?
 (3.) On whose recommendation was he appointed?
 (4.) Has he lately been reduced in position, grade, or pay; and how many times?
 (5.) If so, which, and to what positions or amounts, and what was the reason for such reductions, if any?
 (6.) Was he a Freetrade candidate at the last General Election?
 (7.) Is it known whether or no he is to be a candidate of the Freetrade and National Associations at the next General Election?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) 19th September, 1892; extra tide-waiter; 10s. 6d. per diem when employed.
 (3.) Mr. W. Stephen.
 (4 & 5.) No; but Custom House work is slack, and he will not be as frequently employed as hitherto.
 (6.) I understand that he was a candidate.
 (7.) I am not aware.

- (5.) Travelling Expenses allowed to Judges of the Supreme Court:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Judges of the Supreme Court are allowed ten guineas per day as travelling expenses, in addition to free railway passes over the railways?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that travelling allowances are not made to the Supreme Court Judges as per day, for many years past, and long before any of the present occupants of the Bench assumed office, a certain fixed sum has been allowed for each circuit town. There are fifteen circuit towns and the total amount allowed is £2,330. This sum must cover the expenses of the Judge, his Associate (who also acts as Clerk of Arraigns), and his Tipstaff, no matter how long the circuit may last. The Judges have free railway passes.

- (6.) Estates resumed by the Parkes Ministry:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What landed estates were resumed by the Parkes Ministry during their late tenure of office?
 (2.) What amount of money has already been paid for the same?
 (3.) What amount has yet to be paid?
 (4.) What loss (if any) is involved by the purchases of the said estates, computing purchase money to be worth 4 per cent?
 (5.) Who were the Government valuers in the various transactions?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return to embrace the information required, I will endeavour to supply it.

- (7.) Nurses employed at Coast Hospital, Little Bay:—Mr. Schey, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the nurses employed at the Little Bay Coast Hospital, who attend to cases of scarlet fever and other maladies which children are subject to, are quarantined for a period of three months, and are not allowed whilst attending to such cases to go outside the ward?
 (2.) Is it a fact that such nurses are not allowed whilst so quarantined to converse with their relations or friends other than at a distance of several yards?
 (3.) Is it a fact that nurses who attend similar cases at the Children's Hospital suffer no such restrictions?
 (4.) Will he relax these stringent conditions?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—

- (1.) They are not allowed to go outside the wards while attending certain infectious diseases, but they are not compelled to take this duty for any lengthened period. Nurses frequently request as a favour to be allowed to stay longer, owing to the markedly lighter work and the higher rate of pay allowed whilst on this duty.

- (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Scarlet fever and such infectious diseases are not treated at the Children's Hospital. Should any such cases be from any cause admitted, or should they arise within the Hospital, they are immediately transferred to the Coast Hospital.
 (4.) It does not appear desirable to relax these beneficial though stringent conditions.

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(8.) Mr. Green, Department of Justice:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is there an official in the Justice Department named Mr. Green?
- (2.) Is it a fact that though his salary is set down as £400 per year, he was paid £500?
- (3.) Why was the extra £100 paid to Mr. Green?
- (4.) Out of what fund was the £100 paid?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Yes; Mr. Green is Accountant in the Ministerial Branch of the Department.

(2.) Mr. Green's salary was placed on the Estimates for last year at £400. He was paid at the rate of £500 per annum. This year his salary is placed on the Estimates at £485 per annum, being £500 less the 5 per cent. reduction.

(3.) A system was inaugurated last year, under which the expenditure accounts of the Sub-departments of Justice were required to pass through the office of the Accountant of the Ministerial Branch, for the purpose of being recorded, examined, and transmitted to the Treasury. In view of the additional work cast upon Mr. Green, and the large saving which will result from such supervision, the additional remuneration paid to Mr. Green is more than justified.

(4.) The additional remuneration for last year was paid out of the vote for Contingencies, and is still being paid out of that vote pending provision being made by Parliament for the same.

(9.) Dr. Gregori Vincent Marano:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in the "Register of Medical Practitioners for 1893," published by the New South Wales Medical Board in a supplement to the *Government Gazette* on the 10th January last, the name of Gregori Vincent Marano appears?

(2.) Is it a fact that the *Government Gazette* of 8th June, 1882, contains the announcement of Dr. Vincent Marano's appointment to the office of Italian Consul in Sydney?

(3.) Do both of the above Questions refer to one and the same person; if so, what is Dr. Marano's proper name?

(4.) Is it a fact that Dr. Gregori Vincent Marano is registered as possessing the qualification of M.D., University of Naples, 1871; if so, what was the age of that gentleman at the time he became possessed of such qualification, and was his diploma examined by the New South Wales Medical Board before he was placed on the Register of Medical Practitioners for this Colony?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Secretary to the Medical Board that Dr. Marano's diploma has been examined, and that he has been properly registered by the Medical Board of New South Wales.

(10.) Storage of Farm Produce at Darling Harbour:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he see that the same privileges and provisions are made by the Government or Railway Commissioners for storing farm produce belonging to farmers at Darling Harbour, that is at present provided in the interest of squatters or graziers in the shape of a frozen meat dépôt?

(2.) What was the cost of the frozen meat dépôt?

(3.) Can he offer any satisfactory reasons why an expensive building is erected at Darling Harbour in the shape of a frozen meat dépôt for the use of graziers, and similar privileges are not extended for establishing a suitable dépôt for the use and convenience of farmers in the interior sending their produce to market?

(4.) At whose request and expense were the Homebush sale-yards erected; at what cost; and what is the amount of annual revenue derived from the same?

(5.) At whose expense were the abattoirs erected; the cost of the same; the number of hands employed; and what is the amount of annual revenue derived from the same?

(6.) What amount of money (if any) has been expended in the erection of buildings or produce dépôt at Darling Harbour for the convenience of farmers in the interior sending their produce to market?

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Commissioners have furnished the following information in connection with Nos. 1, 2, and 3, namely:—"With regard to the comparison between the meat markets and a dépôt for produce, it is pointed out that the instances are not analogous. The meat dépôt is intended to cover meat, and, without the provision of chill rooms, the trade in country-killed meat for local consumption and export could not satisfactorily be conducted. The market will also be available for the receipt of poultry and dairy produce, and it is anticipated that, with the growth of the trade, the dues collected for the sale and storage of the commodities will give a reasonable return on the outlay. The railway rates for the carriage of grain and hay barely cover more than working expenses, and terminal accommodation in the way of storage could not profitably be provided; but as a matter of fact, greatly improved accommodation exists at the present time for the sale of produce as compared with the provision a few years back, there being at Redfern Station a shed capable of covering ninety-seven waggons." An endeavour will be made to obtain the information necessary to answering the remaining portions of the Question, and such information, when prepared, will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(11.) Retirement of Mr. E. G. Ward, late Registrar-General:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the compulsory retirement of Mr. E. G. Ward, late Registrar-General?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I do not think any good object will be attained by the production of these papers, but if the Honorable Member desires to have them laid upon the Table, he can do so by moving for them in the usual way.

(12.) Cost of Work in connection with Public School Buildings:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the total cost, during the last ten years, of the erection of public school buildings, teachers' residences, weather-sheds, additions providing accommodation, additions, repairs, and improvements to all school-buildings, or other works in connection with the Architect's Department, including Technical College, and High Schools at Ultimo?

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(2.) The total cost for the same period for supervision, &c., of the above works, including all salaries in the Architect's office, and travelling expenses to officers?

(3.) Will he give the estimated cost of the abovementioned works had they been performed by private architects at the usual rates charged for such works?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The total cost, during the last ten years, of the erection of public school buildings, teachers' residences, weather-sheds, additions providing accommodation, additions, repairs, and improvements to all school-buildings, and other works in connection with the Architect's Branch of this Department, including Technical College and High Schools at Ultimo, is £1,251,906 3s. 2d.

(2.) The total cost for the same period for supervision, &c., of the above works, including all salaries in the Architect's office, and travelling expenses to officers, is £75,378 11s. 1d.

(3.) The estimated cost, under the rules and regulations of the Institute of Architects of New South Wales, for supervision, &c., of the above works had they been performed by private architects at the usual rates, would be £93,742 14s. 10d.

2. CASE OF THE PICTURESQUE ATLAS COMPANY v. J. H. DECENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the documents in connection with the case, the Picturesque Atlas Company v. J. H. Decent, tried at Parramatta.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Thursday, 23rd March.

(2.) Liquor Licensing Law Amendment Bill ; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith ;—until Tuesday, 4th April.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 14th December, 1892,—“ Mining Tenement No. 31, Bonnie Dundee Reef, and lots 8 and 9, section 8, Town of Parkes.”

(2.) Further Return (in part) to an Order made on 11th February, 1892,—“ Special Areas in the Wagga Wagga and Hay Land Districts.”

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 18th January, 1893,—“ Men engaged at Darling Harbour during wool season.”

(2.) Return showing the revenue and expenditure of the Nyngan to Cobar Railway for December, 1892.

(3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for Quarter ended 30th June, 1892.

(4.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 31st December, 1892.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks engaged for the late South Sydney election.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th October, 1892,—“ Vote for National Prizes for 1892.”

5. HILLGROVE AND ARMIDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited), a company registered in Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, to construct and maintain machinery, works, and other appliances for making, generating, and transmitting electricity, and supplying the same to any city, town, mine, company, co-partnership, person, or persons whatsoever, within the county of Sandon, in the said Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned,*” returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

6. BOROUGH OF ERSKINEVILLE NAMING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Joseph Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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7. CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Wise (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on
 2nd February, 1893.*

8. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :

(1.) Timber-cutting for Trigonometrical Surveys :—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Lands.—

(1.) Has he had laid before him any complaints of settlers with reference to the surveyors connected with the trigonometrical surveys having cut down timber at the trigonometrical stations, and leaving same upon the ground, thereby completely spoiling the land?

(2.) If so, will he cause the timber to be stacked by the surveyors, or will compensation be paid for the loss occasioned?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A complaint has been lodged by the Honorable Member himself, and referred to the late Piling Overseer for report. So soon as such Report has been received the Honorable Member will be communicated with.

(2.) Public Watering-places :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines.—

(1.) What is the total sum expended on public watering-places to date?

(2.) What is the annual cost of keeping such works in repair?

Mr. Slattery answered,—It has been necessary to refer to the Department of Public Works for some of the information. The Return asked for has not yet been received.

(3.) King-street to Ocean-street Cable Tramway :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that about nine months ago he received an offer to construct the King-street to Ocean-street tramway on the duplex or double cable system for the sum of £70,000?

(2.) Did the maker of the offer also offer to deposit a suitable sum of money as security for the due execution of the work?

(3.) Did the Railway Commissioners report to him in favour of the duplex system?

(4.) Is it a fact that no reply has been given to the person making the foregoing offer?

(5.) Do the contracts already let in connection with this tramway amount to nearly £100,000?

(6.) What further amount is estimated as necessary to complete the work in every particular?

(7.) Is the cable being laid on the duplex, or some less expensive system?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) It appears that Mr. Maxwell Bury made some such offer as that referred to by the Honorable Member. We have no record, however, of any Report from the Railway Commissioners in favour of the duplex system. The Engineer-in-Chief for Railways has gone carefully into Mr. Bury's proposals, and has reported that most of the advantages claimed by that gentleman for the duplex cable system are due to arrangements which have been adopted in the best examples of the single cable system. Other details of Mr. Bury's design Mr. Deane says he does not like.

(5.) No; the total amount of the contracts let to date is £77,829, but this includes provision for extra power to permit of the line being extended in the future to Rose Bay and to Paddington, as it was found that very considerable expense might be saved by making this provision now, rather than by doing it afterwards, when the necessity for the extension would have to be met in the near future.

(6.) This cannot be given at the present, because the question of the Day-street extension has not yet been finally settled.

(7.) The system that is being carried out is a single cable system.

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(4.) Cost of Sydney Exhibition Building, termed the Garden Palace:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total cost of the erection and maintenance, up to date of its destruction by fire, of the Sydney Exhibition Building, termed the Garden Palace?

(2.) Who was the gentleman representing the Government, as Clerk of Works, during the erection of the building?

(3.) What was the authorised remuneration of such Clerk of Works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Total cost of the erection and maintenance, £185,950.

(2.) Mr. J. Kay acted as Clerk of Works. Mr. John Young was paid 5 per cent. on the cost of erection of the building, viz., the cost of the labor and materials provided by him.

(3.) £275 per annum.

(5.) Conduct of a Lecturer under the Department of Mines:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has his attention been drawn to a complaint in a Grenfell paper as to the conduct of one of the lecturers under his Department; and is it a fact that proceedings for abusive language have been threatened against the official in question?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I have been furnished with certain newspaper reports, but no official communication has been received. I will cause inquiry to be made.

(6.) Administration of the Abattoirs Regulation Act and Diseased Animals and Meat Act:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that great dissatisfaction exists at Glebe Island with respect to the administration of the two laws under which the city meat supply and the control of the abattoirs are conducted, namely, the Diseased Meat Sale Prevention Act of 1892, and the Abattoirs Regulation Act?

(2.) Is he aware that the Inspector is charged with acting arbitrarily in the discharge of his duties, and is it a fact that the issue of certificates is often delayed, to the heavy loss of stock agents, who by this delay are unable to make a proper return to their clients?

(3.) Will he inquire into the matter and insist on the prompt issue of certificates, directing the officer particularly to notify under which Act his certificate of condemnation is issued?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) No.

(3.) Full inquiries will be made.

(7.) Appropriation Act of 1892:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount voted under Appropriation Acts of 1892 and previous years that has not been spent?

(2.) What is the total amount (estimated) that will be required from that sum during the year 1893?

(3.) What is the total amount of Votes estimated to be appropriated in the Act of 1893 that will not be spent during that year?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The unexpended balances of Appropriations for Services of 1892 and previous years, on 31st December, 1892, amounted to £1,595,394 14s. 11d.

(2.) About £1,000,000.

(3.) About £1,000,000.

(8.) Unexpended Balance for Public Works under Appropriation Act of 1892:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of money that remains unexpended out of Votes passed in the Appropriation Act for public works for last year, and the nature of the works the Votes for which have so lapsed?

(2.) The amount of money required to complete contracts for public works that have been contracted for during the present year, but are yet unfinished, and the nature of such works?

Mr. See answered,—A Return will be prepared, giving this information, and laid upon the Table of the House.

(9.) Coal taken out under Land known as Little Redhead Lagoon:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the royalty been paid for the coal taken out by the Burwood Coal Company from under the Little Redhead Lagoon, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland?

(2.) If so, what is the amount paid?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; 10th December, 1892.

(2.) £570.

(10.) Carinda Cemetery:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any names been submitted to him for appointment as trustees of the Carinda Cemetery?

(2.) If so, have the appointments been made, and who are the gentlemen appointed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; by the Honorable Member himself.

(2.) The whole of the papers are under reference to the District Surveyor at Moree for survey of the proposed Cemetery, and after receipt of plan thereof, and subsequent dedication of the land, trustees will be appointed.

(11.) Bridge over Narran River, at Yarranbah:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the tenders be received for the erection of a bridge over the Narran River, at Yarranbah?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Tenders to open 31st May, will be invited in Friday's *Gazette*.

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- (12.) Urana Gold-field Reserve:—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) When was the Urana Gold-field Reserve proclaimed?
 (2.) Is it not a fact that on this reserve no payable gold or other minerals have been found, and that mining has not been carried on there for many years?
 (3.) Was application made some time since to him by residents of Urana and the district to have the reserve revoked, as it was useless for mining purposes, and the land was specially suitable for agricultural settlement?
 (4.) Was this application referred to Mr. Warden Brown for his report thereon?
 (5.) Has a Report been received from the Warden; if so, what did he recommend?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) 31st January, 1877.
 (2.) I am not aware.
 (3.) Not to this Department.
 (4.) An application was made by the Under Secretary for Lands for the cancellation of that part of the Urana Gold-field Reserve embraced by the boundaries of conditional prelease, 86-3,761, parish of Piney Ridge, county of Urana, 1,403 acres, which was referred to Mr. Warden Brown for his report thereon.
 (5.) His Report was received and area of reserve revoked in accordance therewith on the 3rd December, 1892.

2. SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES IN RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of salaries and wages paid to all the employees of the Railway and Tramway Department, not giving any names, but showing the rates of pay and the number and designation at each of such rates.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill postponed until Tuesday, 18th April.

4. GLOVE CONTESTS:—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from J. E. Moulton, President of the New South Wales Conference of Wesleyan Methodists, stating that the conference observes with grave concern the continuance of what are known as "Glove Contests" in this City, and regards them as debasing exhibitions; and praying the House to enact, with the least possible delay, a law which will make such exhibitions illegal and impossible.

Petition received.

5. MENINDIE IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Barbour (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Young be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on the "Menindie Irrigation Bill," and that Mr. Cann be added to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

6. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCES:—Mr. G. D. Clark proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That in future no Member of this House should be entitled to receive his Parliamentary allowance for any month unless he has been present at least two-thirds of the sittings held,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild requested Mr. Speaker to determine whether the House should be moved to pass a Resolution which is in direct contravention of an existing Act of Parliament. Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order for the reason submitted.

7. REDUCTION OF CIVIL SERVANTS SALARIES:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That this "House" disapproves of the proposed 5 per cent. reduction of Civil Servants' salaries. Mr. Cook 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, "is of opinion that all persons deriving an income of over £200 a year from Government should be included in the proposed Civil Service retrenchment scheme."

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

8. MINING ON PRIVATE 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,—

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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.

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Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that Mr. Reid had proposed a new clause, to follow clause 32, viz. :—

“Subject always to the payment of compensation before commencing mining operations to be determined as provided for in Part II, unless the amount be otherwise agreed upon between the parties, the holders of miners' rights under the Mining Act, 1874, being also the holders of an authority under the ninth section of this Act, shall have the same rights and be subject to the same liabilities as holders of leases issued under the eleventh section of this Act. Provided that the Governor shall have power to prescribe by regulations conditions for giving effect to the provisions of this clause in such manner as shall seem most expedient in the interest of the holders of such miners' rights, and to ensure due regard to the rights and convenience of the owners and occupiers of private lands.”

But as the Committee had already decided that the words “alluvial deposits containing” should stand, in the first line of subsection (a), clause 32, and that clauses 9 and 11 should stand part of the Bill, he gave his opinion that the subject of the said new clause had been decided by the Committee, and that the new clause was therefore out of order. Mr. Reid dissenting, the matter was submitted for the Speaker's decision.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that so far as he could judge in the short time which he could then devote to the consideration of the point submitted, he must rule that the new clause did not conflict with any previous decision of the Committee in the three clauses referred to.

On motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments and an amended Title.

On motion of Mr. Copeland (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

9: ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Conditional Purchases taken up since Land Act of 1861:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) By how many persons have conditional purchases been taken up since the 1861 Land Act came into operation?

(2.) How many of such conditional purchases have been transferred?

(3.) By how many persons are such conditional purchases now held?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member could not be furnished, if at all, without scrutinising the entry of every conditional purchase made since the 1st January, 1862, amounting to 238,357 in all, which would be a labour extending over several months, at a very great cost, and would materially dislocate the current business of the Department. It may, however, be pointed out that between the 1st January, 1862, and the 31st December, 1892, 91,032 applications were made for residential conditional purchases, many of which, no doubt, were lodged by persons who had previously selected.

(2.) Bridge over Stone-quarry Creek, Picton:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the bridge over Stone-quarry Creek, Picton?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is the work which is chargeable to a Loan Vote, and in common with a number of other works, many of them of a much more urgent character than this one, it will have to stand over pending further arrangements being made as to our Loan expenditure.

(3.) Petersham Branch of the Technical College:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he has decided to abolish the Petersham Branch of the Technical College?

(2.) If so, what are the grounds upon which such determination has been arrived at?

(3.) Will he, in view of the large number of pupils attending, and the general success of the branch in question, reconsider his decision?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

(4.) Mr. C. H. Hannell, Shipping Master at Newcastle:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has C. H. Hannell, Shipping Master at Newcastle, been granted leave of absence; if so, for how long; and will he enjoy full salary during his leave?

(2.) How many holidays has this gentleman had during the past five years?

(3.) What is his present salary; when was it last increased; what was the amount of such increase?

(4.) What are his usual office-hours; and has he attended regularly to his duties during those hours?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes; six months leave on full pay under medical certificate.

(2.) In 1888, six weeks; in 1889, three weeks; in 1890, four weeks, under medical certificate; in 1892, one month's leave was granted, but, owing to the absence through illness of one of his staff, Mr. Hannell did not avail himself of the privilege.

(3.) £450 per annum; last increased, 1st January, 1891; £60 per annum.

(4.) The usual office-hours are from 9 in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon. I do not know that he has not attended his office during those hours. *Mr. Hannell* is entitled to the leave now granted under the Civil Service Act.

(5.)

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- (5.) Travelling Stock Reserves :—Mr. York asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is he aware that the lessees of travelling stock reserves invariably unduly feed off these reserves, and thereby render them useless for the purposes for which they were originally set apart?
 (2.) Is it the practice of the Department to require the usual notice to be given by travelling stock prior to going on to these reserves?
 (3.) Will he carry out his promise to deal with these reserves in a more equitable manner at once?

Mr. Copeland answered.—

- (1.) No official information has been received to this effect.
 (2.) This is a matter dealt with by the Department of Mines.
 (3.) This matter was referred by me some time ago to each of the District Surveyors with a view of dealing comprehensively with the question, but the Reports are not all yet to hand. The matter, however, will be dealt with as soon as convenient.

- (6.) The "Vernon":—Mr. Cullen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that the "Vernon" was sold to some person from whom no tender was received by him until some days after the formal opening of tenders?

Mr. See answered,—The "Vernon" has been sold to Mr. William Rae for a sum of £180. His tender was not before the Tender Board at the time of the "formal opening" of tenders, on 27th February, and did not reach the Treasury until some days afterwards, having been inadvertently addressed by Mr. Rae to another Government Department, but the envelope bears the General Post Office stamp of 24th February, and it was therefore held that Mr. Rae was equitably entitled to have the tender considered and dealt with as though it had been before the Board at the time of formal opening.

2. BOROUGH OF ERSKINEVILLE NAMING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Joseph Abbott, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to alter the name of the Municipality of Macdonaldtown to the Borough of Erskineville.*"

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 Municipality of Macdonaldtown to the Borough of Erskineville,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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3. HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Cook, for Mr. Donald, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the protection of Homesteads.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Donald then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Protection of Homesteads,*"—which was read a first time.

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

4. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of the last nine Public School Teachers promoted to 1A, with the following information in each case regarding the Department under the teacher's immediate control at the date of promotion:—

1. Date of the inspection preceding the promotion of the teacher.
2. Name of inspector.
3. Mark for organisation.
4. Mark for discipline.
5. Teacher's skill mark.
6. Marks for general proficiency in each class.
7. Report upon fifth class in full.
8. Date of promotion of teacher.
9. Was the promotion under regulation 103, or by examination.
10. Teacher's length of service.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Law of Libel Amendment Bill postponed until Thursday next.

6. ATTORNEYS' BILLS OF COSTS AND PRACTICE OF CONVEYANCING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from certain certificated Conveyancers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, praying that the House will take the circumstances stated in the Petition into favourable consideration and reject this Bill, thus leaving it open for others to have the same advantages, and reap the same benefits as the Petitioners and all those other Conveyancers who have been already admitted.

Petition received.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 26th October, 1892,—"*Establishment of an Australian Stock Institute at Rodd Island.*"

Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamations and Notifications in connection with the transfer to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the following completed sewerage works, viz.:—Badmington-street Branch Extension Storm-water Channel; Munni-street, Macdonald-street, Mitchell Road to Shea's Creek Stormwater Channel; and Carshalton-street Branch Stormwater Channel.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 25th January, 1893,—“Retirement of Mr. John Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.”
- (3.) Return respecting contracts for the supply of cast-iron pipes and special castings. Ordered to be printed.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Davis rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., to ‘direct attention to the law as laid down in the case of *McLean v. Thompson*.’” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill postponed, to follow the Order of the Day for the second reading of the City Bank of Sydney Bill.

10. HAY ATHENÆUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Newton 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. Newton, 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. Newton (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Offenders Probation Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

12. CITY BANK OF SYDNEY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

13. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

14. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland 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. Copeland, passed.

Mr. Copeland then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to provide for mining on private lands; to obtain rents and royalties therefrom, and to dispose of the same in certain cases; to validate certain Crown grants; to make better provision in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect amendments in such statutes as may be necessary to give same full force and effect; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide for mining on private lands; to obtain rents and royalties therefrom, and to dispose of the same in certain cases; to validate certain Crown grants; to make better provision in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect amendments in such statutes as may be necessary to give same full force and effect; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, “That” the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Barton 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 clauses 10 and 13.”

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.

Mr. Neild moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words, “and clause 17.”

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Nobbs,	Teller,
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Danahoy,	
Mr. E. G. Brown,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Darnley.	

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Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. See,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. York,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McIville,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Pegan,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Sharp,	

Tellers,

Mr. Collins,
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 Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 10 and 13,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments.

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

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

16. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Income Tax Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

17. TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

18. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Kidd moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question proposed,—That leave be given to sit again on Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

(1.) Summary Convictions Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.

(2.) Matrimonial Causes Procedure Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.

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- (3.) Public Works Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
(4.) Sydney Harbour Trust Bill ; second reading.
(5.) Board of Health Incorporation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to incorporate the Board of Health, and to make certain provision consequential thereto.
(6.) Quarantine Acts Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the laws relating to quarantine.
(7.) Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
(8.) Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
(9.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
(10.) Asiatics and Coloured Persons Immigration and Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Bill.
(11.) Vine Diseases Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
(12.) Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
(13.) Australasian Federation ; consideration, in detail, in Committee of the Whole, of the proposals for a Federal Constitution.
(14.) District Government Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir George Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
20. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery 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. Slattery, 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 fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 MARCH, 1893.

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

HILLGROVE AND ARMDALE WATER-POWER ELECTRIC BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the 'Hillgrove and Armidale Water-power Electric Company (Limited),' a company registered in Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, under the provisions of the Companies' Acts, to construct and maintain machinery, works, and other appliances for making, generating, and transmitting electricity and supplying the same to any city, town, mine, company, co-partnership, person, or persons whatsoever, within the county of Sandon, in the said Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"—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 March, 1893.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fines inflicted at Police Courts:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Are persons paying fines inflicted at the Police Courts entitled to any receipt for same on payment?
(2.) As a matter of practice are such receipts usually given?
(3.) If demanded by the payer of any such fine, is the clerk who receives same justified in refusing to give any receipt or acknowledgment?
(4.) If no receipt is given, what check is placed on the clerks to ensure that all moneys received are duly paid into the Consolidated Revenue?
(5.) If no receipt is given, what guarantee has the payer of any fine that same may not be again demanded of him through the dishonesty, or even lapse of memory, of any person receiving same?
(6.) If not already a regulation, will he give instructions that all fines, &c., shall be acknowledged by means of properly printed and progressively numbered receipts?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) No.
(2.) No, not as a matter of practice, but in several of the Courts receipts are given when asked for.
(3.) The clerk is not compelled to give an official receipt for fines.
(4.) Fines are checked by the Bench book and the lock-up book. If a defendant does not pay the fine he has to go to gaol, and the Treasury Inspector on examination, by checking one book against the other, can readily ascertain whether a fine has been paid or imprisonment suffered in default thereof.
(5.) The non-payment of a fine is reported by the clerk to the Police, who enforce the alternative. The payment of the fine is recorded in the Police book also; and the Treasury Inspector makes special inquiries into each case where the fine is not paid, to see that the alternative imprisonment has been inflicted.
(6.) It is not considered necessary by the Treasury to give an official receipt for fines. The non-enforcement of the alternative is considered as evidence of payment.

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- (2.) Appointments under the Civil Service Act:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Civil Service Act was passed for the purpose of inquiring as to the competency of candidates for appointments in the Civil Service, and controlling or advising as to appointments and promotions?

(2.) Is it now a fact that the provisions of the Act are evaded by the making of temporary appointments, and is it a fact that not 10 per cent. of such appointments are made known to the Board?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the Act provides for appointments of the kind.

- (3.) Bonuses paid to Officials in Statistician's Department:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House his promised Return of particulars respecting the bonuses paid to the principal officials in the Statistician's Department and the dismissal therefrom, on the ground of retrenchment, of a number of lower grade officers?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government Statistician:—The Returns are being prepared. No officers have been dismissed from the Statistician's Office on the ground of retrenchment. The collectors and other persons employed taking the Census, and the clerks engaged on the tabulation of the results, were paid off when their services were no longer required.

- (4.) Echo Farm:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Considering the alleged success that has attended the inept institution called the "Echo Farm," will the Government consider the advisability of establishing a similar institution to operate on a wider basis?

(2.) Has the Government considered the wisdom of subsidising "Echo Farm"?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have little or no knowledge of this institution, but I will cause inquiry to be made with regard to it, and, if found of utility, the matter of establishing a similar institution will be considered. I may add that for the last eight months investigation has been going on as to similar institutes of England and the Continent, and information is being collected at this moment with a view of adopting something of the same kind in this Colony.

- (5.) Fidelity Guarantee paid by Tramway Conductors:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the tramway conductors required to pay a sum of 5s. annually as a fidelity guarantee?

(2.) If so, into what insurance company are such premiums paid?

(3.) Are policies issued for each case?

(4.) In whose custody are such policies held?

(5.) Were any conductors some time ago notified that the Government had decided to itself insure their fidelity in return for such payments?

(6.) Were they further induced to consent to such alleged arrangement by the representation that certain profits of such scheme would thereafter be divided amongst them?

(7.) Into what fund (if any) have such monies since been paid, specifying the names of such funds, and the respective amounts to each, if more than one?

(8.) Have any such profits been paid; if so, to whom, on what date, and to what amount?

(9.) What is the total amount received from tramway conductors for such purpose up to date?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes, as premiums on amounts for which they are guaranteed as collectors of revenue.

(2.) The premiums are paid into the Treasury Guarantee Fund.

(3 and 4.) Policies are not issued.

(5 to 9.) It is understood that in 1886 it was notified that the Treasury were establishing a Guarantee Fund, which Railway and Tramway employees were invited to join in lieu of private societies, one of the conditions being the distribution of any surplus. This fund was abolished in 1887, and a fresh Treasury Guarantee Fund established in 1891, to which persons requiring to give a guarantee have to subscribe, but no promise has been given to divide the surplus funds, should any exist. I may add that the Treasury Guarantee Fund was not created for the purpose of making profits, but for the protection of the revenue. When, however, the balance at the credit of the Fund will, with safety, justify the Government in guaranteeing the public officers for one year free of cost, the question of so guaranteeing them will be considered. The total amount received from tramway conductors cannot readily be ascertained.

- (6.) Premises rented by the Fisheries Department:—Mr. G. D. Clark, for Mr. Darnley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the premises occupied by the Fisheries Department cost the country £208 per annum?

(2.) Is it a fact that the owner of the premises is the father of one of the members of the Fisheries Commission?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Fisheries Department were offered offices at the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's buildings (now Government property) at a comparatively free rent, and was this offer refused?

(4.) Will he take immediate steps to have the Department removed into offices which are the property of the Government, and thus save the unnecessary expense?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £150 is the rent paid by the Fisheries Department.

(2.) Yes; but it was rented for the Fisheries Department some years before Mr. J. R. Hill was appointed a Commissioner.

(3 and 4.) Yes; but the Commissioners of Fisheries pointed out that the premises then occupied by them were more convenient for the working of the Department.

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(7.) Medical Adviser, Health Officer, and Professor of Physiology:—Mr. Dickens asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who is the “Medical Adviser to the Government”; and what salary does such officer receive?

(2.) Who is the “Health Officer”; and what salary does he receive?

(3.) Who is the “Professor of Physiology” at the Sydney University; and what salary does he receive?

(4.) Is it a fact that the “Professor of Physiology” also receives £140 per annum for University “fees,” and £150 per annum for rent allowance?

(5.) Is it a fact that all the above-named offices are held by one gentleman?

(6.) Is it a fact that the gentleman referred to is also supplied with a free railway pass, when on duty, and also travelling expenses at the rate of 15s. per day?

(7.) What salary did Dr. Manning receive when acting in the dual capacity of “Medical Adviser to the Government” and “Health Officer”?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Thomas Peter Anderson Stuart; £400 per annum.

(2.) Thomas Peter Anderson Stuart; £630 per annum.

(3.) Thomas Peter Anderson Stuart; £900 per annum.

(4.) No allowance for rent. £140 3s. Gd., students’ fees, was received during 1892, in addition to the sum of £200, compensation for the loss of fees from anatomy students, now paid to the University.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The Medical Adviser is entitled to a free railway pass and 15s. per day travelling expenses when absent on duty. No such allowance has been paid to or claimed by the present holder of the office.

(7.) £400 per annum, in addition to his salary of £1,060 per annum as Inspector-General of Insane.

(8.) Royalty on Coal:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount of money is due to the Mines Department from the Stockton Coal Company to date for the royalty upon the coal extracted from Crown lands or from under the harbour?

(2.) The same information with regard to the Wickham and Bullock Island Coal Company?

(3.) What is the statute requirement with regard to the payment of these royalties?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £2,241 14s. is due for coal taken without permission from Crown lands not under lease to the Company. Some delay has occurred in regard to the payment of this amount, in consequence of a protest that the rate is in excess of that fixed by statute; this protest is under consideration. There is no royalty due by this Company for coal taken from land leased under the Mining Act.

(2.) £4,218 was due for coal taken from land held under mining lease by this Company from 18th September, 1891, to 17th September, 1892. Of this amount, £2,000 has been paid, and steps are being taken to recover the balance. £558 is due for coal taken from areas outside the Company’s leases without permission.

(3.) The terms of these leases require that rent and royalty should be paid yearly.

(9.) Mr. Jacob, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council:—*Mr. Collins*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long has Mr. Jacob been Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council?

(2.) What amount has been paid to him?

(3.) How many days during this Parliament has the Council resolved itself into Committee?

(4.) The entire length of the sittings in Committee during that time?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member can be obtained from the other branch of the Legislature only by Resolution of this House.

(10.) Suspension of Motor-driver Volk:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Motor-driver Volk has been suspended from his duties?

(2.) If so, has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, or other documents connected with such suspension?

Mr. See answered,—The action taken by Volk in connection with a party political meeting was brought under the notice of the Commissioners for Railways, and Volk was suspended, pending the consideration of his case by the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners considered he was indiscreet, but approved of his resuming duty, pay not being allowed for the time he was not at work. Volk has not, however, taken up his duty, and consequently his position has been filled.

(11.) Road Vote:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in view of the late heavy rains, and the damage done to roads and bridges in the country districts by the late floods, see that the annual Road Vote is included in next Supply Bill, so as to afford relief to settlers in the flooded districts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The whole matter is engaging the serious consideration of the Cabinet, in view of the recent calamitous floods. I cannot, however, at the present moment say what that decision will be; but the Honorable Member may rest assured that the Government is fully alive to its responsibilities in the matter.

(12.) Public School Buildings at Albion Park:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the old public school buildings at Albion Park are to be sold by public auction at an early date?

(2.) In view of the fact that a petition has been sent to him asking him to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Albion Park, and to utilise the old public school buildings for Court purposes will he postpone the day of sale until he has considered the matter?

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Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I think the Honorable Member must be under some mistake in asking this Question, as any petition for a Court of Petty Sessions would be addressed not to me but to the Minister of Justice. No such petition has been received. In accordance with clause 4 of the Public Instruction Act, the land and buildings thereon can only be used for school purposes, or sold, and the proceeds invested in the purchase of other lands, or in the erection of school buildings.

(13.) Court of Petty Sessions at Albion Park:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he come to any decision in regard to the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Albion Park?

(2.) If not, when does he expect to do so?

(3.) Will he consult with the Minister for Education as to the advisability of utilising the old public school buildings for this purpose?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that a letter was sent to the Honorable Member on the 6th ultimo, informing him that inquiries having been made the Minister of Justice could not at the present time recommend the establishment of the Court in question.

(14.) Missing Word Competitions:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Has he arrived at any conclusion yet *re* the Missing Word Competitions recently brought under his notice in this House, and which subject the Government stated was under consideration?

(2.) Is he aware that this system is rapidly spreading over the Colony?

(3.) Will the Government take prompt and decisive steps to repress this insidious and enticing form of gambling, which has been adjudged illegal by the authorities in England?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) Having perused the Report obtained from the Police Department as to the nature of the "Missing Word Competitions," and the mode in which they are conducted by the papers advertising the same, and, having also had under consideration the judgment of Sir John Bridge, referred to in the Honorable Member's previous Questions on the subject (which appeared in the London *Times* of 14th December, 1892) with regard to transactions of a somewhat similar character, there does not appear to me to be any necessity to take immediate proceedings against the promoters of the competitions in this Colony. The matter, however, will be kept in view by the Government. It may as well be mentioned that no Law Report of the judgment on appeal from Sir John Bridge's decision has yet been received.

(2.) No; there are, so far as at present reported, only three papers (and those are Sydney journals) which have been reported to me as advertising the competitions alluded to.

(3.) See Answer to Question No. 1.

(15.) Establishment of Model Farms at Bathurst, Orange, Molong, Wellington, and Dubbo:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he see that all papers, &c., *re* the establishment of model farms in the districts of Bathurst, Orange, Molong, Wellington, and Dubbo (and sanctioned by this House some weeks back), are laid upon the Table with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The preparation of this Return has been delayed in consequence of several other Returns of prior date having to be prepared. The Return is now in hand, and will be laid upon the Table without delay.

CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act for amending the law relating to Conspiracy and to the Protection of Property, and to the use of violence, threats, and molestation." Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act for amending the law relating to Conspiracy and to the Protection of Property, and to the use of violence, threats, and molestation,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1893.

4. HAY ATHENÆUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to enable the trustees of the Hay Athenæum to mortgage certain lands and buildings situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage."

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 trustees of the Hay Athenæum to mortgage certain lands and buildings situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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5. CITY BANK OF SYDNEY 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 alter the title of 'The City Bank' to that of 'The City Bank of Sydney.'"

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 alter the title of 'The City Bank' to that of 'The City Bank of Sydney,'"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1893.

6. STOCK TAX (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a stock tax should be immediately imposed on all stock imported into New South Wales.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Melville,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Wright,	Tellers,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Donnelly,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Neild,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Reid,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Fuller,	Tellers,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Dr. Hollis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Slattery, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to enable the trustees of the Trades Hall and Literary Institute to mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Sydney, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage, and for other purposes in connection therewith."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the trustees of the Trades Hall and Literary Institute to mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Sydney, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage, and for other purposes in connection therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Workmens Combination Laws Declaration Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, "That this Bill be now read a "second time";—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Upon which Mr. Neild had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned";—until Thursday, 20th April.

9. CITY OF SYDNEY LANES BILL:—Mr. Lees presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Lanes as now formed and made in the City of Sydney,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th April.

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10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS 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 for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such Districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 14th March, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 30. After “date” omit remainder of clause.

Page 3, clause 4, lines 22 and 23. Omit “or any two Justices of the Peace sitting in Petty Sessions and”

Page 3, clause 4, line 41. After “Assembly” insert “‘Minister’ means the Minister of the Crown charged with the administration of this Act”

Page 3, clause 4, line 42. Omit “every” insert “a male”

Page 3, clause 4, line 44. Before “person” insert “male”

Page 4, clause 9. After clause 9 insert the following new clauses :—

10. At all meetings of the Commissioners two shall form a quorum, and in the event of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.

11. No person who has been adjudged bankrupt or insolvent under the laws in force in New South Wales relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, and who has not obtained a certificate of discharge or release of his estate under the said bankruptcy or insolvency, or who has been convicted of felony or misdemeanour, shall be appointed a Commissioner under this Act. And if any Commissioner shall become bankrupt under any such laws, or shall assign his estate for the benefit of his creditors, or shall be convicted of felony or misdemeanour, he shall thereby vacate his office.

12. If any Commissioner shall die or become permanently incapable from illness of performing his duties, or shall resign his office, or shall vacate his office by reason of any of the causes in the eleventh section of this Act mentioned, the Governor shall, by Commission under the Great Seal, appoint a person eligible under the fifth section of this Act as Commissioner in his stead.

Page 4, clause 10, line 37. Omit “the Legislative Assembly” insert “both Houses of Parliament”

Page 4, clause 12, lines 50 and 51. Omit “the Legislative Assembly” insert “both Houses of Parliament”

Page 5, clause 14, line 13. Omit “such”

Page 5, clause 14, line 25. Omit “fourth” insert “seventh”

Page 5, clause 14, line 54. Omit “thirteen” insert “fifteen”

Page 5, clause 15, line 58. Omit “thirty-one” insert “thirty-three”

Page 6, clause 20, line 41. Omit “or naturalised”

Page 6, clause 20, line 41. After “subject” insert “who shall have resided or had his principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year, and every naturalised subject who shall have resided for one year within New South Wales after naturalisation and”

Page 6, clause 20, line 42. Omit “New South Wales” insert “the Electoral District for which he shall apply for an Elector’s Right”

Page 6, clause 20, line 43. Omit “six” insert “three”

Page 6, clause 20, line 44. Omit “an” insert “such”

Page 6, clause 20, line 47. After “Act” insert “And every such male person, whether or not so resident as aforesaid, who for a continuous period of six months immediately prior to and inclusive of the day on which he shall make application for an Elector’s Right, or any such claim as aforesaid,

“(a) has been and is the holder of a freehold or leasehold estate of the clear value of one hundred pounds, or

“(b) has been and is in the receipt of rents and profits of the annual value of ten pounds, arising from freehold or leasehold property, or

“(c) has occupied and occupies a house, warehouse, office, shop, room, or building, either with or without land attached, of the annual value of ten pounds, or

“(d) has held and holds a Crown lease or license for pastoral purposes within such Electoral District of the annual value of ten pounds,

“shall (if not disqualified or incapacitated under this or any other Act) be also qualified as an Elector under this Act; and any person may vote in one District in respect of a residential qualification, and in a second District in respect of a property qualification as aforesaid, on the same day, both in respect of a residential and property qualification as aforesaid: Provided that it shall not be lawful for any person on any one day to vote more than twice at any Election or Elections; and for the purpose of this section any adjourned poll shall be deemed to be taken on the day from which such poll is originally adjourned.”

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Page 6, clause 20. After subsection (ii) insert the following new subsection :—

(iii) Although qualified as hereinbefore in this section provided, every person who at the time of making out any list, or of the holding of any election for his district is in the Naval or Military Service on full pay, not being in any Militia or Volunteer Corps only, or holds the office of Inspector-General or Superintendent of Police, or is a constable or other person belonging to the constabulary force shall be incapable of voting.

Page 7, clause 20, line 4. After "any" insert "public"

Page 7, clause 20, lines 4 and 5. Omit "as an inmate therof" insert "except as a patient under treatment for accident or disease at a hospital, or be in prison under any conviction"

Page 7, clause 20, line 8. Omit "or conditional"

Page 7, clause 20, line 9. After "him" insert "or who during one year preceding the sitting of the Revision Court has been imprisoned without the option of a fine for an aggregate period of three months, or who within three years prior to the sitting of the said Revision Court has been convicted of bribery, intimidation, impersonation, or similar offences at elections, or who, during twelve months prior to the sitting of the said Revision Court has been convicted of being an habitual drunkard, an idle and disorderly person, or incorrigible rogue, or a rogue and vagabond, or against whom there is an unsatisfied order of any Court for the maintenance of his wife or children (whether legitimate or illegitimate), or who has been convicted of having committed an aggravated assault upon his wife within one year"

Page 7, clause 23, lines 41 to 43. Omit "but shall omit therefrom the names of all persons appearing to be qualified otherwise than by residence within such District"

Page 7, clause 23, line 57. Omit "by"

Page 8, clause 23, line 1. Omit "virtue of residence"

Page 8, clause 23, line 2. After "residence" insert "and qualification"

Page 8, clause 23, line 4. After "residence" insert "and qualification"

Page 8, clause 24, line 20. Omit "resident"

Page 8, clause 24, line 25. After "from" insert "the Registrar-General or"

Page 8, clause 24, line 28. After "residence" insert "or qualification"

Page 9, clause 26, line 14. After "post" insert "by registered letter"

Page 9, clause 26, line 32. Omit "Judge" insert "Magistrate"

Page 9, clause 26, line 35. Omit "forty-eight" insert "fifty-first"

Page 9, clause 26, line 44. Omit "forty-eight" insert "fifty-first"

Page 9, clause 27, line 49. Omit "post" insert "registered letter"

Page 10, clause 28, line, 26. Omit "and of the same tenor"

Page 10, clause 29, lines 42 and 43. Omit "the thirty-first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three" insert "seven calendar months from the date of the passing of this Act"

Page 11, clause 32, line 21. After "cause" insert "two forms of"

Page 11, clause 32, line 22. After "ink" insert "and blue ink respectively"

Page 11, clause 32, line 23. Add "s" to "form"

Page 11, clause 32, line 23. Add "s" to "Schedule"

Page 11, clause 32, line 23. After "A" insert "and A1"

Page 11, clause 33, lines 41 and 42. Omit "first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three" insert "expiration of six calendar months from the passing of this Act"

Page 11, clause 33, line 45. After "butt" insert "and face"

Page 11, clause 33, line 48. After "A" insert "or A1"

Page 11, clause 33, line 52. After "mark" insert "and shall then and thero sign his name as a witness"

Page 11, clause 33, line 55. After "residence" insert "(including the street and the number or name (if any) of the house in which he resides)"

Page 12, clause 33, line 2. Before "Have" insert "(If a natural-born subject)"

Page 12, clause 33, line 3. Omit "six months" insert "one year"

Page 12, clause 33, line 5. After "Right" insert the following new paragraph and question :—
"(If a naturalised subject) have you resided or had your principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year since your naturalisation and immediately prior to the date of your application for an Elector's Right"
"(5.) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in this Electoral District for a continuous period of three months immediately prior to this date"

Page 12, clause 33, line 10. After "reside" insert the following new question :—" (8.) If the Elector's Right be sought for a non-residential qualification, in respect of what property do you claim a vote? Do you now hold and have you held that qualification for the last six months; what is your interest therein, and what are the particulars as to value, rent, term, or situation?"

Page 12, clause 33, line 20. After "him" insert "and the Registrar shall sign his name as a witness"

Page 12, clause 33, line 28. After "accordingly" insert "and whether he be convicted of perjury or not the Elector's Right issued to him may be cancelled by the Revision Court"

Page 12, clause 34. Omit clause "34"

Page 12, clause 35, line 53. After "Act" insert "and except in cases where an Elector is entitled to two Elector's Rights under section twenty-three of this Act"

Page 12, clause 36, line 56. After "Right" insert "not being an Elector's Right issued under the property qualification hereinbefore contained"

Page 13, clause 36. After line 11 insert "Have you resided or had your principal place of abode continuously for the last three months in this District"

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right upon dis-
position, &c., of
property.

Page 13. After clause 36, insert the following new clause:—

1. Upon the sale, disposition, or determination of the property or interest by virtue of which an Elector's Right has been issued, the holder of such Right shall at once deliver up the Registrar of the District in which such property is situated the said Right, and such Registrar shall put to such holder the questions following in addition to the questions specified in the next preceding section.

(i) Was the Elector's Right now produced, issued to you, and if so, in respect of what property, and where situated?

(ii) Have you ceased to hold the property by virtue of which the Elector's Right now produced was issued to you? If the answers to such questions shall be in the affirmative, the Registrar shall thereupon cancel the Elector's Right so delivered up to him.

2. If any holder of such Elector's Right shall knowingly make a false answer to any such question, he shall upon conviction before any Court of summary jurisdiction be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding six months.

Page 14, clause 37, line 19. Omit "Calendar"

Page 14, clause 37, line 26. Omit "or Justice of the Peace"

Page 14, clause 38, lines 37 and 38. Omit "first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and "ninety-three" insert expiration of six calendar months from the passing of this Act"

Page 15, clause 38, line 35. After "residence" insert "or by virtue of his property qualification "as provided for by this Act"

Page 15, clause 38, line 43. Omit "three" insert "six"

Page 18, clause 44. Omit clause 44 insert the following new clause:—

(i) The Comptroller-General of Prisons and the Inspector-General of Police shall, in the months of January, April, July, and October in each year, forward to the Minister a list of all males, apparently of or above the age of twenty years, imprisoned in any gaol, lock-up, or other place of detention in New South Wales under their charge respectively; and such list shall contain a statement of the offence for which each prisoner is imprisoned, his last known place of residence at date of conviction, and similar particulars regarding any previous convictions against such prisoner.

(ii) Upon the receipt of the list the Minister shall forward to the Electoral Registrar for each District such names and particulars from such list as may be necessary for the purification of the Electoral Roll for such District, and the conduct of Elections therein.

(iii) The Electoral Registrar, on receipt of such list, shall write opposite the names of persons on the Electoral Roll for the District, who appear from the particulars in such list to be disqualified from voting under this Act, the words "in custody, disqualified," and opposite the names of persons whose names appear upon such list but who do not appear by such particulars to be disqualified, the words "in custody"; and shall forward a certified copy of such Roll and such list to the Returning Officer of the District.

Page 18, clause 45, lines 29 to 34. Omit "some place situate within such Division appointed "for the holding of Courts of Petty Sessions, or if there be no such place, then at such "place appointed as aforesaid as may be nearest to the office of the Registrar; or if there "be two such places appointed within any Division, then at such of the said places as "may be determined by the Colonial Secretary." Insert "such place or places as the "Governor may appoint"

Page 18, clause 45, line 42. Omit "District Court Judge"

Page 18, clause 45, line 43. Omit "Judge or"

Page 18, clause 45, line 46. Omit "[in this Act referred to as 'the Judge']"

Page 18, clause 45, line 47. Omit "ten" insert "twenty-one"

Page 18, clause 45, line 52. After "Division" insert "fourteen days at the least before the holding "of any such Court"

Page 18, clause 45, line 55. Omit "Judge" insert "Magistrate"

Page 19, clause 45, lines 1 and 2. Omit "District Court Judges and"

Page 19, clause 46, line 30. Omit "groundless"

Page 19, clause 46, lines 32 and 33. Omit "not being a Registrar"

Page 20, clause 47, line 21. Omit "Judge" insert "Magistrate"

Page 22, clause 55, lines 5, 6, and 7. Omit "and as well for persons voting outside as for persons "voting within their districts and hereinafter respectively termed Special and Ordinary "Polling-days."

Page 22, clause 55, line 8. After "be" Omit remainder of clause.

Page 22, clause 56, line 14. Omit "ordinary"

Page 22, clause 56, line 15. Omit "twenty-fourth" insert "eighteenth"

Page 22, clause 56, line 16. After "Writs" Omit remainder of clause

Page 23, clause 63, line 47. After "surname" insert "occupation and place of residence"

Page 23, clause 63, line 53. Omit "not" insert "unless"

Page 23, clause 63, line 55. After "Act" omit remainder of clause, insert

"(v) No Elector shall nominate more than one Candidate for an Electoral District."

Page 24, clause 67, lines 34 and 35. Omit "notwithstanding anything hereinafter contained "relating to voting outside a district"

Page 24, clause 68, line 40. After "cause" insert "such"

Page 24, clause 68, line 42. Omit "occasion" insert "the convenient conduct of the Election"

Page 24, clause 68, lines 42, 43, and 44. Omit "but so that there shall be at each Polling-place if "practicable one booth at least for every five hundred electors entitled to vote at such "Polling-place"

Page 25, clause 71, line 39. Omit "sixtieth" insert "sixty-third"

Page 25, clause 71, lines 40 and 41. Omit "respective Justices of the Peace before whom they "were made insert "Returning Officer or his substitute"

Page 26, clause 74, at end of clause. Add "and every such declaration shall be transmitted to "the Colonial Secretary by the Returning Officer or his substitute"

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- Page 26, clause 75, line 34. *After "Deputy" insert "may be removed from the Polling-booth and"*
- Page 26, clause 76, line 41. *Omit "and keep"*
- Page 26, clause 77. *At end of clause add "during the months from October to March, both inclusive, and at five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day during the months from April to September, both inclusive."*
- Page 26, clause 78, line 52. *After "District" omit remainder of clause insert "or at any Polling-place outside such District duly proclaimed under this Act: Provided that such person may not vote at each Election more than once in or for the District in which his residential qualification is situated, whether he is possessed of a property qualification for that District or not. And if possessed of a property qualification entitling him to vote in any District or Districts outside that of his residential qualification he may also vote once and once only in one such District only in respect of such property qualification"*
- Page 27, clause 79, line 1. *Omit "tendering a" insert "claiming to"*
- Page 27, clause 80, line 21. *After "presides" insert "require any such person to sign his name or distinguishing mark in a book to be kept for that purpose, and may, if he think fit, and shall, if required so to do as aforesaid."*
- Page 27, clause 80, line 29. *Omit "and" insert "(iii)"*
- Page 27, clause 80, line 31. *After "voted" insert "for this district"*
- Page 27, clause 81, line 37. *Omit "two" insert "three"*
- Page 27, clause 81, line 39. *Omit "third" insert "fourth"*
- Page 27, clause 81, line 41. *After "do" insert "or (iv) shall upon being required so to do as aforesaid refuse or omit to sign his name or make his distinguishing mark"*
- Page 28, clause 84, line 23. *Omit "give" insert "vote for"*
- Page 28, clause 84, line 24. *Omit "vote" insert "candidate"*
- Page 28, clause 84, line 24. *After "Election" insert "in any one District"*
- Page 28, clause 86, line 38. *After "custody" insert "or 'in custody, disqualified'"*
- Page 28, clause 86, line 40. *Omit "hereinafter contained" insert "of this Act"*
- Page 28, clause 86, line 46. *After "custody" insert "or 'in custody, disqualified'"*
- Page 29, clause 89, line 29. *Omit "either"*
- Page 29, clause 89, line 30. *Omit "or in more than one District at and for one and the same Election"*
- Page 29, clause 89, line 31. *Omit "or District"*
- Page 29, clause 90, line 41. *After "polling" insert "may be removed from the Polling-booth and"*
- Page 29, clause 91, line 49. *After "Election" insert "except when entitled to two votes under this Act"*
- Page 30, clause 93. *Omit clause 93 insert the following new clause:—*
- (i) *When the holder of an Elector's Right for any District tenders a vote outside his Division but within his district, the Returning Officer or Deputy shall deal with the Ballot-paper delivered to such holder in manner provided by subsections (i) and (ii) of section eighty-five, and the voter shall deposit such Ballot-paper in a Ballot-box specially set apart for Ballot-papers for the Division in respect of which the voter claims to vote, and upon the close of the Poll such Ballot-papers shall be counted as provided by section ninety-nine of this Act, and a statement of the number of votes recorded in such Ballot-box for each Candidate shall be forthwith transmitted by post or by any more expeditious means by the Returning Officer or Deputy, together with Ballot-papers, and any documents of any kind received by such Returning Officer or Deputy in connection with such votes to the Returning Officer or Deputy of the Division to which such votes are applicable, and the package containing such votes, Ballot-papers, and documents shall be marked "Absent Voters' Ballot-papers," and such officer shall, before transmitting such statement, make and sign an entry of the particulars thereof in a book to be kept for that purpose, and such entry when so made and signed, shall, in the event of the loss or destruction of such statement, be evidence of the number of votes recorded in such Ballot-box.*
- (ii) *When the holder of an Elector's Right for any District tenders a vote outside his District, the Returning Officer or Deputy shall deal with the Ballot-paper delivered to such holder in manner provided by subsections (i) and (ii) of section eighty-five, and the voter shall deposit such Ballot-paper in a Ballot-box specially set apart for Ballot-papers for the Division of the District in respect of which the voter claims to vote, and upon the close of the Poll such Ballot-papers shall be counted as provided by section ninety-nine of this Act, and a statement of the number of votes recorded in such Ballot-box for each Candidate shall be forthwith transmitted by post, or by any more expeditious means, by the Returning Officer or Deputy, together with Ballot-papers and any documents of any kind received by such Returning Officer or Deputy in connection with such votes, to the Returning Officer or Deputy of the Division of the District to which such votes are applicable; and the package containing such votes, Ballot-papers and documents shall be marked "Absent Voters' Ballot-papers," and such officer shall, before transmitting such statement, make and sign an entry of the particulars thereof in a book to be kept for that purpose, and such entry, when so made and signed, shall, in the event of the loss or destruction of such statement, be evidence of the number of votes recorded in such Ballot-box.*
- Page 30, clause 94. *Omit clause 94*
- Page 36, clause 115, line 14. *After "person" insert "who shall be guilty of the offence of treating, as defined in the last preceding section, or"*
- Page 36, clause 119, line 50. *After "make" insert "or be concerned in"*
- Page 36, clause 119, line 52. *After "pay" insert "for every such offence"*
- Page 36, clause 119, line 52. *After "not" insert "being less than five pounds nor"*
- Page 36, clause 119, line 52. *Omit "twenty" insert "fifty"*
- Page 42, clause 140, line 12. *After "regulations" insert "in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall"*
- Page 42, clause 140, line 13. *Omit "shall"*

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- Page 42, clause 141, line 20. *After "Schedule A" insert "or Schedule A.1"*
 Page 42, clause 141, lines 21 and 22. *Omit "or shall forge or utter, knowing the same to be forged, any Certificate or Elector's Right"*
 Page 42, clause 141, line 24. *Omit "six months" insert "two years"*
 Page 42, clause 141, line 25. *Omit "with" insert "within"*
 Page 42, clause 141, line 25. *After "limits" insert "and if any person shall forge or utter, knowing the same to be forged, any Certificate or Elector's Right, he shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding five years"*
 Page 42, clause 142, lines 29 and 30. *Omit "whether holding any office, or performing any duty under this Act"*
 Page 42, clause 142, line 30. *After "who" insert "knowingly"*
 Page 42, clause 142, line 33. *After "required" insert "and any Elector who places in the Ballot-box any paper other than the Ballot-paper issued to him for that purpose"*
 Page 42, clause 143, line 38. *Omit "Justice of the Peace" insert "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"*
 Page 42, clause 144, line 46. *Omit "otherwise than by voting"*
 Page 42, clause 144, line 47. *Omit "other"*
 Page 42, clause 144, lines 49 and 50. *Omit "recoverable before a Court of summary jurisdiction"*
 Pages 42 and 43, clause 145. *Omit clause 145*
 Page 43, clause 149, line 48. *After "omission" omit remainder of clause,*
 Page 43, clause 150, line 57. *Omit "or two Justices of the Peace sitting in Petty Sessions"*
 Page 44, clause 151, line 6. *After "the" (second occurring) insert "forty-sixth or the"*
 Page 44, clause 151, line 7. *Omit "or the one hundred and ninth"*
 Page 44, clause 151, line 8. *Omit "or Justices"*
 Page 44, clause 151, line 9. *Omit "or Justices"*
 Page 44, clause 151, line 11. *After "with" insert "where such information is unfounded or vexatious"*
 Page 44, clause 151, line 12. *After "compensation" insert "not exceeding ten pounds"*
 Page 44, clause 152, line 17. *Omit "three" insert "six"*
 Page 45, Schedule A. *Omit Schedule "A" insert the following new Schedules :—*

SCHEDULE "A."

[To be printed in red ink.]

(Butt).

No.

Electoral District of	Division.
Residential Qualification.	
Name of person to whom issued—	
Residence and Occupation.	
Qualification — Manhood and Residence in above division.	

(A. B.), Registrar.

(C.D.), abovenamed.

(Date)

No.

Elector's Right.	Division.
Electoral District of	Residential Qualification.
The holder hereof [name in full] of whose name is signed hereunder, is entitled, being duly enrolled, to vote at Elections of Members of the Assembly in the above division of the above district, being qualified in respect of Manhood and of Residence in such division.	

(A.B.), Registrar.

(C.D., abovenamed).

The day of , 189 .

This Elector's Right is good only until the first day of December, 189 .

N.B.—The following is to be printed on the back of the Butt and also on the back of the Right, space being left in order that the respective answers of the person applying for an Elector's Right may be written opposite each question :—

1. What are your Christian names, surname, residence, (including the street and the number or name (if any) of the house in which you reside), and your occupation?
2. Are you of the full age of twenty-one years?
3. Are you a natural-born or a naturalised subject of Her Majesty Queen Victoria (or Her successor to the Crown for the time being), and which? (and if the answer be "naturalised") Have you resided in New South Wales for twelve months since the date of your naturalisation and previously to the date of your application for an Elector's Right?
4. Have you before received an Elector's Right in respect of residence for any division of any district in New South Wales? (and if the answer be "Yes") what division and district?
5. Do you now reside in New South Wales, and for what time during the last twelve months have you so resided? Do you now reside in the division for which you apply, and during what time now last past have you so resided therein, or as well therein as in some other division of the district, and in what division? Where are the premises on which you reside; and whether are you the occupying tenant of or a lodger or person employed on such premises; if you are a lodger or person employed on the premises, what is the name of the occupier of the premises?

The above questions have been read over to (or by) me, I have made the answers thereto respectively written opposite each such question; in witness whereof I subscribe my name.

Signature,

Address,

N.B.—If any person wilfully and knowingly make a false answer to any of the above questions, he will be liable to the penalties provided by the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893."

SCHEDULE

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14th March, 1893.

SCHEDULE "A 1."
[To be printed in blue ink.]

(Butt).

No.

Electoral District of
Division.Non-residential Qualifica-
tion.Name of person to whom
issued—

Residence and Occupation.

Qualification—

Situation or other descrip-
tion of qualifying prop-
erty.(A.B.), Registrar.
(C.D.), abovenamed.

(Date)

N.B.—The following is to be printed on the back of the Butt, and also on the back of the Right, space being left in order that the respective answers of the person applying for an Elector's Right may be written opposite each question.

1. What are your Christian names, surname, residence, including the street and the number or name (if any) of the house in which you reside, and your occupation?

2. Are you of the full age of twenty-one years?

3. Are you a natural-born or a naturalised subject of Her Majesty Queen Victoria (or Her successor to the Crown for the time being) and which? (and if the answer be "naturalised") Have you resided in New South Wales for twelve months since the date of your naturalisation and previously to the date of your application for an Elector's Right?

4. Have you before received an Elector's Right for any division of this district?

5. In respect of what property do you claim a vote? Do you now hold and have you held that qualification for the last six months; what is your interest therein, and what are the particulars as to value, rent, term, and situation?

The above questions having been read over to (or by) me, I have made the answers thereto respectively written opposite each such question; in witness whereof I subscribe my name.

Signature,
Address,

N.B.—If any person wilfully and knowingly make a false answer to any of the above questions, he shall be liable to the penalties provided by the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893."

Page 46, Schedule D, line 19. After "Residence" insert new column "Situation and description of property"

Page 46, Schedule F, line 40. After "Residence" insert new column "Situation and description of property"

Page 50, Schedule H, line 16. After "Surnames" insert "thus"

Page 50, Schedule H, line 17. After "George" insert (where necessary under section sixty-nine add residence and occupation in same line)

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

11. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Tender of Mr. Andrew Armstrong for the manufacture and supply of 175,000 tons of steel rails.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return respecting fees paid to relieving Police Magistrates.

Ordered to be printed.

12. CAMEL DRIVING RESTRICTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Willis proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild pointed out that this Bill clearly interfered with trade, but had not been introduced in a Committee of the Whole House, and was therefore, he submitted, out of Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the objection taken was fatal to the Bill.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

13. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Cullen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Dr. 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 with amendments.

On motion of Dr. Cullen (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

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14. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fuller moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Fuller, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. ATTORNEYS' BILLS OF COSTS AND PRACTICE OF CONVEYANCING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—
On motion of Mr. Fuller, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
(1.) Homestead Protection Bill; second reading.
(2.) Offenders Probation Bill; second reading.
17. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION 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 it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

18. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. See 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 17, and the consideration of two new clauses.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.
Mr. Carruthers moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by inserting after “17” the words and figures “and clause 19.”
Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Jeannoret,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Curruthers,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Danahay,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Cotton,	

Noes, 45.

Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Donnelly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Black,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Cann,	

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 Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 17 and the consideration of two new clauses,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. See, 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 3° with further amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Resumption of Land at Circular Quay:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the resumption of land at Circular Quay by a former Government?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the land could have been resumed at less cost?
- (3.) Who are the persons from whom the land was resumed?
- (4.) Were any Members of Parliament interested in the resumptions?
- (5.) If so, will he have any objection to submit their names to the House?

Mr. See answered,—It is presumed this question refers to land resumed for Tramway purposes:—

- (1.) £97,347 10s.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) The Scottish Australian Investment Company, Trustees of Holmes Estate, Mr. A. W. Cormack, and Mr. J. W. Cliff.
- (4 and 5.) I am not aware.

- (2.) Diseases among Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What have been the most prevalent diseases or epidemics among stock during the last twelve months?
- (2.) Can he state definitely or approximately the number of deaths that have occurred among stock during the same period?
- (3.) Are any records or returns made of the number of deaths among stock from diseases or epidemics; if so, to whom and by whom are such returns made?
- (4.) Was last year a favourable or unfavourable one for stock?
- (5.) What assistance (if any) in the shape of medicine or treatment do the Government afford stock-owners in dealing with the outbreak of disease or epidemics among stock?
- (6.) Is it a fact that worm diseases among sheep have been greatly on the increase of late years?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Worms, pleuro-pneumonia, fluke, anthrax, foot-rot, and black-leg.
- (2.) No; but the information, so far as it can be ascertained, is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for 1892.
- (3.) Yes; to the Chief Inspector of Stock by the Inspectors of Stock.
- (4.) It was favourable in some parts of the Colony and unfavourable in others.
- (5.) The Government do not supply medicine, but assistance is rendered by the Government Veterinarian and Inspectors of Stock advising owners as to the best treatment in the case of outbreaks of disease.
- (6.) In 1890 and 1891 the worm disease was very prevalent, but last year the flocks have in most of the districts been comparatively free from the disease.

- (3.) Garnishee Orders and Civil Servants:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Herbst, photographer, of Oxford-street, is making public, by attaching to the window of his premises a letter, received from the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply, informing Mr. Herbst that his desire to garnishee that Department could not be complied with, as Government Departments could not be garnisheed?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with the view of ascertaining the officer indebted who refuses to pay his debts?

(3.) Will he cause the law to be so amended as will, in the future, protect traders, by providing that officers in the public departments have no more immunity from garnishee orders than employees in a commercial establishment?

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Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) I understand that some such letter has been exhibited in the vestibule of the premises.
 (2.) I do not consider this to be any part of my duty. If an officer refuses or is unable to pay his debts, there is a law to deal with him, the enforcement of which does not rest with me or with any other Minister. If he is made bankrupt his office will be vacated, and he cannot be reinstated unless he shows himself to be guiltless of fraud, extravagance, or dishonourable conduct. Moreover the bankruptcy laws deal with his misconduct, if any such has been committed. Under these circumstances the ascertainment and publication of the name would be an act of gratuitous persecution.
 (3.) The question will be referred to the Cabinet whether a Bill for this purpose should be introduced, and, if so, whether it can properly be done this Session.

- (4.) Position of Inspector-General of Police:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Ministers contemplate appointing Captain Fisher, Stipendiary Magistrate, to the position of Inspector-General of Police, vice Mr. E. Fosbery?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This is the first intimation I have received of a contemplated vacancy in the office.

- (5.) Mr. D. C. Selman, of the Technical College:—Mr. Garrard asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is a Mr. D. C. Selman employed at the Technical College?
 (2.) Is he a Civil Servant?
 (3.) What is his salary?
 (4.) Is he allowed to carry out private work?
 (5.) Has Mr. Selman had his permission to supply or supervise the erection of electric plant at a Sydney brewery?
 (6.) Will he inquire into the case?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) £550 per annum.
 (4.) No.

(5.) No; a gentleman in the city requested Mr. Selman to advise him as to the best way of lighting his place of business. Mr. Selman gave him the required advice gratis, as he considered it to be part of his duty to do so.

- (6.) Leave of Absence to Mr. Bruce, Chief Inspector of Stock:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Alex. Bruce, Inspector of Sheep, been granted leave of absence to look after sheep and wool exhibits at the Chicago Exhibition?
 (2.) If so, who will fill his place during his absence?
 (3.) If so, will he draw two salaries from Government?
 (4.) Will his travelling expenses be paid by Government?
 (5.) Is it true that a number of sheep are to be sent to the Chicago Exhibition?
 (6.) If so, to whom do they belong?
 (7.) At whose expense are they to be forwarded and maintained while there?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Mines and Agriculture:—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The Metropolitan Inspector, Mr. Jones.
 (3.) No; he will draw his own salary.
 (4.) Yes.
 (5.) Yes.
 (6.) To various owners, whose names will not be known till the selection has been made.
 (7.) At the expense of the Exhibition Commission.

- (7.) Bridge over George's River, at Liverpool:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cause of delay in the construction of the bridge over the George's River at Liverpool?
 (2.) Will he take steps to have the work completed at the earliest date possible?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The delay has been caused through the failure of the contractor to carry out the work at the specified rate of progress.
 (2.) I am already taking the necessary steps in the matter.

- (8.) Stipendiary Magistrates of the Colony:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The number of paid or Stipendiary Magistrates in the Colony?
 (2.) The amount paid annually to the same in the shape of salaries and travelling expenses?
 (3.) In view of the present widespread depression prevailing throughout the Colony, and in carrying a policy of retrenchment, is it not possible to do away with the services of a large number of Stipendiary Magistrates and their travelling expenses, by insisting on the honorary or unpaid Magistrates doing the work or else compelling them to resign their commission?
 (4.) Is it not a fact that there are in the Colony something like 7,000 to 8,000 gentlemen holding the office of unpaid Magistrates of the territory, or about ten, twenty, and thirty to every district?
 (5.) Under the circumstances, is it not incumbent on the Government to see that the services of a large number of these Stipendiary Magistrates are dispensed with in the interest of the taxpayers of the Colony, by the appointment of Clerks of Petty Sessions to do the work?

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Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that a Return is being prepared which will give the desired information, and it will be laid upon the Table of the House as soon as practicable.

(9.) Proposed Cemetery for Illawarra Suburbs at Sutherland.—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the cause of the delay in the dedication of the proposed cemetery for the Illawarra suburbs at Sutherland?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There has been no unnecessary delay, but a considerable amount of correspondence has taken place in connection with the suitability of the site for cemetery purposes, and as to the practicability and cost of construction of a branch line from the Illawarra railway line, also in dealing with objections raised to the proposal. Survey of the outer boundaries of the site has also been made, and other requisite action has been taken to carry out the resumption in the manner provided by law. I am informed that a proclamation has now been prepared by the Works Department for the resumption of the land, which it is proposed to submit to the Executive Council at their next meeting for approval.

(10.) Junior Clerks in Technical Education Department.—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a junior clerk named Hermann, in the Technical Education Department, who has served for three years (two years at £50 and one year at £75), is being retired upon the score of retrenchment, whilst another junior clerk (Mackenzie), appointed only some few months back, is being retained?

(2.) Has the officer in charge of the branch been asked to report on the relative qualifications and value of the services of these two clerks; if so, what is the nature of such Report?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mackenzie's salary is being increased, or has recently been increased, from £50 to £75?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Mr. Hermann is being retired upon the score of retrenchment. Mr. Mackenzie, a cadet, appointed in June, 1892, is being retained.

(2.) No; when I was considering the Estimates I sent for the Superintendent of the Technological College, and asked him to strike out the salaries of those officers whose services could be dispensed with, and he struck certain salaries out of the Estimates. I did not know the names of any of those whose salaries were struck out except that of the Registrar.

(3.) No; it is not a fact that Mr. Mackenzie's salary has been increased or is likely to be increased.

(11.) Report by Mr. McMordie on Evans River Scheme.—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has Mr. McMordie, of the Water Conservation Branch, yet reported upon the Evans River scheme for relieving Richmond River of surplus water in times of flood; if so, will he lay the Report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Report has been received, and I will presently lay a copy of it upon the Table of the House.

(12.) Post and Telegraph Office at Engonia.—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Postmaster-General,—Has the erection of a new post and telegraph office at Engonia been commenced yet; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Kidd answered,—A similar Question was asked by the Honorable Member on the 19th January last, and the following reply furnished:—“It was decided to erect a small office, and “defray the cost out of the Vote for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at minor towns. “Tenders were twice invited, once for a wooden and once for an iron building. The offers for a “wooden one were far in excess of the amount at the disposal of the Department, whilst it was “ascertained that an iron building would be unsuitable. The Works Department was thereupon “asked to make provision on the Estimates for this year for a building, but on inquiry it appears “that it was found necessary to postpone that as well as other items.”

(13.) Court of Petty Sessions at Engonia.—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it intended to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Engonia?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that he does not consider there is any necessity for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Engonia.

(14.) Locomotives for the Colony.—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Having further reference to the Answers given by him to Mr. Schey's Question No. 3, of 2nd March, will he say—

(1.) Whether the Railway Commissioners received a letter from Messrs. Neilson & Co., locomotive manufacturers, of Glasgow, Scotland, replying to the statements made in a letter addressed by the Commissioners to the Colonial Treasurer, under date 24th November, 1892, purporting to reply to a previous letter of Messrs. Neilson & Co., published in the press?

(2.) Do Messrs. Neilson & Co., in such letter (if any), reiterate the assertions of their previous letter, and decline to withdraw anything previously stated?

(3.) Has he seen such letter or any copy of the same?

(4.) Will he ask for and peruse same?

(5.) Will he lay a copy of such letter (if any) upon the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have received a letter from Messrs. Neilson & Co., dated the 19th January last, relative to engine contracts; and as it was intimated in such letter that they were sending copy of the letter to the press, the Commissioners replied that they were not in the habit of conducting their business through the medium of the press, and declined to enter into a correspondence. There will be no objection to the production of the correspondence.

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- (15.) Appointment of Mr. Donnelly as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gulgong :—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is the young man named Donnelly, recently appointed to the important post of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Mining Registrar at Gulgong, son of Mr. D. C. J. Donnelly, Member of the present Legislative Assembly?

(2.) What is the age of the officer now appointed; and had he qualifications for the post superior to the many officers over him?

(3.) Has this officer any knowledge of the mining laws?

(4.) What was his salary in his previous post; what is his salary now, with fees added?

Mr. Barton answered.—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gulgong having been dismissed from the service, it is necessary that some person should act at this place until a permanent successor is appointed. The nature of the duties is such that it would not be advisable, in the interests of economy, to send a relieving officer, who would require to be paid a high rate of relieving allowance. Mr. Denis Donnelly, the gentleman referred to in the Honorable Member's Question, who is Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cowra, made application to undertake the relieving duty, and, being a thoroughly competent officer, he has been allowed to do so at the same rate of salary he is now receiving. He will be granted a small relieving allowance.

- (16.) Appointment of Mr. John Hardiman to the Forest Department :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the Mr. John Hardiman, recently appointed to the Forest Department, son or other relative by marriage or otherwise of a person of that name, in his constituency, Burrowa?

(2.) Was this person declared by the late head of the Forest Department to be incapable or unfit for the position of forester, and was he appointed over the head of seniors?

(3.) Will he produce to the House the minute dealing with this person's appointment, together with the minute of the Civil Service Board, refusing to ratify the appointment?

(4.) Was the Ministerial minute of appointment dated 15th November, 1892, on the document on or before the 20th December, or on or after the 20th December?

(5.) What were the grounds on which he acted in proceeding with this appointment against the advice of the chief of the Department and in opposition to the determination of the Civil Service Board?

(6.) What is the date of Hardiman's actual appointment, and the date of his first payment of salary for the position?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) He is the son of a widow, Mrs. Hardiman, who resides near Burrowa.

(2.) The late Director-General of Forests, after frequently promising to recommend Mr. Hardiman's appointment, objected that an impediment in his speech unfitted him for the position. He was not appointed over the heads of his seniors. He was employed for about three years at the Gosford nursery, and was highly recommended by Mr. McCoig, the overseer.

(3.) Yes; if the papers are moved for in the usual way.

(4.) On the 15th November, 1892.

(5.) The objection of the late Director-General of Forests was not considered valid. The matter of the appointment was referred in error to the Civil Service Board. The Board had no power under the Act to determine the question.

(6.) 1st January, 1893.

- (17.) Free Passes to the Unemployed :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, acting on instructions from the Government, the money for a free railway pass issued to any distressed workman is exacted by the Labour Bureau from the first wage payments to the workman?

(2.) Is it a fact that recently a free pass over all our railways was issued by the Government to a female hotel-keeper from New Zealand?

(3.) Under what circumstances or on what public grounds was the pass issued in this case; if a mistake has occurred, will he order the cancellation of the pass at once?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The employee signs a form, agreeing to refund the cost of the railway fare out of his first month's wages, but the time is frequently extended to two, three, and four months, according to circumstances.

(2 and 3.) As far as I can ascertain, no such pass has been issued; but I should judge, from the nature of the Questions, that they are a species of romance.

- (18.) Mr. Poole, Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he directed an inquiry on oath to be made as to certain charges of official misconduct against Mr. Poole, the mining officer at Dalmorton?

(2.) If he has, why has the customary proceeding of suspension been departed from in this officer's case?

(3.) Is it not a fact that, being still in the full discharge of his duties, Officer Poole has complete control of matters bearing on the charges laid against him?

(4.) Will he, now that his attention has been drawn to the matter, suspend the officer in question, pending investigation of the charges, and thus offer to the local miners complaining an assurance of a fair inquiry?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In cases such as this, suspension is not the invariable custom. He has not been suspended, because suspension may involve the payment of the salary twice.

(3.) The charges being that he held interests in mines, it is not clear how his "being still in the full discharge of his duties" affects that allegation.

(4.) There is no reason to suppose that the gentleman commissioned to make the investigation will not conduct it fairly, whether Mr. Poole is or is not suspended.

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(19.) Appointment of Mr. Murchison Mackenzie in the Public Service :—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he appointed one Murchison Mackenzie to any post in the Public Service within the last six months?

(2.) Have any officers been dispensed with from the office to which Mr. Mackenzie was appointed?

(3.) Is Mr. Mackenzie a connection or relation of the Minister?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Mr. Mackenzie was appointed a Cadet in the Technical Education Branch in June, 1892, filling a vacancy at £50 per annum.

(2.) Yes; the Registrar and three junior clerks are being retired.

(3.) I desire to inform the Honorable Member that I have discovered, after consulting friends, that in the early days of the Colony, nearly three generations ago, there existed a lady who was the sister of my wife's father. This lady married, and in due course a son was born to her. This son grew up, and on reaching manhood he also married, and after many years a son was born to him, and this is the boy the Honorable Member is inquiring about.

(20.) Construction of Tram-line through Scott-street, Newcastle, to the Beach :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a contract been let for the construction of a tram-line through Scott-street, Newcastle, to the beach?

(2.) What is the agreed price for the work?

(3.) Were tenders called for the said work?

(4.) Was the contract given without public competition?

(5.) If so, why?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Schedule rates, estimated to cost £4,500.

(3, 4, and 5.) Messrs. Walters and Smith were given the work at their schedule rates for the construction of the tramway from Newcastle to Merewether, of which this line forms a short extension. These prices were obtained in competition, and were the lowest received for the Newcastle-Merewether line. The reason the contract for this additional work was given without further competition was that the contractors were very much delayed in completing their original contract, owing to the necessity for re-arranging the terminal accommodation, which became necessary when this further extension was decided upon. The Engineer-in-Chief recommended this as a fair settlement of the matter, and he further stated that the prices were low. One condition of the agreement with the contractors is that a large claim which they had made for compensation for delay was to be absolutely withdrawn.

**2. ATTORNEYS' BILLS OF COSTS AND PRACTICE OF CONVEYANCING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—
(Formal Motion) :**

(1.) Mr. Fuller moved; pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the 14th section of the Act 11 Victoria No. 33, and to provide for the admission of certain Conveyancers as Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Fuller then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the 14th section of the Act 11 Victoria No. 33, and to provide for the admission of certain Conveyancers as Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court,*”—which was read a first time.

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

3. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY 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 amend the law relating to the Rights and Liabilities of Married Women.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Rights and Liabilities of Married Women,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th March, 1893.

MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th March, 1893.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 1, lines 8 and 9. *Omit “in accordance with the provisions of this Act”*

Page 2, clause 1, line 7. *After “woman” insert “after the passing of this Act”*

Page 2, clause 1, line 10. *After “woman” insert “after the passing of this Act”*

Page 2, clause 1, line 12. *After “property” insert “if any”*

Page 2, clause 1, sub-section (iv). *Add to end of sub-section “whether during her then coverture or any future coverture, and, in the event of her becoming discoverte, all property which shall be acquired by her during discoverte. And the same shall be liable to satisfy any judgment, decree, or order in respect of such contract, notwithstanding that such woman had no separate property at the date of such contract, or at the date of such judgment,*

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"judgment, decree, or order, or that she was discovert at the date of such judgment, "decreet, or order. Provided that nothing contained in this Act shall render a married "woman liable to imprisonment for debt. Provided also that no separate property subject "to restraint against anticipation shall be liable for any debt contracted during coverture, "or shall be rendered so liable by determination of coverture, nor shall any money be so "liable which is payable under any policy of insurance effected by any husband of the "debtor."

Page 2, clause 1, sub-section (v). *Omit* sub-section (v).

Page 2. *After* clause 1 *insert* the following new clause:—

2. The will of a married woman made after the passing of this Act shall be as effectual both in respect of any separate property afterwards acquired by her during her then coverture, and, in the event of her becoming discovert, in respect of any property acquired by her during discoverture, as the will of a man now is in respect of property acquired by him after the date thereof.

Page 2. *After* clause 5, *insert* the following new clause:—

7. Every chose in action to which a married woman shall be entitled after the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be a property the title to which accrues after the commencement of this Act.

Page 2, clause 6, line 55. *After* "her" *insert* "sole"

Page 4, clause 11, lines 17 to 20. *Omit* "A married woman may, by virtue of the power of making contracts hereinbefore contained, effect a policy upon her own life or the life of her husband for her separate use; and the same and all benefit thereof shall enure accordingly" *insert* "The benefit of every policy of life insurance heretofore or hereafter effected by a married woman by virtue of this or any other Act shall enure for her separate use unless otherwise expressed therein"

Page 4, clause 11, line 20. *After* "effected" *insert* "before or after the passing of this Act"

Page 4, clause 11, line 33. *After* "hand" *insert* "or by will"

Page 4. *After* clause 11 *insert* the following new clause:—

14. Subject to any provisions expressed in any policy referred to in the last preceding section, the person effecting such insurance shall have power to appoint by deed or will what shares or interests in the moneys secured thereby shall accrue to each of the persons for whose benefit the insurance was expressed to be made. In default of such appointment, or so far as the same does not extend, then, subject as aforesaid, children expressed in any such policy shall be entitled in equal shares, and, when a wife or husband is expressed to be benefited together with a child or children, such wife or husband shall be entitled to the whole for life, and such child or such children in equal shares shall be entitled to the remainder.

Page 5, clause 12, lines 1 to 3. *Omit* "and in any proceeding under this section a husband or wife shall be competent to give evidence against each other, any statute or rule of law to the contrary notwithstanding."

Page 6, clause 17, line 19. *Omit* "such"

Page 6, clause 17, line 20. *Omit* "as is"

Page 6, clause 19, line 52. *After* "may" (second occurring) *insert* "convey or join in conveying any land or"

Page 7, clause 20, line 1. *Before* commencement of clause *insert* "Notwithstanding that a married woman is restrained from anticipation, the Supreme Court, in its equitable jurisdiction, may, if it thinks fit, where it appears to the Court to be for her benefit, by decree or order, with her consent, bind her interest in any property. Except as provided in this section"

Page 7. *After* clause 20 *insert* the following new clauses:—

24. A married woman, whether an infant or not, shall after the passing of this Act have power, as if she were unmarried and of full age, by deed, to appoint an attorney on her behalf for the purpose of executing any deed, or doing any other act which she might herself execute or do.

25. In the construction of any gift or limitation of real or personal property made after the passing of this Act, by any will, deed, or other instrument, to more than one individual jointly or in common, a husband and wife shall not be regarded as one person for the purpose of deciding the proportionate shares of such individuals respectively, unless a contrary intention therein appears.

Page 7, clause 24, line 41. *Omit* "1891" *insert* "1893"

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

4. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Fuller, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fuller then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to amend the Acts 26 Victoria No. 9, 36 Victoria No. 7, and 41 Victoria No. 18 ('Real Property Act' and Amending Acts)."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts 26 Victoria No. 9, 36 Victoria No. 7, and 41 Victoria No. 18 ('Real Property Act' and Amending Acts),"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland 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 "Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act."

Question put and passed.

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6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Sunday Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effectual closing of public-houses on Sundays during prohibited hours;—until Thursday, 13th April.
 (2.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday, 30th March.
7. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
 (1.) Trade Marks Act Amendment Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Trade Marks Act, 1865, and the law relating to Trade Marks,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1893. **JOHN LACKEY,**
 President.
- Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed; and read a second time To-morrow.
- (2.) Probate Act of 1890 Amendment Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Probate Act of 1890; to give greater facilities for the issue of Probate and Letters of Administration in small estates; and to amend the Stamp Duties Amendment Act of 1886,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1893. **JOHN LACKEY,**
 President.
- Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** :—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Waterworks for the town of Junce.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. **PAPERS** :—
 Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report respecting proposed Flood Relief Channel from Tuckomil Creek to Evans River.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Copeland 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, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised 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 the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 Ordered to be printed.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Joseph Abbott rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the necessity for ‘suppressing the Chinese opium-dens existing in this city,’”—And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
 Mr. Abbott moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
11. **PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOM** :—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That, “in the opinion of this House,” the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room is unnecessary, and should therefore be discontinued.
 Mr. Traill moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “in the opinion of this House,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “it be referred to the Refreshment Committee to report whether”
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.

And

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

12. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Ayes, 54.

Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Sutton,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Slattery,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Chanter,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Grahame,

Mr. Black,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Coils,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

Tellers,

Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Collins.

Noes, 23.

Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Garrard.

Tellers,

Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cruickshank.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose an Income Tax.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. See 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 impose an Income Tax.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Dibbs 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 To-morrow at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Death of Robert Hastings:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to the death by violence of Robert Hastings, at Newtown, on 31st January last, will he take into his consideration the desirability of appointing a Board of Inquiry, with power to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses on oath, and with instructions to investigate the following Questions, viz.:—

- (a) Did or did not the City Coroner, who presided at the inquest on the body of Hastings, exclude material evidence?
- (b) Should the Coroner have accepted a verdict upon evidence which the jury unanimously declared, through a rider, to be unreliable?
- (c) Should not the Coroner, after hearing evidence to the effect that Hastings drank a fatal dose of a certain deadly poison some seven or eight hours prior to the time when Mrs. Rowley swore that he shot himself, have adjourned the inquest in order to have a *post-mortem* examination made?
- (d) If the position in which the body of Hastings was found, and the direction taken by the bullet, are compatible with the theory that the wound was self-inflicted?
- (e) If the Police investigation, ordered to be made by the Department of Justice, was placed in competent hands?
- (f) And generally to inquire into all matters and things connected with the death of Robert Hastings, and the subsequent investigations by inquest and otherwise?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—I have made full inquiry into this matter, and have personally conferred with the medical man who gave evidence at the inquest, as to the whole case. I am satisfied that the Coroner has done his duty in all respects legally and properly, and that the finding of the jury was the only finding which the facts justified. Under these circumstances, I see no reason for appointing a Board of Inquiry.

(2.) Maintenance Men on Country Roads:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that maintenance men on the country roads frequently have to wait for their money weeks after it is due?
- (2.) Is he aware that men in the district of Cootamundra had to wait until the 25th of February for wages earned in January of the present year?
- (3.) In view of the fact that many of these men have large families, and that the delay in payment of wages forces them to obtain credit, and thus pay higher prices for all they consume, will he see that in future all wages are paid promptly at stated periods?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am aware that some delay took place in the early part of the year in the payment of these men, but arrangements have been made which will obviate this for the future.

(3.) Tenders for Drainage Works at Bungendore:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that drainage works at Bungendore have been let to a man named McAlister, whose tender was over £600, whereas a tender for £480 was received from another contractor?
- (2.) What were the amounts of the various tenders offered for this work, and if the lowest tender was rejected, what was the reason?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Tenders were invited for drainage works at Bungendore, and the lowest, that of William S. M'Alister, at £550, accepted. One other only was received, the amount being £798 10s. 6d.

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- (4.) Public and Private Vehicles:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to have included in the Statistical Register a classified return of all public and private vehicles in use in the Colony?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is intended to publish in the Register a list showing the number and classification of all licensed public vehicles, similar to the information now given for the Metropolitan District. To make an annual enumeration of the private vehicles would be a very costly work.

- (5.) Punt at the Spit, Middle Harbour:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that during the heavy storms last week, the punt at the Spit, Middle Harbour, was unable to perform the work for which it is intended, and that much inconvenience was caused to vehicular traffic and the travelling public in consequence?
 (2.) Has his attention been directed to the reports of the daily papers as to the inconvenience of travelling by the Manly steamers, and the dangers incident to same in times of heavy weather?
 (3.) Will he take immediate steps to improve the overland transit between Manly and Sydney?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) During the storms of last week the vehicular traffic to Manly was greatly increased, and at the same time large quantities of sand were washed up on to the southern approach to the ferry, which slightly impeded the traffic. Very little inconvenience, however, was experienced, and most of the sand has since been removed.
 (2 and 3.) A deputation is to wait upon me next week on the subject of the extension of the tramway from the Spit Road to Manly Beach, and I shall then be prepared to indicate the policy of the Government in regard to the matter. I am not in a position to give an answer at present.

- (6.) Careless Use of Fire Prevention Act:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has it come under his notice that great destruction of property has occurred by the existing laws allowing occupiers of land to burn straw, stubble, grass, or timber during the summer months, provided they had cleared a space of 15 feet of all inflammable material?
 (2.) Is it a fact that many landholders have let contracts to clear land of timber by burning, and that the fire has extended to adjoining lands?
 (3.) Will the Government bring in a Bill to amend the Act for preventing the careless use of fire, and to render the owner or occupier of the land from which the fire has extended liable for compensation; if so, when?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I quite admit the importance of the matter, and the Government will take the subject into consideration at an early date.

- (7.) Tank at Broken Dam, on Road from Coolamon to Wolengough:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What action has been taken to have a tank provided at Broken Dam, on the road from Coolamon to Wolengough?
 (2.) Is he aware that great difficulty exists in travelling on this road in consequence of the scarcity of water?
 (3.) Are funds available for the construction of works of this character which are urgently needed; if not, when will funds be provided?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The local officer has not yet completed his Report and survey for this work, nor has the reservation of the land necessary been completed.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) No; funds will be provided on the Additional Estimates or on the Loan Estimates for such urgent works.

- (8.) Tank at Berry Jerry, on Road to Coolamon:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have representations been made to his Department, on several occasions during the last two years, that a tank was urgently needed at Berry Jerry, on the road to Coolamon?
 (2.) Is he aware that farmers have been unable to cart their wheat to the Coolamon railway station in consequence of the want of water on the road referred to?
 (3.) Will steps be at once taken to have a tank made, so that a supply of water may be available on this road during next summer?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) Yes; as soon as funds are available.

- (9.) Land Board at Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that members of the Land Board at Deniliquin (other than the Chairman) do not receive a list of cases set down for hearing prior to the sitting of the Board?
 (2.) Will he arrange that, in future, members of the Board receive such notice, in order that they may have ample time to look up and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the various laws dealing with the said cases?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
 (2.) The Chairman will be communicated with on the matter.

- (10.) Appointment of Trustees for Cricket-ground at Corowa:—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the cause of delay in appointing trustees for the cricket-ground at Corowa?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The concurrence of the other Member for the District in the trustees nominated by the Honorable Member having been received on the 14th instant, steps will be at once taken to appoint such trustees,

(11.)

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- (11.) Lead Board Inquiry :—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he received a Report from the Lead Board Inquiry; if so, will he lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House? Mr. Slattery answered,—The Report has not yet been received.
- (12.) Railway Rifle Reserve Company :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he state when the Railway Rifle Reserve Company, recently disbanded by the Government, will receive the capitation grant due to the members for the year 1892? Sir George Dibbs answered,—Arrangements are pending whereby payment will be made in a few days.
- (13.) Caretaker of the Jenolan Caves :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Daugard, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What is the name of the person in care of the Jenolan Caves; is he in the permanent employ of the Government; and, if so, at what salary and allowances?
 (2.) Does he lease any land from the Government in the vicinity of the caves; and, if so, what area, the annual rental, and duration of the lease?
 (3.) Is any other person connected with him in the lease, or is it held solely in his own interest?
 (4.) Does the lease from the Government contain any conditions for a renewal, or enable him to transfer the land or sublet it?
 Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) Jeremiah Wilson, who is in the permanent employ of the Government at a salary of £175 per annum, without any allowances.
 (2.) Yes; 2 acres, at an annual rent of £1, on an annual tenure, so long as he is caretaker of the Caves.
 (3.) Not that I am aware of.
 (4.) See reply to Query No. 2.
- (14.) Quadruplication of Suburban Railways, Redfern to Flemington :—*Mr. Eve*, for Mr. Danahey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the quadruplication of suburban railways, Redfern to Flemington, are complete, and taken over from the contractors, Messrs. M'Sweeney, M'Master, Gilliver and Tate, and John Ahearn?
 (2.) If complete, on what dates were the different contracts taken over by the Commissioners from the contractors?
 (3.) Are the contractors finally paid; if not, why not?
 (4.) Will he say the amount of money that has been paid to the respective contractors for quadruplications, and amount still due, if any, to them?
 (5.) Is there still a large amount due on these contracts; have the final certificates been lying at the Treasury for some time back; are there no funds available to pay these men; and have any arrangements been made to pay 8 per cent. interest on the respective amounts due to the several firms?
 (6.) Is it a fact that one or more writs have been issued against the Commissioners for the recovery of amounts due to one or more of the above firms?
 (7.) Is it a fact that any kind of work has been given to any of the above firms by the Commissioners without publicly tendering for same?
 Mr. See answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that Messrs. Gilliver & Tate have taken legal proceedings with reference to the amount due to them, and, therefore, it is not deemed advisable to give the information desired. Generally it may be stated that the works have been completed in accordance with the contracts entered into.
2. FIELD OF MARS COMMON (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, recommendations, and petitions in connection with the action of the Lands Department and the Works Department with reference to the alleged promises of the Government to provide tramway communication to the lands on the Field of Mars Common, and which relate to lands sold at the first, second, and third sales thereof.
 Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday, 11th April.
 (2.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill (No 2); second reading;—until Thursday, 23rd March.
4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. G. D. Clark rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the action of “the Railway Commissioners in suspending motor-driver Volk for having taken part in a political “meeting in the Electorate in which he is a voter,”—
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
 Mr. Clark moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
5. PAPER :—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Correspondence between Messrs. Neilson & Co. and the Railway Commissioners respecting locomotives for the Colony.
 Ordered to be printed.

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6. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 Mr. Kelly then moved, That the report be now adopted.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Employers Liability Act of 1886."
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th March, 1893.*
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trade Union Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 18th April.
8. TRUST PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Cullen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Dr. 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 Dr. Cullen, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
 (1.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Workmens Combination Laws Declaration Bill; second reading.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on
 2nd February, 1893.*

10. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act."
 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 amend the "Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act."
 On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. See moved, That the report be now adopted.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. COAL MINES REGULATION 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,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Slattery (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

13. ANJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes before Six o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT:

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1893.

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

CITY BANK OF SYDNEY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to alter the title of ‘The City Bank’ to that of ‘The City Bank of Sydney,’*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-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, 16th March, 1893.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pictures prepared for Chicago Exhibition:—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a Return giving the following information in connection with the 600 pictures recently prepared for the Chicago Exhibition:—

- (1.) The rate per picture charged to the Commission, and the lowest tenders from private firms?
- (2.) The total cost of production, including:—(a) Operators' salaries while making the negatives required; (b) operators' travelling expenses while engaged on the above work; (c) chemicals and materials required in preparation of the negatives referred to; (d) salaries of employees while making enlargements; (e) chemicals and materials used and spoilt; (f) cost of making wood stretchers; (g) cost of linen and drawing paper used; (h) cost of mounting and preparing the same; (i) cost of retouching “spotting,” &c., by artists; (j) cost of printing titles; (k) cost of printing catalogues; (l) number of sheets of bromide paper used and spoilt, and value of the same?

Mr. See answered,—Yes, I will lay the return upon the Table as soon as it is prepared.

(2.) Government Photographs:—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are two separate staffs of photographers in the Government employ, one of which is attached to the Public Works Department and one to the Government Printing Office?

(2.) What is the number of persons who have received gifts of photographs from the Government Printing Department during the last two years?

(3.) What number, and of what estimated value, have been the photographs presented to each individual?

(4.) Is it customary for distinguished visitors and their friends to be photographed at the public expense, and copies distributed gratis?

(5.) If so, have any Ministers or Members of either House of Parliament been photographed, or been the recipients of photographs executed by Government artists?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) There is a photographic staff at the Government Printing Office, and one photographer is employed by the Department of Public Works unconnected with the Government Printing Office.

(2.) The number of persons cannot be particularised, as such photographs were issued through ministerial departments upon official authority.

(3.) The number and estimated value to each individual cannot be ascertained, but the aggregate number during the two years ended 28th February, 1893, was 6,571, at an estimated cost of £383 6s. 2d., which were all supplied to the order (verbally and otherwise) of the Public Departments.

(4.) No.

(5.) Yes; but only for official purposes.

(3)

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- (3.) Sydney Hospital Buildings:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) In regard to the plans of proposed operating theatre and chapel to be erected in connection with the hospital buildings, submitted at the last meeting of the Hospital Board, with the approval of the Cabinet, were these plans included in the commission to Mr. John Kirkpatrick, architect, when this House agreed to his appointment, for the completion of the work partly carried out by Mr. Rowe?

(2.) Did this additional proposed work connected with the erection of operating theatre and chapel form the subject of consideration by the Works Committee; and, if so, did it receive their recommendation?

(3.) Were the plans of the proposed operating theatre and chapel submitted for the consideration and approval of the Honorary Medical Staff and Board of Directors?

(4.) What is the estimated cost of these additions?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) By a reference to the schedule to the Sydney Hospital Completion Act of 1892 it will be seen that the chapel and operating theatre were amongst the works sanctioned by the Public Works Committee.

(3.) I believe so.

(4.) £9,674.

- (4.) Station-houses on Suburban Railway:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) To what vote was the cost of the new station-houses on the suburban line charged?

(2.) Were they paid for from capital or revenue account?

(3.) Does not the annihilation of the previously existing buildings represent a loss of railway capital?

(4.) Has the amount of old capital sunk in such buildings, &c., as are now destroyed, been written off?

(5.) If so, in what part of the published railway accounts is it shown?

(6.) If not, how is it proposed to account for such loss of capital?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) For duplication of line.

(2.) Capital.

(3.) Not necessarily.

(4.) Partly.

(5.) A question of this kind is dealt with in the departmental accounts, and is not shown in detail in the Annual Report.

(6.) The balance remaining to be written off will be dealt with in the course of the next two years.

- (5.) Railway Accounts:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, before the Estimates are discussed, a detailed statement of the railway revenue and expenditure for the past year, showing the different items of expenditure, and whether such items of expenditure have been charged to revenue or capital account?

Mr. See answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the Quarterly and Annual Reports issued by the Commissioners. Under the Railway Act the Annual Report need not be submitted until January, but the Report dealing with the last financial year was submitted on 22nd August, and must be admitted to be a full and complete statement of the railway transactions. I shall be glad to furnish any Honorable Member with a copy.

- (6.) Workmen engaged on Shea's Creek:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the filth and refuse of certain establishments are being poured into Shea's Creek, causing serious danger of health of numbers of workmen engaged on Shea's Creek works, and causing also suffering to residents in and around that locality?

(2.) Will he, in the interests of good health in the community, cause a thorough inquiry to be made by the Health Department, with a view to report and necessary action thereon?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes; but an inspection was made on the 18th instant by the Chief Medical Inspector of the Board of Health, and he was assured that the health of the men engaged on the water had not suffered.

- (7.) Fish in Cook's River and Shea's Creek:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that the fish in Cook's River and Shea's Creek are being destroyed in a wholesale manner by reason of some poisonous matter flowing into Shea's Creek?

(2.) If not, will he accept the intimation of the fact, and cause the Fisheries Commission to make inquiry into the matter, with a view to report and action thereon?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A special report has been obtained from the local Fisheries Inspector, who states that in his own experience, and from inquiries made from about thirty fishermen resident in the vicinity, many of whom work the river daily, that fish are not killed through the matter which flows into the river from Shea's Creek. Under the Fisheries Acts such pollutions as are referred to cannot be stopped unless they cause destruction of oysters.

- (8.) Wharf at foot of Erskine-street:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the wharf at the foot of Erskine-street was, by special letter from the Colonial Secretary, handed over to the City Commissioners (whom the City Corporation succeeded), and was thus formally placed under the control of the representatives of the citizens of Sydney?

(2.) Is it a fact that without the permission of the City Council, and without any notification by the Government of the intention so to do, the said wharf has been built upon by the Government, and that the structure thereon erected has been leased to a company without the knowledge or consent of the City Council?

(3.)

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- (3.) If so, by whom, and under what statute, and at whose recommendation, has the said structure or wharf been let, and to whom, and on what conditions as to rent and terms of tenancy?
 (4.) If not, will he explain how it is that this property has been taken from the control of the City Council, and why the letters from the City Council to the Government, written two months ago, on the question of the occupation of this wharf by Government, have not been promptly attended to?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will lay the information on the Table presently in the shape of a Return.

- (9.) Hare Pest:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Does he remember that some months ago he promised to bring in a measure dealing with the hare pest?
 (2.) When does he propose to bring in such measure?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) I remember saying that a new Stock and Pastures Bill which deals with hares and other noxious animals had been prepared, the passing of which, like a number of others, would depend upon the time taken up in the discussion of other measures.

- (2.) As soon as the state of the Government business will permit.

- (10.) Statue of Charles Dickens in the Centennial Park:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a marble statue, alleged to be a statue of Charles Dickens, the celebrated English novelist, has been placed in the Centennial Park, Sydney?

- (2.) By whose authority was it placed there?

- (3.) Is he aware that there is a definite injunction in the will of Charles Dickens against making him the subject of any statue, or memorial of any kind, in the following words, written a year before his death:—"I conjure my friends on no account to make me the subject of any monument, memorial, or testimonial whatever. I rest my claim to the remembrance of my country on my published works, and to the remembrance of my friends upon their experience of me in addition thereto";—and that Dickens' friends, therefore, opposed any projected monument in England, except a plain tablet in Westminster Abbey?

- (4.) Will he, in view of that, take steps to have the statue in question speedily removed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

- (2.) That of the late Government.

- (3.) I am not aware.

- (4.) The statue having been put up, I do not know by what authority it can be taken down, unless it be upon the order of this House.

3. TRUST PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Dr. Cullen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Dr. Cullen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to amend the 'Trust Property Act of 1862.'"

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 'Trust Property Act of 1862,'"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st March, 1893.

4. CASE OF TRAMWAY MOTOR-DRIVER VOLK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, or other documents connected with the suspension of motor-driver Volk.

Question put and passed.

5. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Slattery, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to make better provision for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st March, 1893.

6. BOROUGH OF ERSKINEVILLE NAMING 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 alter the name of the Municipality of Macdonaldtown to the Borough of Erskineville,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

21st March, 1893.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Letter from Secretary for Railways to Under Secretary for Finance and Trade respecting lavatory accommodation in second-class Railway carriages.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 21st March, 1893,—“Case of Tramway Motor-driver Volk.”
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on Sericulture by Mr. W. S. Campbell.
 (2.) Regulations in connection with the administration of the Sunny Corner Water Supply Trust.
 Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Books and Pamphlets prepared for the Chicago Exhibition.
 (2.) Correspondence respecting appointment of the successor to the Governor, the Earl of Jersey.
 (3.) Return to an Order made on 2nd March, 1893,—“Appointment of Mr. Martin, M.P., to position in connection with Chicago Exhibition.”
 (4.) Return respecting Wharf at foot of Erskine-street.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (5.) Return to an Order made on 1st March, 1893,—“Appointment of Mr. J. L. Parsons and others.”

8. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain licensed fishermen of Botany Bay, representing that they are desirous of being represented upon the Fisheries Commission, so that they may have direct representation by practical men elected by the licensed fishermen; and praying the House to pass the Fisheries Act Amendment Bill, introduced by Mr. Carruthers.

Petition received.

9. GLOVE CONTESTS:—Mr. Sharp presented a Petition from certain residents of Redfern and vicinity, stating that there have been disgraceful and degrading spectacles presented at recent pugilistic encounters, two of which have terminated with fatal results; and praying the House, in view of these facts, to introduce some drastic measure which will make the recurrence of such disgraceful scenes impossible.

Petition received.

10. TAX ON INDUSTRY—MINERS RIGHTS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tonkin,—

- “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be no tax upon the right of any man to work at any lawful calling.
 “(2.) That the fee now charged for a miners right is a tax upon industry, and should be ‘abolished.’”

And the Question being again proposed,—

Mr. Dowel moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word ‘abolished,’ with a view to the insertion in its place of the words, “reduced to a nominal charge to cover the expenses of issuing such right.”

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Houghton 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 fee now charged for a miners right should be reduced one-half.”

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 put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Reid,
 Dr. Hollis,
 Mr. Traill,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Melville,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Hayes,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Danahay,

Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Bavister,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Rae,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Tellers,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Ewing,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. See,
 Sir George Dibbs,
 Mr. Barton,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Newton,
 Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, the fee now charged for a miners right should be reduced one-half,—put and passed.

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21st March, 1893.

11. BALRANALD IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson 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. Wilkinson, 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, 25th April.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

12. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of inserting a new clause.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. See,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Johnston,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Gorinly,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Black,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Torpy,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Houghton,	Tellers,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Grahame,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Bavister.	

Tellers,

Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. McFarlane.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “An Act for the creation of Taxation Districts, and for assessing and levying a Tax on Income within such Districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such Tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act for the creation of Taxation Districts, and for assessing and levying a Tax on Income within such Districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such Tax; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1893.

13. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland 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. Copeland, 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. Copeland, the report was adopted.

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

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14. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1893, A.M.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gundagai Gaol:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) What was the cost of erecting the gaol at Gundagai?
 (2.) How long has it been used as a place for imprisoning criminals?
 (3.) What is the annual cost of its maintenance, including salaries of officials employed?
 (4.) For how many criminals is there accommodation therein?
 (5.) Is it a fact that on one occasion the only occupants of the gaol were the prison officials and one prisoner named Haynes?
 (6.) Does he consider it necessary to maintain an entire gaol for the detention of one member of the Haynes family?
 (7.) What was the expense to the State in thus providing a maintenance and attendance for the one prisoner, Haynes?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) The total cost of erection of the Gaol, and making additions thereto, was £4,775.
 (2.) Since 1859.
 (3.) The gaol is in charge of the lockup-keeper, whose pay as a constable is 7s. 6d. per diem. He receives an allowance of £15 per annum as acting gaoler, and the matron is paid £10 per annum. The annual cost of maintenance is about £62 per annum.
 (4.) Thirty.
 (5, 6, and 7.) There is no record of any prisoner named Haynes having been confined in Gundagai Gaol.

- (2.) Viaduct over the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga:—*Mr. Gorstly* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have piles been removed from the railway viaduct which crosses the valley of the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga that have been seriously damaged by the ravages of white ants?
 (2.) Have some of these piles been removed within the last month; if not, what was the date of removal?

- (3.) For what length of time have the piles removed formed part of the viaduct?
 (4.) Were the piles, when first used, suitable for the purpose?
 (5.) Who was the officer who had the supervision of this work when first erected?
 (6.) Is he still in the Government service?
 (7.) Did the flood of 1891 wash away the earth to a depth of from 1 to 3 feet from a number of the piers?
 (8.) Have these holes been left open since that time?
 (9.) Does a quantity of the timber now forming part of the viaduct show signs of decay?
 (10.) What action is being taken to have the viaduct repaired or a new structure erected?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The last piles removed were taken out of the structure on the 4th March, 1893.
 (3.) The piles removed were those originally used in the construction of the viaduct.
 (4.) Yes.
 (5.) Engineer, Mr. C. E. Nicholas; Inspector, Mr. A. C. Brayne.
 (6.) Yes.
 (7.) Yes; during the flood of 1891 some little scour took place round many of the piers.

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(8.) Some of the holes have since been filled up; those not yet filled in do not in any way affect the stability of the structure.

(9.) Only a very small percentage of the timber shows signs of decay.

(10.) A gang of carpenters is almost constantly employed renewing timber found to be defective. The repairs from time to time have been somewhat extensive, and with the ordinary maintenance work now going on the viaduct should last for years. It may be added that in a recent report made by the Engineer he states that at the present moment the viaducts are in a better condition than they have been for some years.

(.) Naval Brigade and Partially-paid Infantry:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the authorised scale of pay to an A.B. of the Naval Brigade and a private of Partially-paid Infantry is at the rate of £12 per annum?

(2.) Is it a fact that by reason of there being no continuous training the private of the Partially-paid Infantry is barred from earning the said pay?

(3.) Is it a fact that an A.B. of the Naval Brigade is not barred from earning the said pay, whether or not there be continuous training?

(4.) What is the reason of this apparent anomaly in the Partially-paid arms of the Defence Force (Infantry and Naval Brigade)?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is very difficult to supply categorical Answers to these Questions, and give the full particulars required. If the Honorable Member will be good enough to move for a Return, asking for the information he desires, it shall be supplied.

(4.) Excise Duty on Tobacco:—*Mr. Johnston*, for Mr. Gough, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the tobacco excise is being evaded by some of the tobacconists in the city and suburbs?

(2.) Is it a fact that the tobacconists are selling the raw leaf in small quantities, and are thereby defrauding the revenue of 1s. 3d. for every pound sold?

(3.) Will he ascertain if such is the case, and cause steps to be taken to stop the sale of such leaf?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that the tobacco excise is evaded.

(2.) The sale of raw leaf by licensed tobacconists is not an offence against the law.

(3.) It may be desirable to control the sale of raw leaf should the consumption be found to interfere with the collection of the excise duty on manufactured tobacco.

(5.) Fort-street School and Hurlstone College:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that professors or other teachers from the University are engaged to give instruction at Fort-street School and Hurlstone College?

(2.) What amount was paid to these gentlemen last year for such services?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact that professors or other teachers of the University are engaged to give instruction at Fort-street and at Hurlstone College.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(6.) Amalgamation of the Postal and Telegraph Departments:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What are the arrangements recently made with regard to the amalgamation of the Postal and Telegraph Departments?

(2.) What are to be the future titles of the following gentlemen:—*Mr. Dalgarno*, *Mr. P. B. Walker*, and *Mr. Doak*?

(3.) Is it proposed to increase the salaries of *Mr. Dalgarno*, *Mr. Walker*, and *Mr. Doak* by £100 each?

(4.) If so, why are these increases proposed?

(5.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Walker* will have less to do than under the old system, and that *Mr. Doak* will have an extra staff to assist him in his new position?

(6.) Is it a fact that other officials are to receive increases of £50 each, while certain others have been refused increases on the ground that "the instructions are to retrench"?

(7.) Will he explain the apparent inconsistency of these proceedings?

(8.) Out of what fund will the increases to *Messrs. Dalgarno*, *Walker*, and *Doak* be paid?

(9.) Is it a fact that *Mr. H. B. Templeton* is to have his salary increased from £190 to £220, and has he only to perform the same work that he has been doing for five years?

(10.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Templeton* has thus been promoted over the heads of twenty-five deserving clerks?

(11.) If the work *Mr. Templeton* is performing is of special character, why is it that none of the twenty-five clerks referred to were asked to undertake it?

(12.) When will the increases referred to come into operation?

(13.) Have any of the new positions received the sanction of the Civil Service Board, in terms of the Civil Service Act of 1884?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) It has been determined to adopt, as far as practicable, the recommendations contained in the Report of the Public Service Inquiry Commission, laid upon the Table of this House on the 12th November, 1890.

(2.) *Mr. Dalgarno* has been appointed as Secretary of the Postal Service, *Mr. Walker* as Secretary of the Telegraph Service, and *Mr. Doak* as Chief Accountant and Controller of the Money Order Office and Government Savings Bank.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) In consequence of the increased work and responsibilities of the positions they now occupy.

(5.)

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(5.) The duties of both Mr. Walker and Mr. Doak will be increased. The latter will certainly have an extra staff transferred to him to meet the amalgamation of the Account Branches, but this obviously increases his supervisory work.

(6 and 7.) In readjusting the duties of the amalgamated staff, in order to correct some anomalies, and to meet increased responsibility, it has been needful to augment three of the clerks' salaries, which is more than justified by a general saving of salaries which has already been arranged, amounting to about £4,000 per annum. It will be obvious that in carrying out a large departmental change of this nature, it is not possible to accede to every request for an increase of salary made by the staff.

(8.) The position of Superintendent of Telegraphs has been abolished, and out of the salary, viz., £1,000, attached thereto, it is proposed to save £700 per annum, and to provide for the augmentation of the salaries of the gentlemen named.

(9.) It is proposed to increase the salary of the officer named under circumstances of his peculiar fitness for responsible work called prominently into existence at this juncture.

(10.) No; it has been specially provided that the increase is not to have the effect of passing him over the heads of others.

(11.) The especial fitness of officers in regard to their public usefulness has been the Postmaster-General's guide in determining the positions of the officials in the new arrangement of the Departments.

(12.) From the dates when the duties are respectively undertaken by the officials concerned.

(13.) The Civil Service Board have been informed of the intention of the Government to carry out the recommendations contained in the report of the Public Service Inquiry Commission.

(7.) Sydney Institute of Accountants:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any decision been arrived at re the registration of the proposed Sydney Institute of Accountants?

(2.) Will he give his assurance that he will not issue the license unless an alteration of the qualification of future members clause in the Memorandum and Articles of Association is made providing for the admission of competent public and mercantile accountants, as desired by the opponents of the registration?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member is referred to my Answer given to a similar Question on the 24th January last.

(8.) High Schools:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the cost of each of the High Schools for the year 1892?

(2.) What was the amount received as fees for each of the High Schools for 1892?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

School.		Cost, 1892.	Fees received in 1892.
Sydney—Boys	...	£3,906 9 2	£1,785 0 0
	Girls	2,371 19 10	1,734 12 0
Maitland—Boys	...	958 1 9	267 2 2
	Girls	847 4 7	227 10 0
Bathurst—	Boys	866 14 0	279 14 10
	Girls		
Totals	...	£8,950 9 4	£4,293 19 0

I may add, for the information of the Honorable Member, that I have given directions that in future no children, except those receiving bursaries and scholarships, are to be educated in these High Schools without paying fees.

(9.) Geological Surveyors:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount was paid last year per man to the geological surveyors, for horse and tent allowances, visits in connection with Prospecting Vote, or other payments in addition to their salaries?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No amounts were paid to geological surveyors in 1892 for horse and tent allowances except wages of a cook in Mr. Anderson's camp at 5s. per diem, amounting to £70. From prospecting Mr. Pittman received £13 15s.; Mr. Stonier, £151 17s. 6d. From travelling expenses Mr. Pittman received £31 8s. 2d.; Mr. Stonier, £86 5s. 6d.; Mr. Jaquet, £185 11s. 8d.; Mr. Carne, £5 16s.; and Mr. Anderson, £9 14s.

(10.) Roads to Stations on the Molong and Parkes Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are any steps being taken to lay out or provide suitable roads to enable farmers in the districts of Cudal, Toogong, Murga, and Eugoura to get their produce conveyed to stations on the Molong and Parkes railway; if not, will he see that the matter is attended to, more especially as the line is expected to be finished in a few months?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The matters referred to by the Honorable Member are at present receiving the consideration of the Department.

(11.) Extension of North Shore Tramway to Manly:—Mr. Eve asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he arranged to receive a deputation with regard to the extension of the North Shore tramway to Manly?

(2.) If so extended, would the said tramway pass near the Pearl Bay Estate, Middle Harbour, known as the Pearl Bay Picnic Ground?

(3.) Is the said Pearl Bay Estate the property of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company?

(4.) Is he a Director of the said Company; also is the Colonial Treasurer a Director of the said Company?

(5.) Is Mr. J. P. Garvan, M.L.A., the Managing Director of the said Company?

(6.) Are any other Members of Parliament Directors of the said Company?

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- (7.) Has the tramway already been extended towards the said estate as far as the Spit Road ?
 (8.) What is the population on the route of the said tramway—are there five houses to the mile on the said route ?
 (9.) Is it a fact that the owners of land resumed by the Government in February, 1892, have not had any offer made to them as required by the Public Works Act ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) I believe such a deputation has been arranged in the ordinary way by the Under Secretary. I was not aware of this until the Honorable Member asked his Question.
 (2.) It would go across at the Spit, and Pearl Bay is a little distance up Middle Harbour from that point. The present terminus is between 1 and 2 miles away.
 (3, 4, and 5.) Yes.
 (6.) None in Assembly ; one in the Council.
 (7.) The tramway has been made along the Military Road to Snudden's hotel only.
 (8.) The Honorable Gentleman has every opportunity of ascertaining for himself, if he cares to take the trouble; I should advise him to do so if he wants information; I can only say the population is considerable, and the houses very numerous.
 (9.) The Honorable Member does not say whether this has reference to all lands resumed in February, 1892, for all purposes in the Colony, or for this work only. I repel the insinuations contained in these Questions, and they recoil upon the Honorable Member. I think it should be beneath the dignity of the Honorable Member to ask them.

(12.) Government Steamer "Dawn":—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the steamer "Dawn" and other boats belonging to Government are constantly being used for private excursions and picnics ?
 (2.) If so, is he aware that their use in this manner injures private enterprise ?
 (3.) Will the Government put a stop to this practice ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Occasionally this is the case.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) No.

(13.) Easter Encampment of 1891:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the approximate expenditure in respect of rations, forage, and fuel in connection with the Easter encampment of 1891 ?
 (2.) What was the approximate cost of transport other than railway ?
 (3.) What was the approximate amount of pay received by officers and men of the Partially-paid Forces attending such encampment ?
 (4.) What was the approximate amount of revenue accrued to the Government railways attributable to the holding of such encampment, so far as the same can be estimated ?
 (5.) What portion of the total expenditure comes within the yearly estimated pay voted by this House to the Partially-paid Forces ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—A Return is being prepared in answer to this Question and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(14.) Amendment of the Customs Tariff:—Mr. Scott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to introduce an amended Tariff, having for its object the better encouragement of local industries ; if so, when ?
 (2.) Will he, prior to any Tariff amendment, submit it to conferences of practical men engaged in the various industries affected, in order that it may be discussed in its details and incidences ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) It is the intention of the Government to amend the Tariff when opportunity offers.
 (2.) The Treasurer will be glad to have the opinions of practical men on matters affecting State interests connected with Customs taxation.

(15.) Courts of Quarter Sessions:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the several towns in which the Courts of Quarter Sessions have been lately dispensed with ?
 (2.) The same information respecting District Courts ?
 (3.) Will a saving to suitors and others having business with these Courts be effected by this change ?
 (4.) At whose instigation was this change made ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Justice :—

- (1.) At Grenfell and Balranald.
 (2 and 3.) No District Courts have lately been abolished, so that suitors or others having business at such Courts will not be affected.

(16.) Arrears of Municipal Rates:—Mr. Hoyle, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that great expense has, under present circumstances, to be incurred by municipal bodies when seeking to recover at law arrears of rates owing to them ?
 (2.) Will he read the facts in the case *ex parte* W. B. Lucas *re* the Borough of Paddington ?
 (3.) Are such Municipal Councils compelled to take or incur Supreme Court actions in such cases ?
 (4.) Will he introduce a short Bill during this Session to enable municipal bodies to proceed in such matters without the expense and delay now consequent thereon ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The fact, as stated by the Honorable Member, has not been brought under the notice of the Government.

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2. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Copeland, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Copeland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to amend the 'Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act.'"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act,'"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, "That this Bill be now read a second time"—until Thursday, 6th April.

(2.) Masters and Servants Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday, 19th April.

(3.) Municipal Wharves Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th April.

4. MENTINDIE IRRIGATION BILL:—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 Bill was referred on 23rd February, 1893, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 4th April.

Question put and passed.

5. THE TARIFF:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon presented a Petition from certain electors in the Hastings and Manning District, suggesting that the present tariff should be amended, by imposing a duty on stock, increasing the duties on farm products, timber, and tobacco, remitting the excise duty on tobacco; and abolishing the £100 license for manufacturing tobacco; and praying the House to take the facts submitted into consideration, and amend the present tariff in accordance with the schedule submitted by them.

At the request of Mr. Chanter, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.

6. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from certain licensed fishermen of Tuggerah Lakes, representing that they are desirous of being represented upon the Fisheries Commission, so that they may have direct representation by practical men elected by the licensed fishermen; and praying the House to pass the Fisheries Act Amendment Bill, introduced by Mr. Carruthers.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Stevenson presented a similar Petition from certain licensed fishermen of Brisbane Water.
Petition received.

7. PAPER:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1892.
Ordered to be printed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. G. D. Clark rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, 'the suspension of motor-driver Volk for having taken part in a political meeting in the electorate "in which he is a voter.'" And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Danahey requested Mr. Speaker to decide whether this Debate, which was on a Motion for the adjournment of the House, and, therefore, not Government or General Business, should be interrupted under the Sessional Order which requires that Government Business only shall be proceeded with after 7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker decided that it was imperative on him to interrupt any unfinished business at 7 o'clock p.m., and that he was sustained in this decision by the action of Mr. Speaker Allen, in Session 1878-9, when a less stringent Sessional Order was in force.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 eleven minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Appointments held by Mr. J. S. Brown, at Penrith :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. J. S. Brown holds the offices of Clerk of Petty Sessions, Registrar of District Court, and Land Agent at Penrith ?

(2.) When was he appointed ?

(3.) What is the aggregate amount of salary he receives in virtue of these appointments ?

(4.) What position did he hold before receiving his present appointments, and what salary ?

(5.) Was there no other officer in the Service that had a prior claim to these positions ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Department of Justice,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Brown was appointed Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Penrith on 25th January, Land Agent on 15th April, and Clerk of Petty Sessions on 1st August, 1892.

(3.) £150 per annum.

(4.) Mr. Brown was junior clerk in the Police Office at Maitland, and received salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

(5.) Mr. Brown exchanged positions with the Acting Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Penrith, their salaries being equal at the time of the exchange. It having subsequently been found necessary to relieve the Police Magistrate at Penrith of clerical duties, it was considered advisable to continue Mr. Brown in that office as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent with an increase of £50 per annum, half of which is paid by the Lands Department.

- (2.) Tenders for conveying Military Guards to the Batteries :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Military Department call for tenders from steamship owners for conveying the relief military guards from and to the several batteries and Sydney for this year ?

(2.) If so, how many tenders were received ?

(3.) Was any tender accepted ; and, if so, whose ?

(4.) Were the tenders alternative ; and what were the details of the successful one ?

(5.) If no tender accepted, will fresh tenders be called for ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Military Secretary :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Four.

(3 and 5.) The tender of Mr. Byrnes being the lowest has been recommended for acceptance.

(4.) No ; but tenders for each description of service were called for :—Whole day at £3, half-day at £2, for regular service. Whole day at £5, half-day at £3, for extra steamers.

- (3.) Wollondilly Bridge at Mulwarree :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total cost to date of propping up the girders of the various bridges on the railway lines with timber, such as that under the Wollondilly Bridge at Mulwarree ?

(2.) How many bridges have been so treated—give their names and locations ?

(3.) Has this precaution been taken on account of the excessive weights on the axles of the recently imported English and American locomotive engines ?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) A number of bridges which were strutted prior to the Commissioners taking office have been strengthened or renewed. Temporary strengthening now exists in connection with a small span over Duck Creek, at 12 miles 74 chains, the cost of which was £15; also in connection with the bridge over Mulwarree Ponds. The latter has been strengthened off the staging erected for the purpose of enabling the new girders about to be put in position for the permanent strengthening of the structure, the necessity for which was pointed out by the Royal Commission on Bridges in 1885. This Answer is not intended to cover temporary work carried out in connection with floods.

(3.) This precaution has nothing to do with the engines referred to.

(4.) Endowments to Municipalities:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to grant to all municipalities the special endowment of 5s. in the £ to enable them to carry out works of improvement in their various boroughs?

Mr. Slattery answered,—It is not, but the next Temporary Supply Bill will contain provision for an advance pending the passing of the Local Government Bill.

(5.) Public School Buildings at Collarendabri and Angledool:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that tenders were received for new public school buildings at Collarendabri and Angledool about ten days ago; if so, what is the cause of delay in letting contracts for the work? (2.) Is he aware that, owing to the Darling and Barwon Rivers being in high flood, an excellent opportunity is now offered to get the material for the buildings up from Bourke to Collarendabri, and that such opportunity may be lost if delay takes place?

Mr. Suttor answered.—Yes; a tender for the building at Angledool has been accepted to-day. In view of the necessity for retrenchment, it is not intended to proceed with the erection of the buildings at Collarendabri at present.

(6.) Pastures and Stock Protection Act:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In how many sheep districts did elections of Stock Boards, under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, take place during last February? (2.) In how many districts did no elections take place? (3.) How many men were appointed to be members of Stock Boards by the Chief Inspector of Stock?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Forty; but there is one district from which no report has yet been received.

(2.) Twenty-two, so far as reports received.

(3.) The Chief Inspector of Stock has not appointed any one. He has, at the instance of the Returning Officers for the districts where the election of Directors has failed, nominated sixty-eight gentlemen for appointment as Directors under the Pastures and Stock Protection Acts.

(7.) Retrenchment in the Civil Service:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. McMillan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the necessity of retrenchment, will the Government have a carefully prepared statement made out, showing the total amount of savings that might be effected if all the practical suggestions of the Civil Service Commissioners' Report were carried out?

(2.) Will he lay the foregoing Return upon the Table of the House before the Estimates are discussed?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague does not think this course necessary in view of the reasons already given for refusing to deal with Reports of the Commissioners unaccompanied by evidence.

(8.) Courts of Quarter Sessions at Grenfell and Balranald:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who recommended the abolition of the Courts of Quarter Sessions at Grenfell and Balranald?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Justice:—The Quarter Sessions at Balranald were abolished on the representations of the Judge and Crown Prosecutor, and at Grenfell on the representations of the Police authorities and the Judge as to the small amount of business transacted at those places.

(9.) Fishing Tackle supplied on Ministerial Expeditions:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Danahey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were any fishing lines and bait, or any of either, ordered by the Harbour and Rivers Department, for use upon any of the Government steamers on the occasion of any Ministerial expeditions, since the present Ministry came into office?

(2.) If so, by whom have the accounts been paid?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) It is possible that such was the case.

(2.) I have not seen the account. I will lend the Honorable Member fishing lines and bait too, if he wants it.

(10.) Cost of Fishing Tackle or Bait:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Danahey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Auditor-General any knowledge of any charges having been made during the past eighteen months for the supply of fishing tackle or bait ordered by any of the Public Departments?

(2.) If so, what are the amounts of such charges, and by whom were they incurred?

Mr. See answered,—The item referred to possibly is for some petty charge in connection with a trip of inspection given to the Military Commission. I do not think such a Question should be asked.

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2. BRIDGE TO CONNECT NORTH SHORE WITH SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a high-level bridge should be at once constructed to connect North Shore with Sydney, as a work of national importance.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Hindle.

Tellers,

Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Cullen.

Noes, 56.

Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Barton,
 Mr. Trall,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. See,
 Mr. Jeanneret,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Wright,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Donald,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Newton,

Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Rue,
 Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
 Mr. Walker,
Tellers,
 Mr. Booth,
 Mr. Alfred Allen.

And so it passed in the negative.

3. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Darnley, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the present system of allowing Government contracts to be sublet is detrimental to the interests of the whole community, and should at once be stopped.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Traill,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Bavister,

Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Donald,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Stevenson,*
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Rose,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
 Mr. Newton,
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Gormly,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
Tellers,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Johnston.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. See,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Jeanneret,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Wright,
 Mr. Booth,
 Mr. Barton,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Wall,
 Mr. Stevenson.*

*So in Tellers' Lists.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. MENNINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Newton presented a Petition from certain coke manufacturers, coal producers, and those interested in these industries of the Colony, stating that, for the reasons in their Petition set forth, the tramway proposed to be constructed under the provisions of this Bill would be beneficial to them; and praying the House to take the facts stated in the Petition into favourable consideration.
 Petition received.

5. GUNNEDAH SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL :—Mr. Hart, 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 23rd February, 1893, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hart then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 4th April.
 Question put and passed.

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6. PAPERS :—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into the administration of the Weights and Measures Act, with Minutes of Evidence and Annexures.
- (2.) Particulars respecting the Easter Encampment of 1891.
- (3.) By-law of the Borough of Junee.
- (4.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Carrington.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Stockton.
- (6.) Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1893, showing total remuneration received by all public officers who hold more than one office, or who received any fees, special allowances, quarters, fuel, or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries, during the year 1892.
- (7.) Report on Leprosy in New South Wales for 1892, together with certain information respecting the prevalence of the disease in the Australian Colonies.

Ordered to be printed.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Jeanneret rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, “to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the present condition of Aldermen under the Municipalities Acts, whereby Aldermen are subjected to heavy penalties in consequence of the conflicting decisions upon important points.” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,— Mr. Jeanneret moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.

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

(1.) Lunacy Act Further Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Insane, and to further amend the ‘Lunacy Act of 1878,’ and to validate certain certificates,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

(2.) Bills of Sale Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 6th April.

9. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barbour, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Lyne,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. See,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. O’Sullivan,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. A’Beckett,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Copeland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 13.

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Dawson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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On motion of Mr. Barbour, 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.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

10. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Honorable Sir George Richard Dibbs, K.C.M.G., resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.
Whereupon Mr. Barton moved, That the Seat of the Honorable Sir George Richard Dibbs, a Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Sir George Richard Dibbs.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended others of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Barton (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Material for Locomotive Boilers:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the value, weight, and name of the material to be supplied to Mort's Dock Company for the Railway Commissioners for each of the twelve locomotive boilers ordered from that firm?
- (2.) What is the date of the letting of the contract, and the specified date for the completion of the twelve boilers?

(3.) What class or classes of locomotives (by their rotary numbers) are these boilers for?

Mr. See answered,—The value of the materials and other information was given on the 7th February last in answer to a Question put by Mr. McGowen. The additional information sought by the Honorable Member is of no public interest, and are matters of detail, to be dealt with by the Railway Commissioners.

(2.) Banking Institutions:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the disquieting rumours afloat concerning the stability of certain private banking institutions in this Colony, does the Government intend to take any immediate steps to safeguard the interests of the general public?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to pledge the public credit for the purpose of upholding private banks that are well known to be in a state of insolvency?

(3.) If intended to render assistance only to solvent institutions, how is such solvency to be proved?

(4.) Does the Government intend to appoint public inspectors of known ability as financiers, in order to officially audit and report on the stability or otherwise of the various banks doing business in this Colony?

Mr. See answered,—The Government are quite satisfied that any rumours of the kind indicated in this Question are entirely unwarranted, so far as they apply to the institutions working under charter or Act of Parliament, and which alone are justified in assuming the title of "Bank." Such being the case, there is no need for any interference, especially as the Banks are well able to uphold their credit without any assistance from the Government. A comprehensive measure, dealing with Banks and other financial institutions, has been drafted, and is ready for consideration by Parliament when the state of public business admits of its introduction. The Bill referred to provides every legitimate security for the proper carrying on of the business of Banking. It is not intended to provide for the appointment of public inspectors, as the security afforded by the inspection or auditing of such persons would be purely delusive.

(3.) Conditional Leases on Bolderogery, in the Parkes Land District:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When were the conditional leases of Messrs. Westcott, Watts, and Davey, on the resumed area of Bolderogery, in the Parkes Land District, resumed for mining purposes?

(2.) What were the amounts paid respectively to the said lessees for improvements and interest thereon; and what was the annual rent per acre paid by such conditional lessees?

(3.) Were such leases reserved from sale, lease, and license; and if not reserved from license, under what section of the Land Acts do such conditional leases revert to the resumed area; and has the licensee the right to take possession of the land, and sublet some to the former conditional lessors?

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(4.) Does the licensee pay any license fee for the said resumed conditional leased lands, or rent for any of the improvements thereon, and is it a fact that Mr. Westcott pays the licensee the sum of £37 per annum for 701 acres of such resumed conditional leases?

(5.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, and take such steps as may be deemed necessary to prevent any wrongful actions being perpetrated either to the former conditional lessee or the public?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) On the 7th April, 3rd April, and 29th May, 1891, respectively.

(2.) £646 was paid to Westcott and £352 to Wattis, and a sum of £310 5s. 5d. has been awarded to Davey as compensation, the respective rents being 2d., 2½d., and 2½d. per acre.

(3.) The leases were not reserved under the Crown Lands Acts from sale, lease, or license; but under the second clause of the Mining Act of 1889 were reserved from sale or lease. The papers are at the Local Land Board Office, but I will have the matter inquired into, and rectified if necessary. Nothing is known of any arrangement between the licensee and Mr. Westcott.

(4.) Yes; I am not aware that Mr. Westcott pays the licensee any money for the use of the land for which he had received from the Crown, as compensation for its resumption, the sum of £646.

(5.) There does not appear to have been any wrongful action perpetrated, Westcott having received £646 for the resumption of 701½ acres on which he was paying a rent of 2d. an acre per annum.

(4.) Britannia Reef, Forbes:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the date of the notice sent to the Warden at Forbes by Mr. Foster as to non-fulfilment of labour conditions on leases 291, 223, and 221 or 211, Britannia Reef, Forbes?

(2.) What was the date of the reply sent by the Warden to Mr. Foster that he had reported to the Minister such leases for non-fulfilment of labour conditions?

(3.) What date was the Warden's report received in the Department of Mines?

(4.) What was the date of Mr. Vanzetti's application for surrender of said leases, and when was it received in the Department of Mines?

(5.) Has the surrender of the leases been approved by him; if so, what is the date of approval?

(6.) What is the reason for the delay in transmission of the Warden's report as to the non-fulfilment of conditions of labour on the said leases?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) 17th January, 1893.

(2.) The complaint was forwarded by the Warden to the Department, but there is nothing on the papers to show that he communicated with Mr. Foster.

(3.) The Warden's letter conveying Mr. Foster's complaint was received 25th January, 1893.

(4.) 16th January, 1893; received at Department 18th January, 1893.

(5.) Yes; on the 24th January, 1893.

(6.) No report was asked from the Warden, the Minister having approved of the surrender before the receipt of the complaint, which was disallowed.

(5.) Electric Light at General Post Office:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Joseph Abbott, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What was the cost of the plant for the production of the electric light used at the General Post Office, including that connected with the external lighting?

(2.) What is the cost per night for lighting in connection with the clock and outside lamps?

(3.) How many men are employed in connection therewith, and what is the total amount of wages paid per day?

(4.) Do the Government intend extending the electric lighting along the south or north side of Moore-street towards Castlereagh-street?

(5.) Is it intended to connect with the new Public Works Offices?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) £2,543 16s. 5d., including plant.

(2.) £3 5s. 6d. for electric power supplied by Electrical Material Company.

(3.) Four men are employed in connection with the light and hydraulic lifts. Total wages per day £1 18s. 8d.

(4.) The extension of the light along the north and south sides of Moore-street is not contemplated at present.

(5.) No.

(6.) Public School Teachers taking part in Political or Religious Meetings:—Dr. Ross, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have instructions, at any time since the passing of the Public Instruction Act, been issued to public school teachers, prohibiting them from taking part in either political or religious meetings?

(2.) If so, by what Minister or Ministers were such instructions issued, and under which clause of the Act is such authority exercised?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes; the following instruction to teachers, which was in operation both under the National Board of Education and the Council of Education, has been continued under the Department, viz.:—Teachers of all ranks are required to abstain from participation in any public meetings or other gatherings on party, political, or sectarian topics, and generally to refrain from all action in such matters calculated to give offence to any section of the community or to impair their own usefulness as teachers; they must also abstain from public controversy upon the merits of the system of education now in force, and from acting as local preachers, lay readers, or local correspondents of newspapers.

(2.) By Sir John Robertson; under clause 37.

(7.) Tenders for Supply of Martini-Henry Cartridges:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are tenders accepted for the supply of Martini-Henry cartridges, and at what price per thousand are they at present supplied?

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Mr. Barton answered.—The following information has been supplied by the Military Secretary:—No; ammunition has hitherto been supplied by the Imperial Government to the Colony, the latest price being £6 1s. per thousand for solid case, and £5 10s. per thousand for rolled case.

- (8.) Ashfield to Enfield Tram:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When was the tramway extension from Ashfield to Enfield authorised?
 (2.) What was the cost of construction of same?
 (3.) What is the annual revenue derived from same?
 (4.) What is the cost of working same, including interest on capital and equipment?
 (5.) What is the population of Enfield?
 (6.) Does *Mr. Eve*, the Member for Canterbury, reside at Liverpool Road, and does this line pass his door?
 (7.) In view of the fact that this line does not pay, will he consider the advisability of discontinuing the running of the trams, and transfer them to, say, Willoughby or Manly, two suburbs of St. Leonards?

Mr. Lyne answered.—

- (1., 2., 3., and 4.) The Ashfield to Enfield Tramway was opened on 23rd September, 1891, and from the Report of the Railway Commissioners the cost of construction and equipment amounted to £15,485. The revenue for the nine months ending 30th June, 1892, was £950, and the working expenses and interest on capital for the same period was £1,925, thus showing a loss of £975.
 (5.) The Government Statistician gives the number at 2,050.
 (6.) I think *Mr. Eve* resides at or near Liverpool Road, but the line does not exactly pass his door.
 (7.) I cannot undertake to do this, the matter is in the hands of the Railway Commissioners.

- (9.) Milson's Point to St. Leonards Reserve Tram:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the present tramway from Milson's Point to St. Leonards Reserve opened?
 (2.) What was the cost of construction of same?
 (3.) What is the total annual revenue from same?
 (4.) How many fares were collected last year?
 (5.) What is the cost of working same?
 (6.) What is the annual profit derived from same?
 (7.) What is the population of the Borough of North Sydney?
 (8.) What is the estimated cost of the present extension of tramway to Spit Road?
 (9.) What is the estimated population at present likely to be served by this extension?
 (10.) What is the population of Manly?
 (11.) What is the estimated cost of the tramway extension to this suburb; also to the punt at Middle Harbour?
 (12.) Has the responsible officer of the Department reported that this line, if continued, will pay?
 (13.) Will he deal with this line, without any consideration to the Questions asked by *Mr. Eve* on the 22nd March?

Mr. Lyne answered.—

- (1., 2., 3., 4., 5., and 6.) The North Shore Tramway was opened on 22nd May, 1886, and from the Report of the Railway Commissioners the cost of construction and equipment to date amounted to £75,368. The revenue for the year ending 30th June was £11,123, and working expenses amounted to £7,902, showing net earnings £3,221, or a return of 4·27 per cent. on the capital expended. The number of fares collected was 2,666,400.

(7.) The Government Statistician gives the number at 17,106.

(8.) £13,786.

(9.) I have not the particulars at hand to answer this Question, but residential houses are all along the line.

(10.) The Statistician gives the number at 3,236.

(11.) To punt, Middle Harbour, £11,695; to Manly from punt, £14,705; total, £26,400, exclusive of land.

(12.) *Mr. Price*, who acted as temporary Examiner of Public Works Proposals, in his Report stated that he was of opinion this tramway would immediately add £2,000 a year to the gross tramway receipts.

(13.) Certainly.

- (10.) Efficiency Drill:—*Mr. Fagan*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will any arrangements be made whereby the Volunteers, either locally or otherwise, will be allowed to undergo a course of continuous training for six or nine days, so as to enable them to classify as efficient Volunteers as required by Regulation 105?

Mr. Barton answered.—It has already been decided not to have a mobilisation of the Military Forces during the present year. By a course of continuous training, as mentioned by the Honorable Member, a cost of £18,000 would be incurred, and no provision has been made on the Estimates for it. The continuous training will not, therefore, be carried out, and notification of the suspension of the Volunteer Regulations relating to the Easter Encampment will be duly published in the *Government Gazette*, as was done last year.

- (11.) Teacher's Residence at the Two-mile, Grenfell:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Vaughn*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Were tenders called some time since for the erection of a teacher's residence at the Two-mile, Grenfell?

(2.) When will a tender be accepted for this work?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As soon as funds are available.

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- (12.) Mr. Calvert, Clerk of the Parliaments:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is Mr. Calvert, Clerk of the Parliaments, absent from the Colony on leave?
 (2.) If so, on what condition as to length of leave and rate of pay, and when does said leave expire?
 (3.) Has application been made for an extension of the leave originally granted; if so, with what result?
 (4.) Does he know whether this gentleman intends to return to the Colony?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Twelve months leave on half-pay was granted to Mr. Calvert on the 15th May, 1892, and extended for a further period of six months without salary, to take effect from 15th May, 1893.
 (4.) I am not aware.

- (13.) Travelling Expenses in Public Works Department for 1892:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the amount of travelling expenses incurred by officers of his Department for 1892?

Mr. Lyne answered,—£16,591 14s. 3d.

- (14.) Travelling Expenses in Department of Public Instruction for 1892:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What is the amount of the travelling expenses of his Department for 1892?

Mr. See answered,—£13,081 13s. 4d.

- (15.) Travelling Expenses in Colonial Secretary's Department for 1892:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Cook, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the total amount of money expended during the year 1892 in the shape of travelling expenses in connection with officials and officers in his Department?

Mr. Barton answered,—A Return of the whole of the expenses for this Department is in course of preparation.

- (16.) Travelling Expenses in Postal Department for 1892:—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Postmaster-General,—What is the amount of money expended in travelling expenses in his Department for the year 1892?

Mr. Kidd answered,—£5,969 12s. 4d.

- (17.) Travelling Expenses in Department of Justice for 1892:—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Minister of Justice,—What was the amount of money expended in travelling expenses in his Department for the year ended 31st December, 1892?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—£15,105, expended as follows:—Ministerial Office, £2; Prothonotary, £2,437; Sheriff, £1,592; District Courts, £2,723; Coroners, £739; Petty Sessions, £6,567; Prisons, £1,045.

- (18.) Travelling Expenses in Department of Mines for 1892:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—The total amount of money expended during the year 1892 in the shape of travelling expenses in connection with officials and officers of his Department?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The total amount of travelling expenses for the year 1892 was £17,780 18s., made up as follows:—Mines proper, £5,216 18s. 6d.; Stock Branch, £2,043 4s. 5d.; Public Watering Places, £2,085 12s. 1d.; Agricultural Branch, £2,569 11s. 8d.; and Forest Branch, £5,865 11s. 4d.

- (19.) Truant Inspectors and Attendance Officers:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many Truant Inspectors and Attendance Officers are employed by the Education Department?
 (2.) At what salaries?
 (3.) What are their duties?
 (4.) Is he aware that hundreds of children of school age attend no school?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the Attendance Officers confine their operations to looking over school registers, and hunting up irregular attendants, paying no attention to children who are not enrolled at any school?
 (6.) What steps are taken to secure the attendance of this latter class?
 (7.) Will he issue stringent instructions that every child of school age is to be enrolled in some school, and enforce penalties for non-compliance, and also take action against persons employing children of school age in shops or other varieties of labour?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Nineteen.
 (2.) Sixteen at £220, one at £210, and two at £200 per annum.
 (3.) Investigating cases brought under notice by Teachers, and procuring also, as far as possible, reliable information concerning children who do not attend any school; conducting prosecutions and performing necessary clerical work.
 (4.) Yes; but the defects in the compulsory clauses of the Act are responsible for this evil.
 (5.) No.
 (6.) School Attendance Officers and Teachers are required to report all such cases wherever they can obtain evidence to warrant legal action by the Department.
 (7.) All possible measures have already been taken to secure a faithful compliance with the Act. Efforts in this direction will not be relaxed.

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2. **ASSENT TO BILLS:**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 3.*

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Employers Liability Act of 1886,’*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 24th March, 1893.

(2.) Borough of Erskineville Naming Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 4.*

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to alter the name of the Municipality of Macdonaldtown to the Borough of Erskineville,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-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, 27th March, 1893.

3. **VOTE OF CREDIT:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, for the month of March or following month of the year 1893, together with provision for certain Services of 1893 of an urgent nature, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by loan.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1893.

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

4. **ALIENATION AND LEASING OF PORTIONS 17 AND 18, PARISH OF MOUNT ALLEN, COUNTY OF BLAXLAND (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Gardiner, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers relating to the alienation and leasing of portions 17 and 18, parish of Mount Allen, county of Blaxland. Question put and passed.

5. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading;—until Thursday, 20th April.

(2.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday, 13th April.

(3.) Vale of Clywdd Coal-mining Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading;—until Thursday, 20th April.

(4.) Offenders Probation Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 27th April.

(5.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 27th April.

(6.) Wages Attachment Abolition Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 2nd May.

(7.) Attorneys Admission Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 4th May.

(8.) Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, “‘That’ the Report of the Select Committee on ‘Application for a Free Pass’ ‘made by Mr. Black, M.P.,’ brought up on 21st March, 1892, be now adopted.”

Upon which Sir Henry Parkes had moved by way of amendment, That all the words after the word “‘That’” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the evidence brought up from the Select Committee on Mr. Black’s application for a free railway pass reflects seriously on Mr. Black as a Member of this House.

“(2.) That the evidence discloses facts which make it necessary for this House to express its opinion that no free pass should be issued to any person connected with Honorable Members “other than the Member himself”;—until Thursday, 4th May.

6. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Walker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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T House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Wise,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Black,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Schey,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Holborow,
Tellers,
Mr. Dowd,
Mr. Walker.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Copeland,
Tellers,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Wright,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Perry.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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

(1.) Hay Athenaeum Trustees Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the trustees of the Hay Athenaeum to mortgage certain lands and buildings situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th March, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY

President.

(2.) Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Acts 26 Victoria No. 9, 36 Victoria No. 7, and 41 Victoria No. 18 ('Real Property Act' and Amending Acts),*”—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, 28th March, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th March, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, line 1. *Omit “amend” insert “grant to conveyancers certain powers under”*Page 2, clause 1, line 23. *Omit “as” insert “and to the same extent as the Registrar-General**“is now entitled to accept”*Page 2, clause 1, lines 24 and 25. *Omit “are now recognised by the Registrar-General”*Page 2, clause 2, lines 26 and 27. *Omit “Real Property Act further Amendment,” insert “Con-**veyancers enabling”*

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. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

9. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. See,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. G. D. Clark,

Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Hollis,
Tellers,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Neild.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Murphy,
Tellers,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Johnston.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

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Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until To-morrow.

(2.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the passing through all its stages in one day, and on the same day on which leave for its introduction is given, of a Bill to validate the appointment of the Municipal Council of Sydney as trustees of certain land; to vest part of the said land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales; and to extinguish certain rights of common in respect of the part so vested.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 71.

Mr. See,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Seobie,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cann,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Molville,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Eve,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Langwell,	Tellers,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Hon. Clarke,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Walker.
Tellers,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. McGowen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate the appointment of the Municipal Council of Sydney as trustees of certain land; to vest part of the said land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales; and to extinguish certain rights of common in respect of the part so vested.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to validate the appointment of the Municipal Council of Sydney as trustees of certain land; to vest part of the said land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales; and to extinguish certain rights of common in respect of the part so vested,"—which was read a first time.

Whereupon Mr. Copeland moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.)

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(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

13. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL:—Mr. Barton moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 14th March, 1893, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 2,—because, in the opinion of this House, the elimination of the property vote is a reform practicable at and from the time of the passage of the Act, and therefore need not await the redistribution of seats and the preparation of the rolls consequent thereupon.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 4, and to the insertion of three new clauses to follow clause 9.

Disagrees to the amendments in clauses 10 and 12,—

(1.) Because the method of the distribution of seats in the Legislative Assembly is a matter more particularly within the cognisance of that Assembly, and of the proper effectuation of which its Members are likely to form a judgment most satisfactory to the electors.

(2.) Because the requirement that both Houses shall concur in all amendments before any distribution can take effect would entail controversy, delay, and inconvenience, and the procedure of the two Houses does not make effective provision for arrival at an agreement where differences of opinion are expressed in resolutions and not in the clauses of a Bill.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 14 and 15.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 20, line 41,—because the requirements of the amendments in respect of length of residence are greater than is necessary, and because these amendments, as drawn, render the clause complicated, and difficult to construe or apply.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 42,—because the residence originally prescribed in the clause is deemed a sufficient safeguard against imposition while not excluding subjects who have made the Colony their home.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 43,—for the reasons given as to prior amendments.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 44,—for verbal accuracy.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 47,—

(1.) Because the electors at present qualified have expressed at the polls and through their elected representatives their will that the franchise shall belong to and be conferred only upon all adult male citizens who are free, and not dependant on the charity of the State or of other citizens, and who are not tainted with crime or habitual misconduct; and that each such citizen shall have only one vote.

(2.) Because the giving of greater voting power to one such citizen than to another is without foundation in reason or in policy.

(3.) Because it cannot be just to confer votes in respect of the kinds of property described, while withholding them in respect of personal property or of money not invested in land or leases or not expended by way of rent.

(4.) Because the proposal unfairly distinguishes in respect of the location of the property which is to qualify.

(5.) Because if a citizen is to have a vote in respect of a certain quantum of property there is no reason why his votes should not increase in proportion to his property wheresoever placed, and this result would mean the denial of effective voting power and representation to a great body of citizens, no less intelligent and educated than the propertied classes.

(6.) Because the adoption of the proposal would open the door to personation and other offences.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, which inserts new subsection (m),—because the persons mentioned in the proposed subsection should not lose an ordinary right of citizenship by reason of the service therein mentioned if they are otherwise qualified.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, page 7, line 4,—because the independence of the citizen is as much affected by the receipt of the one as of the other kind of support.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, lines 4 and 5, omitting the words "as an inmate thereof,"—because the proposal would disfranchise many persons receiving merely partial and temporary aid in time of unusual misfortune, sickness, or disaster.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 5, inserting the words, "except as a patient under treatment for accident or disease at a hospital, or be in prison under any conviction," but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the word "be" and inserting the word "is."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 8.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 9, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting from the words proposed to be inserted the words "one year" first occurring, and inserting the words "six months"; by omitting the words "three years," and inserting the words "one year"; by inserting before the word "similar" the word "any"; by omitting the word "offences," and inserting the word "offence"; by omitting the word "elections," and inserting the words "any election"; and by omitting the words "twelve months," and inserting the words "one year."

Disagrees

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Disagrees to the amendments in clause 23 and in clause 24, lines 20 and 28,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 24, line 25, and to the amendments in clauses 26, 27, and 28.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 29, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting from the words proposed to be inserted, the word "calendar."

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 32,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 33, lines 41 and 42, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting from the words proposed to be inserted the word "calendar."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 33, line 45.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 33, line 48,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 33, lines 52 and 55.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 33, page 12, lines 2 to 10 inclusive,—as consequential upon the disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 33, line 20.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 33, line 28, but proposes to amend the words proposed to be inserted by omitting the words "and whether he be convicted of perjury or not," and by omitting the word "him" and inserting the words "such applicant."

Disagrees to the omission of clause 34,—because where the occupation of a citizen has prevented him from having a qualifying residence, that fact should not deprive him of the franchise if he is in all other respects qualified.

Disagrees to the amendments in clauses 35 and 36, and to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 36,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 37.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 38, lines 37 and 38, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting from the words proposed to be inserted the word "calendar."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 38, page 15, line 35,—as consequential upon disagreement from the amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 38, line 43; to the omission of clause 44, and the insertion of a new clause in lieu thereof; and to the amendments in clause 45.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 46, line 30,—because there are cases of groundless claim or objection or assertion of title in which the Court may wisely, in its discretion, impose costs.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 46, lines 32 and 33, and in clause 47.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 55 and in clause 56, lines 14 and 15,—for the reasons hereinafter given for the retention of the provisions in respect of voting outside the elector's district.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 56, line 16,—because it is deemed necessary to secure beyond question to every elector the opportunity of exercising his franchise at a general election.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 63.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 67,—for the reasons hereinafter given for the retention of the provisions in respect of voting outside the elector's district.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 68, 71, 74, and 75.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 76, but proposes to further amend the clause by inserting after the word "and," at the end of line 41, the words "keep the same."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 77.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 78,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 79 and in clause 80, down to and including that on page 27, line 29.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 80, line 31,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 81, and in clause 84, lines 23 and 24.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 84, line 24, which inserts the words "in any one District,"—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 86.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 89,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 90.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 91,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 93, and the insertion of a new clause in lieu thereof, and to the omission of clause 94,—

(1.) Because the substituted clause (subsection 1) makes fresh provision for voting outside the elector's division, but within his district, differing widely from the original provision of the Bill, which it is desired to retain, in view of the propriety of assimilating the provision in this respect to that for voting outside the elector's district, which clause it is also desired to maintain in its original comprehensive form.

(2.) Because the substituted clause (in subsection II), would render the exercise of the franchise impossible to a very large number of electors qualified in every respect, but compelled to be absent from their Electoral Districts often, and for long periods; and if it is just, as the first part of the amendment implies, to enable electors outside their divisions to vote, the justice of the full provision for outside voting cannot be disputed.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 115, 119, and 140.

Disagrees

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Disagrees to the amendment in clause 141, line 20,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 141, and to those in clauses 142 and 143.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 144, lines 46 and 47,—as consequential upon the retention of the Police vote.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 144, lines 49 and 50.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 145,—because these provisions are necessary to guard against petty tyranny, and it is reasonable that citizens should be free to exercise their votes without fear of consequences under the circumstances indicated.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 149,—because cases occur of minor obstacles and errors where no substantial miscarriage of the election has taken place, and it would be of no practical use or benefit in such cases to impose further delay or expense on the public or the candidates.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 150.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 151, line 6, but proposes to further amend the clause by omitting "ninety-fifth" and inserting "ninety-seventh."

Agrees to the amendments in clause 151, lines 7, 8, and 9.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 151, line 11, but proposes to amend such amendment by inserting after the word "unfounded" the word "frivolous."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 151, line 12.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 152.

Disagrees to the omission of Schedule A, and the insertion of new Schedules in lieu thereof, and to the amendments in Schedules D and F,—as consequential upon disagreement from amendments in favour of property vote.

Agrees to the amendments in Schedule H.

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Sydney, 28th March, 1893.*

Question put and passed.

14. **SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,— Motion made (*Mr. See*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Mr. Wise, under Standing Order No. 16, moved, That leave be given to propose an amendment,— "That the Estimates of probable Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1893 be referred back to the Ministers with a view to the further reduction of such Estimates." Question put, on Mr. Wise's motion.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Reid,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Dale,

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Kirkpatrick.
Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. See,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Kidd,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Manning,
Tellers,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Langwell.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and passed.

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

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.

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15. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Copeland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to temporarily vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales with certain powers and subject to certain conditions; and to suspend certain rights of common in respect of the part so vested.*”

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 temporarily vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales with certain powers and subject to certain conditions; and to suspend certain rights of common in respect of the part so vested,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th March, 1893, a.m.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Steel Axle-boxes:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) How many steel axle-boxes have been imported by or for the Railway Department?
 (2.) What has been the cost of same?
 (3.) By whom were they—(a) recommended; (b) ordered; and (c) supplied?
 (4.) How many are in use at this date?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) 5,000.
 (2.) Including all necessary fittings and expenses of all kinds, £3,321 9s. 10d.
 (3 and 4.) The boxes were ordered under the instructions of the Railway Commissioners, and are of two types, 2,500 of each kind having been ordered. A large portion of the boxes, on arrival, were found not to be in accordance with the drawings, and the subject is being dealt with by the Agent-General.

- (2.) Deviation at Stony Hill, near Milton:—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary or Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a sum of money promised to the Ulladulla Municipal Council towards the work of making deviation at Stony Hill, near Milton?
 (2.) If so, how much?
 (3.) When will the money be available?

Mr. Lyne answered,—An amount of £250 was noted for consideration when the Estimates for the year are passed.

- (3.) Charge against Ernest Bell:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named Ernest Bell was charged with assault and robbery before Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, S.M., and that he pleaded guilty to the charge, and elected to be dealt with summarily?
 (2.) Is it a fact that when Bell was brought up for sentence next day, Mr. Whittingdale Johnson allowed the charge to be altered to one of petty larceny, and then informed Bell that "he thought "he was a respectable young man, but had got into bad company, and he would acquit him"?
 (3.) Is it also a fact that the same Ernest Bell has since been charged at the Redfern Court with stealing money and jewellery?
 (4.) Has he made an inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Whittingdale Johnson for his action in this matter; if so, what is the result of that inquiry?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1 and 2.) Bell was charged, with two others, before Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, S.M., with assault and robbery, but before the evidence for the prosecution was concluded the charge was reduced to one of stealing from the person, to which he pleaded not guilty. At first Bell refused to be dealt with summarily, and was about to be committed for trial, but before the committal papers were made out he withdrew from the position taken up, and elected to be dealt with summarily. The case was then postponed till the following day, when a number of witnesses for the defence gave evidence which tended to show that Bell could not have been present at the time when and the place where the robbery took place. Mr. Johnson did not make the remark attributed to him when discharging Bell.

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(3.) Yes; Bell and another were, on the 21st instant, committed for trial for being concerned in a robbery by means of the "confidence trick," in a totally different locality, and on the same day and hour it was alleged he robbed Mrs. Bone at Ultimo.

(4.) The Minister of Justice has sent for the papers in the case, so that he may ascertain whether there is any ground for complaint.

(4.) Mr. Baker, Police Magistrate, Temora:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Baker, who is Police Magistrate, Commissioner for Insolvencies, and Mining Warden for Temora, has become bankrupt?

(2.) Has Mr. Baker got his certificate from the Insolvency Court; and, if so, when; or is he still an uncertificated insolvent?

(3.) Will the Government have him suspended until the cause of his sequestration is seen into?

(4.) Are many of the people of Temora his creditors?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Yes; Mr. Baker's estate was sequestrated upon his own petition, on the 23rd January last.

(2.) Mr. Baker has not yet applied for a certificate of discharge.

(3.) Under the 35th section of the Civil Service Act, 1884, Mr. Baker was deemed to have forfeited his office when he sequestrated his estate, but in view of statements made to me that his pecuniary embarrassment had not been caused or attended by any fraud, extravagance, or dishonorable conduct, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, approved of Mr. Baker being retained in his office as Police Magistrate, Temora, on the understanding that after the usual report from the Registrar in Bankruptcy shall have been received at the Department of Justice I shall further consider the whole case without regard to this decision.

(4.) Eleven.

(5.) Case Brown v. Minister for Public Works:—*Mr. Johnston*, for Mr. Murphy, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the costs in the case Brown v. Minister for Public Works, decided on Monday against the Government?

(2.) Who was the Government valuator?

(3.) Is he permanently employed by the Government, and what are his qualifications?

(4.) What amount of fees has this gentleman received up to date, and what amount, if any, is at present owing to him?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as soon as the information can be obtained, but the Crown Solicitor informs me that the costs in the case have not yet been ascertained. In this case the verdict is, I think, something over £100 a foot.

(6.) Goods forwarded to Peak Hill and Narromine from Sydney:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that about 10 tons of third-class goods have been lately forwarded from Sydney to Peak Hill, by horse teams, at a cost of £80?

(2.) Is it a fact that nearly twenty years ago goods of similar third-class character were carried by team 250 miles inland at £9 per ton?

(3.) What is the cost per ton for sending third-class goods to Narromine?

(4.) What distance is Narromine from Sydney?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware of the details the Honorable Member refers to.

(3 and 4.) Narromine is 301 miles from Sydney, and the rates are as follows:—

Miscellaneous Class, 20s. 11d. per ton, or 83d. per ton per mile.

A	24s.	3d.	"	96d.	"	"
B	"	41s. 6d.	"	1·65d.	"	"
1st	"	87s. 2d.	"	3·47d.	"	"
2nd	"	108s. 5d.	"	4·32d.	"	"
3rd	"	150s. 9d.	"	6d.	"	"

(7.) Molong and Parkes Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that tenders for the erection of the necessary platforms, stations, &c., on the Molong and Parkes railway, are invited without delay, so that the work may be proceeded with, and be ready for opening in about four months?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

(8.) Freight on Public Newspapers:—Mr. McGowen asked the Postmaster-General,—What is the amount of money paid annually by the Postal Department as freight for public newspapers on steam-boats and sailing vessels?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The annual payments for the sea-conveyance of newspapers by means of non-contract "steam-boats and sailing vessels" amount to about nine hundred and seventy-two pounds (£972).

(9.) Road at Gum Flat, near Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the road at Gum Flat, near Cargo, owing to the late rains, is in a very dangerous state, and a frequent source of annoyance to teamsters, mail-coach drivers, and the travelling public?

(2.) Will he see that the necessary repairs are attended to without delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The necessary inquiries are being made in this matter, but until a Report is before me I am unable to give the Honorable Member any information.

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- (10.) Molong Infantry Company:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Have the members of the Molong Infantry Company received their pay for 1891?
 (2.) If not, why has the delay occurred?
 (3.) When will the men be paid?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—
 (1.) Not all of them.
 (2 and 3.) The then captain paid his company by cheques on his private account, having lodged to this account the pay-cheque received from the Government. Of these cheques several were dishonoured to the amount of £69 1s. 2d. Delay was occasioned through inquiry having to be made into the whole circumstances, and as to whether the money could not be recovered from the captain. This was found impossible, owing to his having become insolvent, and having no effects; but a recommendation has been made to the Government to provide the sum required upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1892.
- (11.) Travelling Expenses in the Treasury Department for 1892:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount of travelling expenses in connection with his Department for the year 1892?
Mr. Suttor answered,—The required information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.
- (12.) Case of Fahey and W. Gough, tried at Balmain Police Court:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that in the case tried in the Balmain Police Court, on Monday, 27th March, before Mr. Addison, that gentleman, in fining W. Fahey and W. Gough £3 or two months, used words to this effect: “That while he thought that Fahey and Gough should be let off, “through something wrong in the evidence, he would, however, fine them the same as Cunningham, “who was charged with the same offence and similarly fined”?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that he has received a report from Mr. Addison, S.M., in reference to the matter, in which that gentleman denies having used the expression attributed to him, and states that he made no comment whatever.
2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday next.
 Question put and passed.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act of 1873.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Cullen then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act of 1873,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th April.
4. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Neild, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Neild then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to repeal an Act intituled ‘An Act to prevent for a limited time Party Processions and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales.’*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to repeal an Act intituled ‘An Act to prevent for a limited time Party Processions and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales,’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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Sydney, 29th March, 1893.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Barton*, for Mr. See, 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 1893, and for Services to be hereafter provided for “by Loan,” through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
 Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments;—until Tuesday, 2nd May.
 (2.) Homestead Protection Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th April.
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1892.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 9th March, 1893,—“Public School “Teachers.”
 Ordered to be printed. **Mr.**

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Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Rates levied at Tibooburra Well, Tibooburra.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 11th January, 1893,—“Establishment of Model Farms at “ Bathurst, Orange, Molong, and Wellington.”

8. GLOVE CONTESTS:—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from certain residents of Sydney and surrounding districts, drawing the attention of the House to the degrading and disgusting exhibitions which are constantly taking place in and around Sydney in connection with prize-fighting contests; and praying that a measure will speedily be passed that will make impossible these entertainments, and the too frequent fatal results at the same.
Petition received.

9. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to temporarily vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales with certain powers, and subject to certain conditions; and to suspend certain rights of common in respect of the part so vested,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY.
President.

10. PUBLIC FINANCES OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) The financing of our public debt of £55,000,000, on the basis of a terminable number of small stocks, maturing at different dates, without a sinking fund providing for redemption, indicates a gross mismanagement of the public finances.

“(2.) The compulsory renewal of expiring loans on terms dictated by London brokers is a source of great danger to our financial interests, and demands immediate efforts to convert our small and varied stocks into two large interminable stocks pledged against the railway and Crown lands revenue of the Colony, and carrying the right of redeeming a percentage annually.

“(3.) The Colony contains within itself all labour and capital requisite to develop our national resources, which should be developed without saddling the taxpayers with the burden of interest.

“(4.) The public works essential to our progress should be reproductive to the extent of guaranteeing 3 per cent. over working expenses on capital invested.

“(5.) The possible loss arising from the administration of a public work should be provided against by Government having first claim on the revenue of one or more shires or municipalities interested.

“(6.) The currency necessary for assisting in the construction of reproductive works should be provided by Government in the form of notes that shall be accepted as a legal tender, such notes to be redeemed annually to the extent of interest paid by the respective public works.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Houghton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraphs (2) to (6). Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on
2nd February, 1893.*

11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 £1,068,117, being £670,417, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March or following month of the year 1893, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1892, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1893; £7,500 for expenses in connection with and relief to sufferers by the recent floods in country districts; £65,000 for advances to Municipalities pending the passing of the District Government Bill, and in anticipation of endowment thereunder equal to 5s. per £ of the total amount of the general rates for the year; £50,000 for repairing Roads and Bridges and other public works damaged by the recent heavy rains, and in anticipation of Loan Votes. For Railways—£50,000, towards the completion of the quadruplication of the Suburban Line (to cover final certificates); £50,000 towards the improvement of grades and curves (part of work carried out); £50,000 for additions and improvements to roads, stations, and buildings, additional rolling stock, safety appliances, and purchase of land required for extending works. For Railway Construction Branch—£25,000 for railway from Nyngan to Cobar (to meet pressing claims); £40,000 for construction and extension of tramways (further sum); £2,500 for Harbours and Rivers Branch, towards construction of jetties at foot of Erskine-street. For Roads and Bridges—£1,500 for bridge, Lachlan River, Forbes (further sum); £4,700 for bridge, Darling River, Wentworth (further sum). For Water Supply and Sewerage—£36,500 for extension of the Sydney Water Supply and other works in connection therewith, including cast-iron pipes, tanks, reservoirs, resumptions of lands, &c.; and £15,000 to complete the new offices of the Board.

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

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12. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to temporarily vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales with certain powers and subject to certain conditions; and to suspend certain rights of common in respect of the part so vested,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-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, 29th March, 1893.*

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1893, the sum of £1,068,117, be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (No. 7), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. See 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 1893, 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. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. See, 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. See, passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893, 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 1893, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH, 1893, A.M.

15. 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 1893, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1893, a.m.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until *Wednesday next*, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1893.

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

ELECTORATE OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE :—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon passing of the Resolution of the 23rd March last, declaring the seat of the Honorable Sir George Richard Dibbs, K.C.M.G., vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Sir George Dibbs, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of "The Honorable Sir George *Robert* Dibbs, K.C.M.G., to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee."
 - (2.) Mr. Speaker read to the House a letter, which accompanied the Writ, in which the Returning Officer stated that he had endorsed the Writ with the name of the Honorable Sir George *Richard* Dibbs, K.C.M.G.
 - (3.) Mr. Barton then moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Return before mentioned, by substituting the name of the Honorable Sir George *Richard* Dibbs, K.C.M.G., for that of "The Honorable Sir George *Robert* Dibbs, K.C.M.G."
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
2. **MEMBER SWORN :—**The Honorable Sir George Richard Dibbs, K.C.M.G., 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 Murrumbidgee.
 3. **ASSENT TO BILLS :—**The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4) :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 7.

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 1893, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-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 March, 1893.*

- (2.) Hay Athenaeum Trustees Enabling Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of the Hay Athenaeum to mortgage certain lands and buildings situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-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.

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Sydney, 4th April, 1893.*

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4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs informed the House that the Honorable Henry Norman McLaurin, M.D., LL.D., had accepted the position of Vice-President of the Executive Council.

5. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Travelling Expenses in Department of Lands:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the amount of money expended in travelling expenses in his Department for the year 1892?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the information sought by the Honorable Member.

- (2.) "Railway Hotel," Bathurst:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was an application for the transfer of the license of the "Railway Hotel," Bathurst, made on the 15th instant by Patrick Power, formerly licensee of the "Morning Star Hotel," of the same place?

(2.) Was the said transfer granted to Patrick Power on a subsequent date?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Police of the district, including the Licensing Inspector, strongly protested against the transfer on account of the applicant's unfitness to hold a publican's license, on the ground that he had been convicted and fined for allowing disorderly persons to remain on the premises during prohibited hours?

(4.) Is it not contrary to the spirit and intentions of the Licensing Act to grant publicans' licenses to other than persons of high moral character?

(5.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of evidence, Police reports, and other papers connected with the transfer of the said license from William Stevens to Patrick Power?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Licensing Inspector reported and protested against the transfer to Power on the ground that he was unfit to hold a publican's license, and that he had been convicted and fined for allowing disorderly persons to remain on his licensed premises during prohibited hours.

(4.) Objection may be made by the Licensing Inspector to the character of an applicant for a license, but the question whether the application should be granted or not is one within the discretion of the Bench.

(5.) There will be no objection to having the papers laid upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual way.

- (3.) Royalty due from the Dudley Coal Company:—Mr. Scott asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount of money is due to the Department from the Dudley (late South Burwood) Coal Company to date for royalty upon coal extracted from Crown lands?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No royalty is due for coal extracted from Crown lands. Royalty is due on coal extracted from freehold during the quarter ending 31st March, but the returns have not yet been received.

- (4.) North Shore Jetty:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the new North Shore jetty be ready for use?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The jetty itself is completed, but as the cost of the necessary floating stage and waiting-rooms will amount to a considerable sum, it has been decided to allow the matter to stand over for the present.

- (5.) Megalong School:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Cook, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the number of children on the register of the Megalong School?

(2.) What is the nature of the school accommodation provided for them?

(3.) Is it a fact that, owing to want of accommodation, part of the children attending that school have to be taught in the open air?

(4.) Will he, in view of the rapidly increasing population, and the approach of winter, expedite the erection of a suitable school at that place?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Enrolment, 51; average attendance, 31·2.

(2.) One room, 22 ft. by 12 ft.

(3.) No.

(4.) The erection of buildings will be proceeded with so soon as the resumption of the site has been completed. The Lands Department has been reminded of the urgency of the case.

- (6.) Reticulation Works at Double Bay:—Mr. Marks asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the early completion of the Darling Point sewer, will the Government consider the necessity of proceeding at once with the reticulation works at Double Bay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The cost of these works is chargeable to the Loan Account, and, while admitting their importance, it will entirely depend upon the state of the Loan market as to our future expenditure, not only in connection with this, but all other works which are similarly chargeable.

- (7.) Validation of Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Donald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many conditional purchases are scheduled for validation?

(2.) When will he bring in a Bill to validate the same?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Eighty-nine.

(2.) When the state of the public business will admit of my introducing the Bill, which has been prepared for some months.

(8.)

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- (8.) Pipe-clay Creek Gold-field :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Will he ascertain if it is a fact that Mr. Henry White, of Havilah, has the Crown lands forming a portion of the Pipe-clay Creek Gold-field enclosed within the area of one of his large bush paddocks?
 (2.) Is it true that Mr. White has successfully, before two Justices of the Peace—Mr. Charles H. Tuckerman and Mr. Francis Cox—at Mudgee, prosecuted a miner criminally for entering into this paddock by a gate on a public road running through the paddock, for the purpose of mining for gold on this proclaimed gold-field?
 (3.) Is it also true that two other miners are summoned for entering the same paddock by the public road going through it, for the purpose of going on to the proclaimed gold-field in the paddock to mine for gold?
 (4.) Will he cause the Warden to notify Mr. White that miners have a perfect right to search for gold on this land without molestation from Mr. White?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) By the depositions in the case “White *versus Abbott*,” for trespass on enclosed lands, there appears about 160 acres of Crown lands in the paddock said to be part of the Pipeclay Gold-field.
 (2.) Mr. White summoned a man for unlawful entry into enclosed land. The defendant alleged he entered legitimately to dig as a miner, and admitted he had no miner's right for this year or last, and the bench fined him one shilling (1s.), and four shillings and ten pence (4s. 10d.) costs, and on confession of having no goods, in default twelve hours in Mudgee gaol.
 (3.) Two other men have also been summoned, and it is believed they do not hold miners' rights.
 (4.) I will request the Warden at Mudgee to notify Mr. White that holders of miners' rights have a right to enter upon Crown lands, whether enclosed or not, to search for and remove gold.

- (9.) Inspector of Explosives :—*Mr. Nicholson*, for Mr. Cann, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Having stated in answer to certain Questions that the Government were considering the appointment of an Inspector of Explosives for New South Wales, has this appointment yet been made; and, if so, what is the name of that officer?
 (2.) What Reports have the Government received in reference to inferior explosives at Broken Hill, and would he have any objection to lay such Reports upon the Table of this House?
 (3.) In view of the numerous and fatal accidents reported from the use of explosives, which are not licensed by the Imperial authorities, do the Government intend to take any action in regard to these explosives?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No appointment has yet been made.
 (2 and 3.) It will be necessary to state what explosives are referred to before action can be taken.
 (10.) Gold-field Reserve on Brookong :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What quantity of land is held as a gold-field reserve on Brookong and other runs in the neighbourhood of Urana?
 (2.) How long has this land been set apart as a gold-field reserve?
 (3.) What quantity of gold (if any) has been obtained during that time?
 (4.) Has any gold been obtained during the last seven years?
 (5.) For what purposes is the land used?
 (6.) Is it necessary for the public interests that this land should be held as a gold-field reserve?
 (7.) Is the land suitable for agricultural settlement, and required for that purpose?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) About 228 square miles.
 (2.) 188 square miles, proclaimed 3rd September, 1880; 34½ square miles, proclaimed 17th November, 1876; 320 acres, proclaimed 5th June, 1882.
 (3.) No record has been kept.
 (4.) No gold has been found during the last seven years.
 (5.) For pastoral purposes.
 (6.) No.
 (7.) The land is generally suitable for agricultural settlement, and might be taken up for that purpose.

- (11.) Sittings of the District Court held at Lismore :—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is he aware that at the recent sittings of the District Court held at Lismore, Acting Judge Harris peremptorily ordered Mr. James Dorrough to close his saw-mill and cease work while the Court was sitting, entirely stopping his business for several days?
 (2.) Is such saw-mill situated some considerable distance from the Court-house, and was it erected some considerable time, and at work, before the Court-house was erected?
 (3.) Will he cause the matter to be inquired into, and cause the Acting Judge's order to be revoked, or grant compensation to Mr. Dorrough?

*Mr. Slattery answered,—*The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) His Honor Acting Judge Harris reports that he only ordered the working of a planing machine to be stopped, but an error in the delivery of the message led to the stoppage of all the machinery for portion of one day. On other days, only the planing machine ceased working, and that during the hours the Court was sitting.
 (2.) The mill was erected before the Court-house was built.
 (3.) The whole matter is being considered.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) City of Sydney Lanes Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 9th May.
 (2.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading ;—until To-morrow.
 (3.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 9th May.

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7. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from certain licensed fishermen of Port Jackson, stating that they are desirous of being represented upon the Fisheries Commission, so that they may have direct representation by practical men elected by the licensed fishermen; and praying the House to pass the Fisheries Act Amendment Bill, introduced by Mr. Carruthers.

Petition received.

8. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amount of money expended in travelling expenses by the Department of Lands during the year 1892.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 12th January, 1893,—“Gold-mining Lease at Cobar, applied for by Neil Morrison and others.”

9. **SILVICULTURE:**—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, take such steps as may be necessary to promote the establishment of silk-growing as a permanent industry.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

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

- (1.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Newcastle Pasturage Reserve 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, 5th April, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th April, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 14. Omit “the prescribed manner” insert “writing to the Minister for Lands”

Page 2, clause 1, line 5. Omit “recurring”

Page 2, clause 1, line 6. Omit “payment for the present year” insert “the first payment under this Act”

Page 2, clause 1, line 7. Omit “as provided in the original Act” insert “of such first payment”

Page 2, clause 2, line 12. After “amount” insert “due”

Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause add “and such forfeiture shall become absolute unless such amount shall have been paid within one year from the due date thereof or such extension or extensions as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall have authorised.”

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.) Trades Hall and Literary Institute Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the trustees of the Trades Hall and Literary Institute to mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Sydney, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

11. **SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

- F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Royal Commission on Alleged Chinese Gambling:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has any action been taken by the Government with regard to the recommendations contained in the Report, presented to Parliament on 4th February, 1892, of the Royal Commission on alleged Chinese gambling and immorality?
(2.) In connection with the Report of Mr. E. Maxted, Manager of the Benevolent Asylum, as to the removal of a dying woman from a Chinese den within the city, and referred to in this House on Wednesday, the 15th March ultimo, will he say if it is the intention of the Government to bring in, this Session, a Bill to amend the City of Sydney Improvement Act, so as to enable the City Improvement Board to more effectively deal with dwellings occupied by Chinese as opium dens and gambling-houses, as well as other dangerous and insanitary buildings within the city; and if not this Session, when is it likely that such a Bill will be introduced?
(3.) Is it a fact that a Bill, embodying the suggestions of the City Improvement Board to amend the City of Sydney Improvement Act, was introduced into the Legislative Assembly so far back as the 24th June, 1880, and that the Act has not yet been amended, notwithstanding the urgent and repeated representations of the Board on the subject?
(4.) Is it a fact that for several years past the City Improvement Board have pointed out in their annual Reports, which have been presented to Parliament, that numerous complaints are constantly made to the Board in connection with matters affecting the safety and health of the inhabitants of Sydney, but that owing to the many defects and deficiencies in the Act under which they operate the Board are powerless to deal with them?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The matter will receive consideration.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes.

- (2.) Distribution of National Prizes:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the recommendations of the Director of Agriculture, referred to in his minute of the 8th April, 1892, as having been made by him on the 21st March, 1892, with regard to the distribution of national prizes, and omitted from the papers laid upon the Table of the House on 7th ultimo?

Mr. Kidd answered.—The recommendation referred to was not omitted from the Return. (See page 62 of the Return.)

- (3.) Year Book of New South Wales:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What amount was paid to the proprietors of the Year Book of New South Wales or the Year Book of Australia for the year 1892, for publication of information relative to public Departments of the Government?
(2.) How many copies of these works were purchased by the Government, and at what cost?
(3.) Is Mr. Greville, a Member of the Legislative Council, the proprietor of these works?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £510 7s.
(2.) So far as can be ascertained, the number of Year Books purchased by the Government during the year 1892 was as follows:—20,000 for Chicago Exhibition, at a cost of £750; 212 for Stores Department, £107 11s.; 5,000 for Agent-General, for distribution, £250; 62, Colonial Secretary, for various Departments, £44 6s. 4d.; number purchased, 25,274, £1,151 17s. 4d.
(3.) I am not aware.
- (4.)

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(4.) Endowments to Agricultural Societies :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount was paid to Agricultural Societies (other than the Metropolitan Society) of the Colony during the year 1892—(a) by way of endowment other than special grants ; (b) by way of special grants ?

(2.) The like information as to the Metropolitan Society ?

(3.) The number of societies that participated in such endowments and grants respectively ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The following amounts were paid to Agricultural Societies (other than the Metropolitan Society) :—(a) £18, 553 by way of endowment other than special grants in 1892 ; (b) £10,500 by way of special grants.

(2.) £1,651 2s. subsidy only ; no special grant.

(3.) Ninety-six participated in such endowments, and fifty-two in such grants.

(5.) Civil Servants' Salaries :—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has it come to his knowledge that a large number of Civil Servants were paid their monthly salaries on Thursday last in notes issued by the Commercial Bank of Australia, and that the Post Office Savings Bank refused to cash such notes, and the Water Supply and Sewerage Board declined to receive them in payment of rates ?

(2.) In view of the possibility of another proprietary bank closing its doors, and the consequent inconvenience that would be thereby caused, will he consider the advisability of paying all salaries in gold in the future ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—My honorable colleague is informed that no salaries were paid on the day referred to by the Treasury in notes issued by the Commercial Bank of Australia (Limited). To make these payments in gold would be extremely inconvenient.

(6.) Documents lost by Messenger of Public Works Department :—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that some important and valuable documents were lost last week during their conveyance from one office to another of his Department ?

(2.) If so, what is the name of the messenger who lost these papers ?

(3.) Was he charged with and convicted of drunkenness under his own or an assumed name, the offence being on the date of the losing of such papers ?

(4.) Has the same person conducted himself in a similar manner during his employ in the Government service ?

(5.) Does he still occupy the position he did when losing the said papers, or is he still in Government employ ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—This is the first intimation my honorable colleague has had of the circumstance referred to by the Honorable Member, but he is having the necessary inquiries made.

(7.) Proposed Railway from Coolamon Northwards :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to have a survey made of the proposed railway line from Coolamon northwards ; if so, when ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—It is not my intention to order the carrying out of this survey at present.

(8.) Water Supply for Junee :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps does he intend to take to push on the construction of the water supply scheme for Junee ?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—This matter will be dealt with shortly.

(9.) Removal of Inspector of Stock from Urana to Jerilderie :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Does he intend to reconsider the proposed removal of the Inspector of Stock from Urana to Jerilderie ?

(2.) Is it intended that the Acting Chief Inspector of Stock shall shortly visit Urana ; and, if so, will he inquire into and report on this matter ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Acting Chief Inspector left Sydney last night for that purpose.

(10.) Chief Inspector of Mines and Superintendent of Drills :—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the yearly salary of the Superintendent of Diamond Drills in 1884, and up to September, 1885 ?

(2.) What was the salary of the then Inspector of Mines, in 1884, and up to September, 1885 ?

(3.) Has any saving in salary been effected by the amalgamation of the two offices—that of Inspector of Mines and Superintendent of Diamond Drills ; if so, how much per annum ?

(4.) Has the Chief Inspector of Mines and Superintendent of Drills other duties in conjunction with those of the inspection of mines and diamond drills ; if so, what were and are those duties ; does he receive any extra salary for duties other than that for inspection of mines and drills ?

(5.) How many clerks, including draughtsmen, were employed in the Diamond Drill Branch in 1884, and up to September, 1885, when Mr. Slee took charge of said branch, in addition to the inspection of mines ; have they been increased or decreased ; if so, by what number ?

(6.) Is there any other clerical work performed in Mr. Slee's branch than that in connection with inspection of mines and diamond drills ; if so, what does that work consist of ?

(7.) How long has Mr. Slee, the Chief Inspector of Mines and Superintendent of Drills, been an officer of the Mines Department ?

Mr.

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Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) £450 per annum in 1884 and £470 in 1885.
- (2.) In 1884, £300; 1883, £320.
- (3.) Yes; a saving of £320 per annum was effected when the change was made.
- (4.) Yes, on Prospecting Board and as Acting Warden at Peak Hill. He does not receive any extra salary for those duties.
- (5.) In September, 1885, when Mr. Slee took charge, there were seven clerks and draughtsmen engaged on drill work alone; there are now three clerks, and a storeman who assist in the clerical work, who do the whole of the clerical work connected with the drills, with inspection of mines, and with the Prospecting Vote.
- (6.) Yes, the whole of the clerical work in connection with the Prospecting Vote.
- (7.) Since 7th August, 1876.

(11.) Steam Heating Apparatus at Eveleigh:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the name of the engineer who designed and superintended the erection of the steam heating apparatus in the carriage paint shop at Eveleigh?
- (2.) What was the original cost of the said apparatus?
- (3.) Is it a fact that several men have been engaged for over twelve months in alterations to, or reconstructing the same?
- (4.) What was the cost of these alterations?
- (5.) Has the apparatus proved a failure; and is it not a fact that some waggon-loads of scrap-iron waste has been the only result of the alterations?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Railway Commissioners are not aware of the detail matters to which the Honorable Member refers. If he will furnish them with particulars they will be glad to have inquiry made.(12.) Revenue derived from *Ad Valorem* Duties:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total amount of revenue derived from the 10 per cent. *ad valorem* duties during 1892?
- (2.) What did the shrinkage in all other forms of revenue amount to in 1892, when compared with 1891?
- (3.) What was the excess of revenue in 1892 over 1891?
- (4.) Has any of the 1892 revenue been applied to liquidate liabilities incurred in 1891?
- (5.) If so, what amount was expended in this direction?
- (6.) What was the total amount of loan money and revenue derived from all other sources expended in 1891?
- (7.) The same information as in Question (6) for 1892?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £538,871 17s. 3d.
- (2.) £46,460 4s. 5d.
- (3.) £460,941 7s. 1d.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) £69,211 3s. 6d.
- (6.) Consolidated Revenue, £10,517,901 4s. 7d.; General Loan Account, £4,835,100 10s. 6d.
- (7.) Consolidated Revenue, £10,553,429 8s. 8d.; General Loan Account, £3,014,680 9s. 5d.

(13.) Interest on Loans:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are our interest payments on loans, made per medium of thirty or sixty day bills, subject to an *ad valorem* duty in England of 1s. per centum?
- (2.) If so, will he consider the advisability of saving the country this charge by remitting demand drafts?
- (3.) Are the bills of exchange which the Treasurer remits to London subject to a discount rate equally as favourable as that obtained by the British Government in issuing Treasury bills of three or six months currency per medium of the Bank of England?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No charge has been made in the London accounts of the nature indicated.
- (3.) The reply to this Question cannot be given from the information available.

(14.) Revenue derived from Enfield to Ashfield Tram:—*Mr. Eve* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What revenue was received on the Enfield-Ashfield tramway from 30th June, 1892, to 31st March, 1893?
- (2.) What was the cost of working the line for the same period?
- (3.) What is the annual payment for interest on the line?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection to supply this information if it is moved for in the usual way.(15.) Staffs employed in Operating Department:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) How many staffs are employed in the Operating Department, Head Office, during the twenty-four hours?
- (2.) The hours each staff are employed during the day?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member can be better supplied in the form of a Return, which will be laid upon the Table at an early date.(16.) Bridge over the Darling River at Wilcannia:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that he contemplates erecting the bridge over the Darling River at Wilcannia by day labour?
- (2.) If so, will he state the reason why he proposes to depart from the usual practice of calling for tenders and letting the work by contract?

Sir

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Sir George Dibbs answered.—A contract for the erection of the bridge was let in 1889 but cancelled, owing to the failure of the contractor for the ironwork to carry out his contract. A subsequent contract was let for the ironwork, which is now all delivered at the site, and tenders will be called for the erection of the structure.

(17.) Proposed Improvements to the Brunswick Heads:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received a reply from Messrs. Wilcocks and Firth *re* the proposed improvements to the Brunswick Heads?

(2.) Will he make provision for carrying out this necessary work with the least possible delay?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The Engineer for Harbours and Rivers reports that the work proposed by Messrs. Wilcocks and Firth will not be effective without the expenditure of considerably more money than is at the disposal of the Department, and under these circumstances my honorable colleague has decided not to proceed with the work.

(18.) Civil Servants employed in Electorates of The Hume and Albury:—*Mr. Hayes*, for Mr. Want, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of Civil Servants employed in the respective electorates of The Hume and Albury whose salaries are above £200 per annum?

(2.) Their respective offices, duties, and salaries?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return embracing this information, I shall endeavour to obtain it.

2. TRANSFER OF LICENSE OF RAILWAY HOTEL, BATHURST (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. G. D. Clark* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all evidence, Police reports, and other papers connected with the transfer of the license of the Railway Hotel, Bathurst, from William Stevens to Patrick Power.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Lee and Brady Settlement Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday, 27th April.

(2.) Parliamentary Refreshment Room; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. D. Clark, "That, 'in the opinion of this House,' the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room is unnecessary, and should, therefore, be discontinued."

Upon which Mr. Traill had moved, by way of amendment, to omit the words "in the opinion of this House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "it be referred to the Refreshment Committee to report whether";—until Wednesday, 12th April.

(3.) Sericulture; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, take such steps as may be necessary to promote the establishment of silk-growing as a permanent industry."

Upon which Mr. Cullen had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned";—until Tuesday, 16th May.

4. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK:—*Mr. Dowel*, as Chairman, in accordance with the power granted on 14th February, 1893, brought up the Second Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th November, 1893, together with Appendix.

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the document be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Eve,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Bavistor,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sheldan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Walker,	Tellers,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Perry,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Lonsdale.
Tellers,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
 And the Debate not being resumed,—
 Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dowel, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

6. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY 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 amend the law relating to the Rights and Liabilities of Married Women.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th April, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

7. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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 Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th April, 1893.*

8. PAPER.—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions.
 Ordered to be printed.

9. TRADE MARKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

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

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL, 1893, 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 Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL, 1893.

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

TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor. Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the trustees of the Trades Hall and Literary Institute to mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Sydney, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-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, 10th April, 1893.*

2 QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Engineer Corps and Volunteer Submarine Miners:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What are the professional qualifications and pay of each officer in the Engineer Corps?
(2.) The same particulars relating to the Volunteer Submarine Miners?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information asked for is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

- (2.) Roads and Bridges Vote in The Clarence Electorate:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What amounts have been voted for road and bridge works in The Clarence Electorate for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892 respectively?
(2.) How much still remains unexpended?
(3.) What is the annual cost in connection with the Roads Office at Maclean for the past four years, ended 31st December last?
(4.) How many officers are employed, and respective salaries?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return will be prepared giving the information sought, and furnished to the Honorable Member.

- (3.) Appointment of Mr. Houghton in General Post Office:—Mr. Young, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) Has a Mr. Houghton been appointed to a position in the Post Office?
(2.) If so, when?
(3.) To what position?
(4.) At what salary?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) 16th May, 1892.
(3.) Junior letter-sorter.
(4.) 25s. per week.

(4.)

11th April, 1893.

(4.) Bridge over the Darling River at Wilcannia:—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In reference to reply to Question asked by Mr. Wright, Member for Glen Innes, on Thursday, 6th April, regarding the construction of a bridge over the river Darling at Wilcannia, when will tenders be called for the construction of such bridge?

(2.) Is it a fact that all the necessary material is now on the ground?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have received a report from the Commissioner for Roads on this subject, to the following effect:—"The recent floods have caused developments which necessitate an alteration in the design of bridge requiring some extra material. It would be from five to six months before this material could be landed at the site, and as it would not be safe to call for tenders for the erection until there was a fair prospect of the material getting there in time, I could not promise tenders for at least four months."

(5.) Imprisonment of Broken Hill Strike Leaders:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What are the usual "good conduct" allowances in the cases of prisoners serving sentences of nine months, eighteen months, and two years respectively?

(2.) What are the actual reductions, after making the usual "good conduct" allowances, that he has recommended in the sentences imposed upon prisoners Herberle, Hewitt, Polkinghorne, Sleath, and Ferguson respectively?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of allowing the prisoners named to be released forthwith on substantial securities being forthcoming for their good behaviour during the unexpired portions of their sentences, in accordance with the provisions of section 409 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act?

(4.) If not, will he consider the advisability of making the usual "good conduct" allowances on the reduced sentences in the cases of the prisoners named?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Prisoners serving sentences of nine months receive no remission, those serving eighteen months receive three months' remission, and those serving two years receive four months' remission. These remissions are subject to continuous good conduct.

(2.) Three months in the cases of Herberle, Hewitt, and Polkinghorne, and four months in the cases of Sleath and Ferguson.

(3 and 4.) Before writing my minute of the 30th ultimo, I had considered the mode of dealing with these cases suggested in these two Questions. My decision, arrived at after the fullest consideration, is embodied in that minute, and I see no reason for making any other or further recommendation than that therein contained.

(6.) Land Revenue in the Coast District:—*Mr. Young*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the amount of revenue received from each Land Office in the Coast District for the last five years, giving the amounts for auction land sales, conditional purchases, instalments, and interests?

Mr. Copeland answered,—If the Honorable Member will, as requested by letter on the 6th instant, be good enough to specify the Land Districts to which his Question refers, a Return will be prepared giving the information sought.

(7.) Gold-field Reserve on Brookong:—*Mr. Hayes*, for Mr. Gormly, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the Answer given by the Secretary for Mines on the 5th instant to Question No. 10 in regard to land now held as a gold-field reserve in the neighbourhood of Urana, will steps be taken to have the land referred to made available for settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The gross area of the Urana gold-field reserve was 22,000 acres, of which 8,800 acres have already been alienated, leaving a balance of 13,200 acres, of which 6,200 acres are also included in forest and other reserves, and about 4,600 acres are within leasehold areas, leaving an area of 2,400 acres which would be available for conditional purchase if the gold-field reserve was cancelled. Action was taken in this matter some months ago, and the Mines Department have been asked for a report as to the necessity of retaining this reserve for gold-mining purposes, and reports will also be obtained as to the need of reserving so much land for forestry purposes in that locality.

3. TRADE MARKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to amend the 'Trade Marks Act, 1865,' and the law relating to Trade Marks."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Marks Act, 1865,' and the law relating to Trade Marks,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1893.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Menindee Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday, 20th April.

(2.) Gunnedah School of Arts Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 2nd May.

(3.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday next.

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5. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from certain licensed fishermen of Georges River, stating that they are desirous of being represented upon the Fisheries Commission, so that they may have direct representation by practical men elected by the licensed fishermen, and praying the House to pass the Fisheries Act Amendment Bill, introduced by Mr. Carruthers.

Petition received.

6. **COBHAM LAKE:**—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain squatters, homestead lessees, carriers, contractors, storekeepers, hotelkeepers, mechanics, shearers, and labourers of the Western Division of New South Wales, referring to the fresh-water lake known as Cobham Lake, situated at the junction of the Broken Hill and Wilcannia Roads, 32 miles south of Milparinka, on the travelling stock road from Queensland to the southern markets, stating that the lake is rapidly drying up, and praying the House to sanction the construction of a road across the Coally Flat, by means of an embankment, to be carried out under the superintendence of the Department of Public Works and Water Conservation Department.

Petition received.

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

- (1.) **Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:**—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis, Cardinal Moran, Patrick Ryan Larkin, John Flanagan, and John Seage, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situated in Castlereagh, Campbell, Elizabeth, and Hay Streets, in the City of Sydney, to sell the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof;*”—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, 11th April, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th April.

- (2.) **Trust Property Act Amendment Bill:**—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Trust Property Act of 1862,’*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

TRUST PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th April, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *After “trustees” insert “and to the vesting of the trust property upon “the making of such appointment”*

Page 1, clause 1, line 16. *After “cases” insert “and being in all other respects”*

After clause 1 insert the following new clause:—

2. When a new trustee is appointed under the provisions of the said “Trust Property Act of 1862,” in place of a person desiring to be discharged, or refusing or becoming unfit or incapable to act, all the right, title, and interest of such person in the trust property shall be deemed to pass under the provisions contained in the said Act for the vesting thereof.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Joseph Abbott rising to move the adjournment of the House.—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, “to call attention to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the necessity for “making immediate provision for the payment to Municipalities of a special endowment for the “municipal year ending February, 1893.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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9. **LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild 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. Neild, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

10. **VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. See,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gunn,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Grajume,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. McFarlane,	Tellers,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Traill,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hart.
Tellers,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Slattery, 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, 12 APRIL, 1893, 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 To-morrow.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fire Insurance on Treasury Buildings:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) How many and what buildings owned by the Treasury are insured against loss by fire?
 (2.) The total amount covered by such insurances?
 (3.) The amount insured in foreign and colonial offices respectively?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-six buildings, viz., bonded stores, &c., on the old A.S.N. Company's wharf, 20; Government Stores Department, Young-street, 2; the Admiral's residence and outbuildings, North Sydney, 4. Total, 26.
 (2.) £48,300.

(3.) All in colonial offices—United Insurance and Mercantile Mutual. In addition to the above, all the leased jetties and appurtenances at the Circular Quay are insured by the lessees for specified amounts.

- (2.) Fire Insurance on Public Works Buildings:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many and what buildings owned by the Department are insured against loss by fire?
 (2.) The total amount covered by such insurances?
 (3.) The amount insured in foreign and colonial offices respectively?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Fifteen.
 (2.) £8,000.

(3.) These buildings, in accordance with the terms of the contract, were insured during erection, and it appears the policies were continued on their being handed over to the Government, but it is not the custom for the Department generally to insure buildings. In the case of the Public Works Department, a fireman is employed under the superintendence of Mr. Bear, the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and special fire appliances are kept on the premises, so that the risk to these buildings, is very slight indeed.

- (3.) Fire Insurance on Buildings of Public Instruction:—Mr. Garrard asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many and what buildings owned by the Department are insured against loss by fire?
 (2.) The total amount covered by such insurances?
 (3.) The amount insured in foreign and colonial offices respectively?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) None.
 (2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

- (4.) Police Supervision over Hotels on Sundays:—Mr. Darnley, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Are the Police instructed to count those who pass in or out of the smaller hotels on Sunday, including the licensees, their families, and boarders?
 (2.) If so, to what end, and why are the larger houses exempt from a similar scrutiny?

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Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague Minister of Justice :—

(1.) I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that no definite instructions have been given of the nature stated, but when publicans are known to habitually violate the law the Police take a note of the number of strangers seen entering and leaving hotels, with a view to being prepared to oppose the renewals of licenses of badly-conducted houses at the next annual meeting.

(2.) There is no distinction made by the Police between one class of licensed house and another.

(5.) Conveyance of Mails :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Postmaster-General,—Is he aware that a considerable saving might be effected by calling for tenders for the conveyance of mails, instead of paying $\frac{1}{d}$. per letter, as at present, where they are carried by steamer?

Mr. Kidd answered,—From inquiry made, I do not think that any saving would be effected by inviting tenders for the conveyance of mails by steamers within the Colony, in lieu of paying $\frac{1}{d}$. per letter and 3s. per cwt. on newspapers, as at present, whilst we would not, in my opinion, be so well served.

(6.) Whaling Road, North Sydney :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he referred the matter of the Whaling Road, North Sydney, for the opinion of the Attorney-General as promised some months ago, in reply to a Question on the subject?

(2.) Is it a fact that the North Shore Gas Company is applying to bring land, including portion of this road, under the provisions of the Real Property Act?

(3.) Is it a fact that there is also included in the application a public right-of-way known as Beaney-lane, which is the access to a number of properties fronting High-street, North Sydney?

(4.) Is it a fact that two Select Committees of this House have determined that the Whaling Road is a public thoroughfare, and have recommended that the same should be opened?

(5.) Is it a fact that in a late Supreme Court decision it was held that under the provisions of the Real Property Act property owners have no power to caveat as to a right of road?

(6.) Will he take steps to protect the public interests as to the right of road by such prompt and effectual means as will prevent the issue of a real property title to the North Shore Gas Company until the public rights are tested?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; in December, 1892.

(2.) The North Shore Gas Company has applied to bring land under the Real Property Act, which (were the so-called Whaling Road an existent one) would separate parts of the land sought by them to be brought under the provisions of the Act.

(3.) A lane is shown on the tracing illustrative of the application as being part of the land embraced by it; apparently the lane is part of private estate, the title to which the Gas Company will have to prove.

(4.) Yes; two Select Committees have so reported.

(5.) I cannot say. This Department has no record of the decisions of the Supreme Court.

(6.) Such action will be taken as may be recommended by the legal adviser of the Crown.

(7.) Accommodation on the Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway :—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What accommodation for goods and passenger traffic is intended to be provided at or near Beamish Road, on the Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This is a matter to be determined by the Railway Commissioners.

(8.) Foreigners in Public Works Department :—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to the Question asked and Motion moved by Mr. Hoyle *re* foreigners in the Works Department, will he also state the date of each registration of naturalisation?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The further information asked for will be supplied, if obtainable.

(9.) Resumed Lands on Balderogery, Land District of Parkes :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the amount paid by the licensee for the lands held under license in the resumed area of Balderogery, Land District of Parkes, for the years 1890, 1891, 1892?

(2.) Have the lands resumed for mining purposes (which were formerly held under conditional lease by Messrs. Wescott, Davey Bros., and Watts) been added to the said resumed area?

(3.) What is the amount paid annually by the licensee for such resumed lands?

(4.) What is the amount (if any) charged as rent for the improvements thereon?

(5.) If the said resumed lands have not been added to the resumed area, is the licensee justified in taking possession of such Crown lands, and charging rent for same?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The license fees paid on Bulderudgera resumed area for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892 were :—1890, £145 18s. 7d.; 1891, £137 0s. 9d.; 1892, £122 8s. 4d.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) £7 15s. 7d.

(4.) Rent for the improvements has not been charged, the appraisement not yet having been completed.

(5.) Replied to by No. 2.

(10.) Land Revenue in Eastern Division :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the amount of revenue received from each Land Office in the Eastern Division for the last five years, giving the amounts for auction land sales, conditional purchases, instalments, and interest?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member will be supplied in the form of a Return in due course.

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- (11.) Mr. Suttor, Engineer, Railway Department:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Will he cause inquiry to be made to ascertain whether Mr. Suttor, engineer, Railway Department, sat on the platform at a political meeting recently held at Bathurst?
 (2.) In view of the suspension and subsequent removal of tram motor-driver Volk, does he propose to take any action in regard to Mr. Suttor's conduct?
 (3.) If so, what, and when?
 (4.) Is it a fact that the difference in social position between Suttor and Volk has caused the difference in dealing with the two cases up to date?

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Commissioners have not had any official communication before them regarding any action taken by Mr. Suttor at any political meeting. If the Honorable Member will place a statement of any matter he wishes to complain of before the Commissioners they will deal with the subject.

- (12.) Locomotives for the Colony:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to previous Questions and to correspondence already laid on the Table *re* Messrs. Neilson, of Glasgow, and the Railway Commissioners, will he lay upon the Table the further letter which he has informed the House has been received from the Messrs. Neilson by the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. See answered,—No; the Railway Commissioners deem it inadvisable to conduct a correspondence through the medium of the Press.

- (13.) Darling Point Road:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Want, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the reason for the delay in aligning the branch road at Darling Point, Sydney; and, if such alignment has been made, the reason for the delay in gazetting it?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Survey was made with the intention of aligning branch road, but, on the advice of the Crown Solicitor, it was some time ago decided not to carry the matter further.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amending Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 11th May.
 (2.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday, 25th April.
 (3.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday, 2nd May.
 (4.) Law Practitioners Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 16th May.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Carruthers* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the necessity for providing safer means of crossing the railway lines where they intersect public roads in populous localities."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) 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 103rd section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th 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, 109th, and 112th sections 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.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Auburn, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 (2.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for 1892, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
 (3.) Schedule to the Military and Naval Estimates for 1893.
 (4.) Return respecting Engineer Corps and Volunteer Submarine Miners.
 (5.) Return respecting female school-teachers who contribute to the Superannuation Fund.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-MOUNTED SERGEANT OF POLICE:—*Mr. Darley* 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 mounted police sergeant William Stafford's claim upon the Police Superannuation Fund.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Rose, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. D. Clark, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of 1890 be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Young,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Dunahey,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Edden,

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—

- (1.) The present system of appointing Justices of the Peace is opposed to the spirit of democracy.
- (2.) In future all such appointments should be made by popular ballot.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

7. VINE DISEASES BILL (*changed from*) VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Slattery moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 61.

Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Seobie,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sharp,

Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Dunahey,
Mr. Caan,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gardiner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

8. ASIATIC RACES RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the immigration into New South Wales of persons of Asiatic and coloured races; to provide for the regulation of Asiatics and coloured persons resident within the Colony; to amend the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888; to make such amendments in statute law as may be necessary to give full force and effect to legislation for the above objects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the same.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Noes, 8.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Torpy,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Barton.

Tellers,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Traill.

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Whereupon the 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 regulate the immigration into New South Wales of persons of Asiatic and coloured races; to provide for the regulation of Asiatics and coloured persons resident within the Colony; to amend the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888; to make such amendments in statute law as may be necessary to give full force and effect to legislation for the above objects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the same.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the immigration into New South Wales of persons of Asiatic and coloured races; to provide for the regulation of Asiatics and coloured persons resident within the Colony; to amend the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888; to make such amendments in statute law as may be necessary to give full force and effect to legislation for the above objects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the same*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply,—Mr. Kidd moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed, to follow the Order No. 4.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. See,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Torny,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Wall,	

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Mr. Neild,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Molsworth,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McCourt,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Trail,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Seobie,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dunahey,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Kelly,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Original Question put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cobar:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when the mines at Cobar were in full operation, and there were four times the present population, one officer (the P.M.) carried out the magisterial duties, and was Clerk of Petty Sessions as well?

(2.) Is it a fact that now the mines at Cobar are closed, there are both a P.M. and a C.P.S. in addition to ten magistrates?

(3.) Is there not room for retrenchment here?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) There has always been a Police Magistrate and a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cobar, though during portion of 1887 and 1888 one officer performed the duties of both offices. I am informed that the population was then not quite twice what it is now.

(2.) There are both a P.M. and a C.P.S. at Cobar, the latter holding also the office of Land Agent. The Police Magistrate states that there are eight unpaid magistrates in Cobar, five of whom were only recently appointed, and that the business relations of some of the magistrates would at times preclude them from adjudicating on the Bench.

(3.) The Police Magistrate has to visit Louth and Nymagee, distant from Cobar 90 and 62 miles respectively, entailing absence from head-quarters for several days at a time, and much inconvenience would be caused to the public if he were compelled to act as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent, by reason of the fact that the office would necessarily on occasions be closed several days at a time. The Police Magistrate has also a wide extent of country to travel over in his capacity as Mining Warden. The question has recently been under consideration as to whether any retrenchment can be effected at this place as suggested, and such retrenchment will be carried out if after further consideration the Minister can see his way to do so without impairing the efficiency of the administration of justice.

- (2.) Coldstream Bridge:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to accept tenders for the construction of the Coldstream Bridge?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot give any promise at the present time to carry out this work, which is chargeable to Loans, and will cost about £18,000.

- (3.) North Shore Railway:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government owes the contractor for the North Shore Railway a large sum of money for work executed and certified to by the supervising engineer?

(2.) When did the term of the contract expire?

(3.) Upon what date did the contractor specify, in his tender, that he would hand over the line?

(4.) When should the line have been handed over, allowing for extras and other causes of delay, if any?

(5.) Was it contemplated, in preparing the specifications, that the ballast should be obtained locally?

(6.) Has a special agreement been entered into between the Government and the contractor, by which the latter will be compensated for ballasting the line with blue metal?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Engineer-in-Chief advises me that the contractor has been paid up for all work done on the North Shore Railway according to the contract.

(2.) 5th September, 1892.

(3.)

13th April, 1893.

(3.) 5th September, 1892; but the contractor subsequently wrote, on the 19th March, 1891, undertaking, if his tender was accepted, to complete the contract two months before the specified time, viz., 5th July, 1892.

(4.) This will be settled when the contract is finally adjusted.

(5 and 6.) Local white metal could have been used, but as the supply was limited, on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, I approved of the use of blue metal at an increased rate on the contractors schedule rate.

(4.) Opening of North Shore Railway.—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps, if any, are being taken by the Government to ensure the completion and opening of the North Shore Railway on the 1st proximo?

(2.) Is it a fact that the contractor has been delayed by the Government failing to supply him with rails, points, and other permanent-way materials?

(3.) Is the Government or the contractor responsible for the cause of delay in constructing this line?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Engineer-in-Chief has informed me that the line can be opened on the 1st proximo, and steps are being taken with the view of this being carried into effect.

(2.) No.

(3.) The Government is only responsible for a delay of three months, caused by not being able to get possession of the land. The contractor alone is responsible for the additional delay.

(5.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill.—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does the Government intend to introduce the promised Bill for the inspection of land boilers?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I believe that the Bill to which the Honorable Member refers is now in the other Chamber of the Legislature, awaiting its second reading.

(6.) Government Banking Account.—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government consider the advisability of withdrawing its account from those privately owned banks who do not invest a large proportion of their reserve fund in Government securities?

Mr. See answered,—Most of the banks doing business in this Colony have large sums invested in New South Wales Government securities, and it is not contemplated to take any action in the direction indicated by the Honorable Member.

(7.) Banking Institutions.—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to make inquiry into the solvency of all local banking institutions, with a view to safe-guarding the public funds?

Mr. See answered,—The Government has a comprehensive measure prepared, dealing with Banking and Finance companies, which will be introduced as soon as the state of business admits of this important question being dealt with. The Government do not intend making an inquiry as indicated, believing that the Banks are in a sound position.

(8.) John Clarke, Acting Sub-Inspector of Police.—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an Acting Sub-Inspector of Police, named John Clarke, was promoted to that position after seven years service, over the heads of many who have served from twenty to thirty years?

(2.) Is this the Mr. Clarke who served in the Imperial forces in the same regiment as Lord Carrington?

(3.) Is it a fact, as stated in a public print, that certain Inspectors of Police are unable to read and write fluently?

(4.) Is it a fact the head of the Police clothing dépôt and his next subordinate have had no experience of tailoring except what they gained in the Government service?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police,—

(1.) Yes; after nine years service—he being specially qualified for the post of Cavalry Drill Instructor.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) No.

(4.) It is not necessary that the Police storekeeper should possess any such qualification. The storeman, however, has sufficient knowledge of the trade to make any trifling alterations required in fitting uniforms.

(9.) Report by Major-General Richardson on Military Commission.—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a report furnished by Major-General Richardson to the Colonial Secretary upon the findings and report of the recent Military Commission?

(2.) If so, will he cause a copy of that report of Major-General Richardson to be laid upon the Table of the House prior to its being called upon to deal with the Military Estimates?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have no such report.

(10.) Retrenchment in Railway Department.—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners addressed any protest to him against any retrenchment being made in the salaries of officers of the Railway Department?

(2.) If so, will he please lay a copy of same on the Table, that Honorable Members may have an opportunity of studying and testing the statements made prior to being called on to consider the Railway Estimates?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

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(11.) Scales, Weighing-machines, and Weigh-bridges:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of scales and weights imported into New South Wales during the years 1891 and 1892 respectively?
- (2.) The number of weighing-machines and weigh-bridges during the same period?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Scales and weights are entered under the official heading of hardware, and are not separately recorded.
- (2.) 782 packages of weighing-machines were imported in 1891, valued at £4,213; 1,094 packages of weighing-machines were imported in 1892, valued at £4,747.

(12.) Motor-driver Volk:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Referring to papers already laid upon the Table *in re* Motor-driver Volk, has some further correspondence taken place between Volk and the Railway Commissioners?
- (2.) Will he lay a copy of same upon the Table?
- (3.) When did Volk receive his last pay from the Department; what was the amount; and what was it for?
- (4.) If not yet paid, will he quote the contents of the docket given to Volk for his final pay?
- (5.) Has he been paid for the time he was under suspension?
- (6.) If so, what caused the Commissioners to alter their previous determination not to pay him for such time of suspension?

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Commissioners reply: This matter has been disposed of, and it is not considered desirable to reopen it.

(13.) Removal of Stock Inspector Brett to Jerilderie:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it true that he was recently waited upon by a deputation from Urana, urging the non-removal of Stock Inspector Brett to Jerilderie?
- (2.) What was the nature of the representations made to him by the deputation, which caused him to postpone the removal of Inspector Brett to Jerilderie as previously decided by him?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the deputation which waited upon him did not represent sheep owners, but merely the townspeople of Urana and the Stock Board?
- (4.) Is it a fact that 40,000 sheep are trucked annually at Jerilderie, and that there is no stock inspector within 25 or 30 miles of that town?
- (5.) Has he taken any steps to verify the statements made to him by the deputation?
- (6.) Were some of the deputation traders, and personally interested in keeping Inspector Brett and his family at Urana?
- (7.) Is it a fact that the people most interested, owners of over 1,000,000 sheep, have repeatedly asked and were promised by him that a stock inspector should be stationed at Jerilderie, the terminus of the railway?
- (8.) Will he, without delay, give effect to his previous promise by stationing a stock inspector at Jerilderie?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) That Urana is more central than Jerilderie, and more convenient to stock owners.
- (3.) No; but one of the gentlemen is superintendent of one of the largest stations in the district.
- (4.) 36,278 sheep were trucked at Jerilderie last year. The distance from Urana to Jerilderie is about 30 miles.
- (5.) In order to do so I have sent the Acting Chief Inspector to Urana to make further inquiry.
- (6.) Not that I am aware of.
- (7.) Several requests have been made for an Inspector at Jerilderie, and in order to meet these it was decided to remove Inspector Brett from Urana to Jerilderie, but owing to the opposition shown to this proposal the carrying of it out is delayed, pending the personal inquiry now being made by the Acting Chief Inspector.
- (8.) As soon as the Acting Chief Inspector's report is received, the matter will be dealt with.

(14.) Excise Duty on Tobacco:—*Mr. Davis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that large quantities of tobacco-leaf are being sold to supposed consumers, and manufactured by them for purposes of sale, thereby defrauding the revenue of excise duty?
- (2.) Will he take such steps as will prevent a recurrence of the same?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that any person is illegally manufacturing tobacco without license.
- (2.) Every possible effort is made to control the manufacture of tobacco in the Colony. If the Honorable Member knows of anyone who is manufacturing tobacco illegally, I shall be glad to receive the information.

(15.) Special Audit, Municipal Council of Parramatta:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to the special audit being carried out in connection with the Municipal Council of Parramatta, will he state whether he promised that he would refer the petition asking for the audit to the Mayor of Parramatta before taking any action thereon?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The audit in connection with the Municipal Council of Parramatta is the result of action taken by the ratepayers under the Municipalities Act. In regard to conversation which I may have had with private persons at Parramatta—and I do not admit that there has been any—I certainly should not repeat it here.

(16.)

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(16.) Expenditure on Public Works in The Macleay Electorate:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What sums were voted for Public Works in The Macleay Electorate for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892?

(2.) Of these annual votes, what sums were expended during the respective years?

(3.) What sums are still available for expenditure for the several works?

(4.) What sums have reverted to the Treasury?

(5.) Why were not the Parliamentary votes expended within the period during which such expenditure was permissible under the Appropriation Act for the respective years?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information will be prepared and furnished to the Honorable Member.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Parliamentary Refreshment Room; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of *Mr. G. D. Clark*, “That, ‘in the opinion of this House,’ the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room is unnecessary, and should, therefore, be discontinued.”

Upon which *Mr. Traill* had moved, by way of amendment, to omit the words “in the opinion of this House,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “it be referred to the Refreshment Committee to report whether”;—until Thursday, 11th May.

(3.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday, 11th May.

3. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—*Mr. Neild* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That *Mr. McMillan*, *Mr. Lees*, and *Mr. Crick*, be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on “Vice Suppression Bill,” and that *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. McCourt*, and *Mr. O’Sullivan* be added to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPER:—*Mr. Kidd* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Telegraph Operators employed at Head Office, Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McGowen* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the position of the employees of the State as laid down by the Premier, Sir G. R. Dibbs, in his ‘reply to a deputation which recently waited upon him on the subject.’”

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

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

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o’clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—*Sir George Dibbs* stated that it was not the intention of the Government to proceed with Supply until Tuesday next.

7. VINE DISEASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Slattery* moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Nobbs 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 Clauses 3, 4, 5, and 20.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

<i>Mr. See,</i>	<i>Mr. Murphy,</i>
<i>Sir George Dibbs,</i>	<i>Mr. Williams,</i>
<i>Mr. Barton,</i>	<i>Mr. Langwell,</i>
<i>Mr. Slattery,</i>	<i>Mr. Sharp,</i>
<i>Mr. Alfred Allen,</i>	<i>Mr. O’Sullivan,</i>
<i>Mr. Kidd,</i>	<i>Mr. Wall,</i>
<i>Mr. Rose,</i>	<i>Mr. Nicholson,</i>
<i>Mr. Donnelly,</i>	<i>Mr. Houghton,</i>
<i>Mr. Dowd,</i>	<i>Mr. Morgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Perry,</i>	<i>Mr. Graham,</i>
<i>Mr. Levien,</i>	<i>Mr. Colls,</i>
<i>Mr. Traill,</i>	<i>Mr. Scobie,</i>
<i>Mr. Bowes,</i>	<i>Mr. Cann,</i>
<i>Mr. Hogan,</i>	<i>Mr. Stevenson,</i>
<i>Mr. Henry Clarke,</i>	<i>Mr. Edden,</i>
<i>Mr. Hayes,</i>	<i>Mr. Schey,</i>
<i>Mr. Hugh McKinnon,</i>	<i>Mr. Ewing,</i>
<i>Mr. Kelly,</i>	<i>Mr. Cook,</i>
<i>Mr. Copeland,</i>	<i>Mr. E. G. Brown,</i>
<i>Mr. Barbour,</i>	<i>Mr. McGowen,</i>
<i>Mr. Holborow,</i>	<i>Mr. Dickens,</i>
<i>Mr. Torpy,</i>	<i>Mr. Chanter,</i>
<i>Mr. Hassall,</i>	<i>Mr. Hutchinson,</i>
<i>Mr. Lyne,</i>	<i>Mr. Davis,</i>
<i>Mr. Scott,</i>	<i>Mr. Hoyle,</i>
<i>Mr. Hutchison,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Sheldon,</i>	
<i>Mr. H. H. Brown,</i>	<i>Mr. Nicoll,</i>
<i>Mr. Johnston,</i>	<i>Mr. Gardiner.</i>
<i>Mr. Miller,</i>	

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<i>Mr. Burdekin,</i>	<i>Mr. Molesworth</i>
<i>Mr. McCourt,</i>	<i>Mr. Brunker,</i>
<i>Mr. Nobbs,</i>	<i>Mr. Hart,</i>
<i>Mr. Tonkin,</i>	<i>Mr. Bavister,</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. Black,</i>
<i>Mr. Reid,</i>	<i>Mr. Rae,</i>
<i>Mr. Jeanneret,</i>	<i>Mr. Chapman,</i>
<i>Mr. Gould,</i>	<i>Mr. Kirkpatrick,</i>
<i>Mr. Young,</i>	<i>Mr. Dawson,</i>
<i>Mr. Garrard,</i>	
<i>Mr. Fegan,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. A’Beckett,</i>	<i>Mr. Cotton,</i>
<i>Mr. Hugh Taylor,</i>	<i>Mr. Hindle,</i>
<i>Mr. Jones,</i>	
<i>Mr. Lee,</i>	
<i>Mr. Dale,</i>	
<i>Mr. Haynes,</i>	
<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>	
<i>Mr. Joseph Abbott,</i>	
<i>Mr. Lees,</i>	
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith,</i>	
<i>Mr. Cullen,</i>	
<i>Dr. Cullen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Lonsdale,</i>	
<i>Mr. Donald,</i>	
<i>Mr. E. M. Clark,</i>	
<i>Mr. G. D. Clark,</i>	
<i>Mr. Danahey,</i>	
<i>Mr. Darnley,</i>	
<i>Sir Henry Parkes,</i>	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 67.

Mr. See,	Mr. Nicholson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Coils,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Want,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hassell,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. McIville,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Gruhame,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. Williams,	Tellers,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Longwell,	Mr. Hutchison.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Wall,	

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Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cullen,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Darnley,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Chapman.

Tellers,

Mr. Miller,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate a certain disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate a certain disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 13th April, 1893.

8 NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALLS BILL:—Sir George Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to vest certain land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Hall for the use of Friendly Societies; and also to vest certain other land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolution was then read a first time; as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision in substitution for some and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses; and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas; "and to provide payment by way of compensation to all persons who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder."

Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Mr.

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Mr. Garrard moved, That the Resolution be amended by the omission of the words "and to provide payment by way of compensation to all persons who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder."

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

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Resolution.
The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. See,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Burdakin,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Coils,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Leeks,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Levien,

Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Black,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Torpy,
Tellers,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 57.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Barister,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cook,
Sir Henry Parkes,

Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Brunner,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Daruley,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Melville,
Tellers,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the Resolution, as amended, be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barbour,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Campbell,
*Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fegan,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Barister,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Miller,

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Eddin,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Coils,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Holborow,
Tellers,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Chantor,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Burdakin,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
*Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sheldon.

* So in Tellers' Lists.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Gould,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Donnelly,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Sir Henry Parkes,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Bavister,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Stevenson,

Mr. Danahey,
 Dr. Cullen,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Donald,
 Mr. Rae,
 Mr. Williams,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. E. G. Brown,
 Mr. Dale,
 Mr. Colls,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Rose,
 Mr. Hutchinson.
 Tellers,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Holborow.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Burdakin,
 Mr. Chanter,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. Want,
 Mr. Jeanneret,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Levien,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Dickens,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Torpy.

Tellers,
 Mr. Manning,
 Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make provision in substitution for some and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses; and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas,"—and moved,—That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 64.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Gould,
 Mr. Molesworth,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Fegan,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Sir Henry Parkes,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Bavister,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Stevenson,

Mr. Danahey,
 Dr. Cullen,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. Donald,
 Mr. Rae,
 Mr. Williams,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Hart,
 Mr. Dale,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Colls,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Rose,
 Mr. Holborow,
 Mr. Hutchinson.
 Tellers,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. McGowen.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Manning,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Levien,
 Mr. O'Sullivan.
 Tellers,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Bill be printed, and the second reading stand an Order of the Day for "Wednesday next."

Mr. Haynes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day six months."

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Haynes, an Honorable Member for Mudgee, directed him to discontinue his speech.

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

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. See,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Eddoe,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Holborow,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Nobbs,	Tellers,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Darnley.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Black,	

Nos, 9.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Tellers,

Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the Bill be printed, and the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next,—put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton 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 Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1893.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act,’*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 17th April, 1893.*

- (2.) Married Women's Property Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Rights and Liabilities of Married Women,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 17th April, 1893.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Patrick's Plains *Free Press* Company:—Mr. Walker asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Are there any funds in the hands of the Master-in-Equity from the liquidation of the Patrick's Plains *Free Press* Company?

(2.) Are there claims against the company for wages of employees?

(3.) What causes the delay by the Master-in-Equity in discharging these debts?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1 and 2.) It is not usual to answer Questions of the kind affecting, as they do, private interests only. The information asked for may be obtained from the Official Liquidator of the Patrick's Plains *Free Press* Company.

(3.) The Master-in-Equity reports that there has been no delay on his part in discharging any debts of the kind, that any funds of the Company must stand to the credit of the Official Liquidator, and can only be drawn by a cheque signed by him and countersigned by the Master, and that no cheques for payment of any such debts have yet been submitted to him (the Master) to be countersigned.

(2.)

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(2.) Report on Technological Education Department:—Mr. Barbour asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he please lay upon the Table of this House Professor Selman's report upon the Technological Education Department?

(2.) The reply of Mr. Bridges thereto, and the further report of Professor Selman thereupon?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I have received a communication from Professor Selman in which he calls attention to his position with regard to the Technological Branch, and makes certain suggestions and recommendations. As to that document, I shall feel it my duty to make inquiry, and call for reports. The matter has not been finally settled, and I cannot promise to lay the papers on the Table. If Professor Selman is instrumental in having these Questions asked in this and the other House while the subject is still under the consideration of the Government, his action is not to be commended.

(3.) Clock in Technical College:—Mr. Cann asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that £700 has been spent for a clock in the Technical College; if not, what was the cost, and who authorised the expenditure?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A working model of the celebrated Strasburg Clock was purchased in January, 1890, and handed over to the Technological Museum (not the Technical College), as a production of Australian skill and industry. The cost was £700, and the purchase was made by the Cabinet of the day, after a report from two experts regarding the value.

(4.) Savings Banks Deposits:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amounts respectively are lodged by the Post Office Savings Bank with private banking corporations or other financial institutions, and what securities are held for same?

(2.) What amounts respectively are lodged by the Savings Bank of New South Wales with private banking corporations or other financial institutions, and what securities are held for same?

(3.) Have the Post Office Savings Bank or the Savings Bank of New South Wales invested in shares of banking corporations or financial institutions; and, if so, to what extent respectively?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Post Office Savings Bank or the Savings Bank of New South Wales to take up shares in proposed reconstructions of suspended banking corporations or financial institutions; and, if so, to what extent, and do they intend to increase their deposits in such?

(5.) Have the Post Office Savings Bank or the Savings Bank of New South Wales any preferent claim upon the assets of banking corporations or financial institutions in liquidation; and, if not; will he introduce legislation to give them such preferent claim?

(6.) To what extent does the Government guarantee the Post Office Savings Bank or the Savings Bank of New South Wales?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Nil.

(2.) A communication has been addressed to the Managing Trustee upon the subject.

(3.) So far as the Post Office Savings Bank is concerned, no. The Government Savings Bank Act does not authorise investments of this description.

(4.) No, so far as the Post Office Savings Bank is concerned.

(5.) The Post Office Savings Bank has no claim of any kind.

(6.) Depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank have the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony as a guarantee for the full amount of their deposits with interest. Further replies regarding the Savings Bank of New South Wales will be given when the information has been obtained from the Managing Trustee. I may add that the Savings Bank Act provides that one-half of their accumulated funds shall be invested in mortgages, and one-half either in Government debentures or upon deposit in banks. £1,100,000 of the amount available to be deposited in banks has been invested in Government debentures.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Thursday next.

(2.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Apprentices Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 4th May.

(4.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 23rd May.

(5.) Appointment of Justices of the Peace; resumption of the Debate, on motion of Mr. G. D. Clark, “That, in the opinion of this House,

“(1.) The present system of appointing Justices of the Peace is opposed to the spirit of democracy.

“(2.) In future all such appointments should be made by popular ballot”;—until Thursday, 18th May.

4. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Borough of Parramatta and surrounding districts, praying for the reasons in the Petition set forth that the House will reject this Bill.

Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th January, 1893,—“Postal Service between Windsor and Pitt Town, and between Windsor and Wiseman's Ferry.”

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st March, 1893.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Letter from Railway Commissioners to Minister for Railways respecting Railway Estimates of Expenditure for 1893.

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6. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bowes moved, “That” this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.”
“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bowes, Mr. Brunker, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Young, Mr. Garrard, Mr. McFarlane, and the Mover.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Neild requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the Bill related to trade, and should have been introduced in a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker said, that in his opinion, the Bill did not relate to trade, and had therefore been properly introduced.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been 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,—
(1.) That the 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. Bowes, Mr. Brunker, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Young, Mr. Garrard, Mr. McFarlane, and the Mover,—put and passed.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cullen 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. 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 2nd May.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trade Union Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.
9. SAINT FRANCIS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs made a statement with regard to the result of the labours of the Government during the past two or three months, in view of the necessity for retrenchment in the public expenditure of the Colony.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild submitted, as a Point of Order, that if Mr. Speaker should leave the Chair, in accordance with the motion now made, there would not be any constitutionally authorised person to preside over the Committee of Supply, the Chairman of Committees not being elected under any Standing Order of this House, nor in a similar manner to that adopted in the House of Commons.

Mr. Speaker stated that he doubted the right of the Honorable Member to intercept Supply with this matter, the Standing Order No. 16 not admitting of debate on this motion, but as his opinion was desired, he would point out that this House had in the year 1856 commenced the practice, which prevailed to this day, of electing the Chairman of Committees on motion, pursuant to Notice, without any Standing Order of this House for that purpose, although such a course was not in accordance with the practice of the House of Commons. He thought it would be inadvisable for him to alter the long established practice of this House until the subject of changing it could be considered at the beginning of next Session.

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

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL, 1893, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at a quarter past Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL, 1893.

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

TRADE MARKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Trade Marks Act, 1865,’ and the law relating to Trade Marks,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 17th April, 1893.*

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Royalty on Timber :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to take steps at an early date to abolish the royalty on timber ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—It has been shown that it would not be proper in the public interest to abolish royalty on timber.

(2.) Naturalisation Certificates :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of naturalisation certificates have been issued to aliens since the Act of 1875 ?
- (2.) What number during the last two years ?
- (3.) What precaution is taken against aliens obtaining the right of citizenship without naturalisation certificates ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 2,623.
- (2.) 347.

(3.) I am not sure that I understand this Question. I presume certificates of naturalisation would have to be shown on all requisite occasions.

(3.) Letters of Denization :—Mr. Cann asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What number of letters of denization have been issued since the Act of 1828 ?
- (2.) Are the holders of such letters entitled to the franchise if they hold property or not ?

Sir George Dibbs answered ;—

- (1.) Twenty-one.

(2.) Yes.

(4.) Mining on Private Property Bill :—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that thousands of miners are awaiting with great anxiety the passing of a Mining on Private Property Bill ?

(2.) Is he also aware that a measure of this description would at once find employment for thousands of men who are now unemployed ?

(3.) Is he also aware that such a measure would contribute enormously towards the restoration of prosperity and the advancement of New South Wales ?

(4.) In view of the foregoing, is it the intention of the Government to take a determined stand in resenting the action of the Legislative Council in rejecting the Mining on Private Property Bill ?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that a large number of miners are awaiting with great anxiety the passing of a "Mining on Private Property Bill."
- (2.) Yes; I think such a measure would give employment to a large number of miners and others.
- (3.) Yes; I believe such a measure would assist in restoring the prosperity and advancement of New South Wales.
- (4.) Much as the Government regret the loss of the measure in question, they have no present intention of "resenting the action of the Legislative Council" in exercising their undoubted constitutional right by rejecting the Bill. The Government will, however, adopt the usual Parliamentary procedure in such cases, and re-introduce a Bill at the beginning of next Session, when they hope the Honorable Member will "take a determined stand" in assisting them to send up a measure of such a character as may be expected to receive the consideration and support of a majority of the Legislative Council.

(5.) Officers of Lands Department trafficking in Crown Lands:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In connection with a sale of annual leases of land by auction, near Narrandera, marked blocks A, B, C, D, E, and F, parish Gillenbah, county Mitchell, advertised for the 11th instant, is it true that the whole of the leases were previously applied for by a son of the former lessee, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Baylis, a member of the Local Land Board?
- (2.) Is it true that much of the land referred to was eminently suitable for dairying purposes, and by reason of its proximity to a local market was much desired by many persons of small means?
- (3.) Do the regulations of the Lands Department permit of speculation in Crown lands by members of Land Boards within the districts over which such Boards have jurisdiction; if so, will he take steps to secure greater purity in the administration of the law by prohibiting officials of the Department from trafficking in Crown lands?
- (4.) Has he any objection to lay the whole of the facts connected with the foregoing case upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Applications for annual leases of these lands under section 33 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 have been made by Mr. J. J. Baylis and Mr. M. H. Jenkins; it is not known whether the latter is a son of the former lessee of the run, nor whether the former is a member of the Local Land Board, though the signature to the applications corresponds with that of Mr. Baylis, a member of the Local Land Board at Narrandera.
- (2.) It is not known that the land is suitable for dairying purposes, but with the exception of about 570 acres, which is liable to inundation, it is apparently adapted for general settlement. There is nothing to show that there was any demand for it by persons of small means; should such be the case the fact of it being held under annual lease will be no bar to its being made available for settlement.
- (3.) Under the 11th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, "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." The law, however, does not debar any unofficial Member of a Local Land Board who is merely paid by fees for the sittings at which he attends from availing himself of the provisions of the Land Act the same as other persons, any more than it prevents a selector or a pastoral tenant from occupying a seat on such Board, but in such case he cannot sit in adjudication on any case in which he is personally interested. There are departmental rules which regulate the acquiring of Crown lands by officials of the Lands Department, but these do not apply to unofficial members of the Land Boards; should, however, anything in the nature of trafficking appear to take place by any of such members, they will be promptly relieved of their duties.
- (4.) There is no objection to the papers being laid upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual manner.

(6.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he take steps to practically suspend that portion of the Fisheries Act which limits fishermen's nets to 150 fathoms, by instructing the Fisheries Commissioners not to prosecute for that offence, pending the determination of the length of nets by the Bill for the regulation of fisheries?
- (2.) Has a Bill already been recommended to him by the Fisheries Commission for presentation to Parliament containing a provision to abolish such limitation?
- (3.) Is it a fact that 150 fathoms in such places as Lake Macquarie and Tuggerah Lakes is known to be too short to be of any practical use?
- (4.) Is the Bill for the regulation of fisheries likely to be introduced this Session?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The matter will receive attention.
- (2.) It contains a power to vary lengths and dimensions of nets to suit circumstances of any specified water.
- (3.) Too short to give the fishermen a fair chance.
- (4.) If the business of the House will permit of its being done, steps will be taken in that direction.

(7.) Mr. Evans, Inspector of Weights and Measures:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Minister of Justice,— In view of the evidence given before the Board of Inquiry on Weights and Measures, is it his intention to cancel the appointment of Mr. Evans, Inspector for the Metropolitan District?*Mr. Barton* answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the appointment in question is vested in the Stipendiary Bench of Magistrates, under the 7th section of the Weights and Measures Act, and that the report on the recent inquiry into the working of the Weights and Measures Act has not been finally considered.

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(8.) Report on Dairy Produce at Chicago Exhibition:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any Commissioner or person been appointed from New South Wales to visit or report on the dairies at the Columbian Exhibition, and at Chicago, and will he see that every information on this important industry is obtained from the farmers of New South Wales?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Chief Inspector of Stock has been charged with this duty.

(9.) Pharmacy Bill:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is the Pharmacy Bill likely to be introduced and dealt with?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am afraid that we shall not be able to deal with the Bill in question this Session.

(10.) Convictions under Sale of Poisons Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—The number of convictions that have taken place under the Sale of Poisons Act?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the information asked for cannot be furnished without reference to the various Benches of Magistrates throughout the Colony, and a circular will be issued for the purpose, and as soon as replies shall have been received the information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.

(11.) Land Grants in Cumberland, Camden, and Argyle Electorates:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he considered over the advisability of resurveying the land originally granted in the Cumberland, Camden, and Argyle electorates?

(2.) Is he in possession of any information that will lead him to infer that original grantees have enclosed more land than they were entitled to?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There is no present intention of instituting a general resurvey of old grants in the electorates in question. It may be remarked that such a survey would be an enormously costly undertaking, and in view of the failure on the part of the Government a few years ago to recover possession (through the Supreme Court) of certain lands held by virtue of old grants, but which had been proved by survey to be outside the areas intended to be granted, it is improbable that any substantial benefit would accrue to the Crown from such action. Whenever in connection with applications to bring old grants under the Real Property Act it appears that the rights of the Crown are affected, a full investigation is made into all the surrounding grants, and, if necessary, a survey effected, and the requisite action taken under the Real Property Act to prevent the issue of a certificate of title.

(12.) Dismissal of Clerk in Central Railway Office:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was not a clerk in the Central Railway Office, George-street, Sydney, dismissed by the Railway Commissioners some few months ago, and was not his case referred to Mr. T. F. Waller, and the clerk reinstated, and is he not now in the Service?

(2.) At whose suggestion was Mr. Waller appointed to decide the case, and why was the Commissioners' decision interfered with?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Some few months ago the services of an officer in the Central Booking Office were dispensed with by the Chief Traffic Manager. The officer appealed to the Railway Commissioners, who, after having a special investigation made, decided to reinstate him in the Service.

(13.) Tramway Motor-driver Volk:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did he receive a letter from Mr. Schey on 12th instant, re the case of tramway motor-driver Volk?

(2.) Will he lay the same upon the Table for the information of Honorable Members, together with his reply (if any)?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have received the letter to which the Honorable Member refers, and as soon as I can find time to make a suitable reply to it, I will lay copies of the documents upon the Table.

(14.) Marble Pedestals in Martin-place:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the faulty state of the marble pedestals of the electric lamps in Martin-place?

(2.) On whose responsibility were the pedestals accepted by the Government?

(3.) What amount of money has been paid for the pedestals, and to whom was it paid?

(4.) Is it his intention to have the pedestals removed and others of a more substantial character substituted in their stead?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) I have received a report from the Government Architect on the subject which I will read to the House.

Department of Public Works, Government Architect's Branch, Sydney, 19th April, 1893.

Subject :—Marble Pedestals to Lamps, Martin-place.

The Government Architect to The Under Secretary for Public Works.

For the information of the Minister, in reference to alleged defects, I have the honor to make the following report:—

In 1891 the then Minister for Works, Mr. Bruce Smith, decided to erect six handsome lamps and pedestals, and acting on his instructions I obtained specimens of the handsomest marbles procurable, and recommended, on account of its appearance, the adoption of Pyrenean "Incarnate."

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In October, 1891, public tenders were invited for the supply and fixing of same, and the lowest, that of Messrs. Train & Co., at £1,180, was accepted. Eventually that firm carried out the work and were paid £1,130,—£50 having been deducted to cover certain defects.

The "faulty state," to which public attention has been drawn, refers exclusively to the coloured stopping, which is inseparable from all marbles of "high figure," and from the impossibility of obtaining large blocks (and even small slabs) without these natural faults, to make good which a hard stopping is generally applied.

There is no doubt the hot sun of Sydrey summers has exposed this stopping, in addition to which inquiring and—I am forced to say—malicious persons have disfigured the pedestals by picking out the stopping with tools.

I can find no decay or disintegration in the marble itself, nor do I think it at all probable. The substantial character of the pedestals is in no way affected, and the stopping may at any time be replaced if so instructed.

W. L. VERNON.

(15.) Reduction of Statutory Salaries:—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, in addition to reducing the expenses of the Civil Service, to bring forward Bills to retrench the salaries secured by statute to the following:—(a) His Excellency the Governor; (b) the Judges of the Supreme Court; (c) certain Ministers of the Crown; (d) the Chairman and Members of the Public Works Committee; (e) allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—(a) and (b) No, because the present holders accepted these offices on the faith of the existing statutory provision being permanent, and also for constitutional reasons; (c) this is unnecessary, as Ministers have voluntarily arranged to remit 10 per cent. of their salaries; (d) there are no salaries in these cases; (e) it is not in contemplation to introduce any Bill on this subject.

(16.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. Traill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the sittings of the Public Works Committee still proceeding?

(2.) What matters remain to be reported on by the said Committee?

(3.) Are there any proposals contemplated which will have to be referred to the said Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Committee has reported on all proposals which have been submitted to them, and the question as to whether other works shall be referred to them is a matter which will be dealt with by the Cabinet, but I cannot fix any time for this at the present moment.

(17.) Improvements at the Tweed River:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that works for the improvement of the navigation of the Tweed River have been suspended?

(2.) Can he say when they will be resumed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I cannot at present say as there are no funds available, the vote having become exhausted.

3. STAFF COLOR-SERGEANT WILLIAM JIFFKINS, VOLUNTEER PERMANENT STAFF (*Formal Motion*):—
Mr. Kirkpatrick, for Mr. Houghton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and other documents relative to the suspension of Staff Color-sergeant William Jiffkins, late of the Volunteer Permanent Staff.
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Sunday Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effectual closing of public-houses on Sundays during prohibited hours;—until Thursday, 4th May.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Tonkin rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "upon a definite matter of urgent public importance, for the purpose of showing the necessity of immediately proclaiming a site for carrying on noxious trades."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS 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 28th March, 1893, in reference to the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment in clause 2,—

(1.) Because the existing state of the law should prevail with regard to elections until the Bill comes into force.

(2.) Because if an election takes place before the coming into force of this Act many electors would necessarily under this clause be disfranchised.

(3.) Because it would involve in all cases of a non-residential qualification the extreme inconvenience of producing a statutory declaration.

(4.) Because it might subject many innocent voters to the penalties of a misdemeanour; and, lastly,—because it is not desirable to place one measure of reform proposed in the Bill, and force it forward apart from all other reforms.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 20, line 41,—because a residence of one year at the least in the Colony of New South Wales and three months in the district is necessary to enable a voter to record an intelligent vote.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 20, line 42,—for a similar reason, and also for the convenience of preparing lists, and for the purposes of identification of the persons claiming an elector's right.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 20, line 43,—for similar reasons.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 20, line 44,—for verbal accuracy.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 20, which inserts new subsection 3,—because, in view of the conditions of their service, and the duties they may be called upon to undertake during a time of political excitement, it is not desirable to extend the franchise to Naval or Military Forces, or the Police.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 20, line 4, of page 7,—because inmates of private charitable institutions are not a burden upon the State, inasmuch as they need not necessarily be paupers.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 20, lines 4 and 5,—for the reasons last given.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 33, page 12, lines 2 to 10 inclusive, except new question 8,—as consequential upon the Council's amendments in clause 23.

Insists upon its amendment, which proposes the omission of clause 34,—because persons not qualified by residence cannot, from the nature of their occupation, be so identified with the true interests of this country as to be entitled to the exercise of the franchise.

Insists upon its amendment which proposes new question at the end of subsection 1, clause 36,—as consequential upon amendment in clause 20.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 55, and also in clause 56, lines 14 and 15,—for the reasons hereinafter given for the rejection of provisions for voting outside district.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 56, line 16,—because the necessity for a public holiday on "Polling Day" has not hitherto been shown to be necessary, and would entail general loss and inconvenience.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 67,—for the same reasons as are assigned for insisting upon the amendments in clauses 55 and 56.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 78 with regard to polling-place outside district,—for reasons hereinafter stated with regard to clause 94, and insists upon the retention of the words, "or at any polling-place outside such district duly proclaimed under this Act," so as to make it conform with the provisions of clause 67.

Insists upon the omission of clause 93,—because subsection 2, of new clause, in lieu of clause 93, provides in a better way for carrying out the apparent intention of that clause.

Agrees to the omission of subsection 1, new clause, in lieu of clause 93, but insists upon the retention of subsection 2, with the following words inserted after the word "district," in line 2, viz.:—"at any polling-place duly proclaimed under section 70 of this Act,"—for the reasons already assigned for the omission of clause 93.

Insists upon the omission of clause 94,—because of the inconvenience, expense, delay, difficulties of identification, and complications that would necessarily follow the carrying out of the provision for voting outside districts pursuant to this clause.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 144, lines 46 and 47,—as consequential upon the rejection of the Police vote.

Insists upon the omission of clause 145,—because it has not been shown that electors have ever been prevented from recording their votes, and because there is no necessity for any such statutory interference between employer and employee.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 149,—because, while ample power is given to the Governor to correct errors, it is not desirable to confer the large validating powers contained in the concluding part of the clause.

Insists upon the omission of Schedule A and the insertion of new Schedule A in place thereof,—as containing necessary questions to be put to an elector.

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, 20th April, 1893, a.m.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration To-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 APRIL, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. J. E. Pearce, Police Magistrate, Hay:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What official positions are occupied by Mr. J. E. Pearce, of Hay, in addition to that of Police Magistrate, and what is the total annual amount received in payment for such additional duties?

(2.) Is it not a fact that several decisions have been given by Mr. Pearce in his capacity as Police Magistrate at Hay, and that one or more of such decisions have been recently reversed in a higher Court?

(3.) At what age does retirement from office become compulsory upon Police Magistrates, and how is Mr. Pearce affected by such rules of the Service?

(4.) Will he consider the advisability of retiring Mr. Pearce from his duties?

Mr. Barton answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Mr. Pearce is also Coroner, District Registrar in Bankruptcy, Visiting Justice to the Gaol at Hay, and Guardian of Minors. He is not paid for performing the duties of the two latter offices; as District Registrar in Bankruptcy he is paid by fees; and as Coroner he receives about £15 per annum in fees.

(2.) I am informed that, during the last three years, there have been four applications for prohibition against Mr. Pearce's decision, and in three of these instances the prohibition was ordered to issue, while in the fourth case the application was refused.

(3.) There is no fixed age at which retirement from office is compulsory upon a Police Magistrate.

(4.) No representations have been made to me upon which I should be justified in concluding that Mr. Pearce is unfit, from age or any other cause, to perform his public duties.

(2.) Mr. James Baker, Police Magistrate, Temora:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. James Baker, Police Magistrate and Warden, at Temora, has filed his schedule in bankruptcy?

(2.) How long has Mr. Baker occupied the positions of Police Magistrate, Warden, Coroner, and Registrar in Bankruptcy, in Temora; and what is the total amount he has received in salaries and fees during his term of office?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Baker is indebted to nearly all the principal storekeepers, including Chinese, also butchers, milkmen, and gardeners, for household necessaries?

(4.) Is he aware that Mr. Baker borrowed the sum of £600 from Mr. James Davoren, who was bailiff of the various courts under Mr. Baker?

(5.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that Mr. Baker has been allowed to retain his position on the representation of Mr. Henry Copeland, Secretary for Lands, and Mr. Harry Wood, Under Secretary for Mines?

(6.) Will he cause a searching inquiry to be made into the whole matter, and place the information obtained before Parliament?

Mr. Barton answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) The information required on this point was given in answer to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for Bourke (Mr. Willis), on the 29th ultimo.

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(2.) As Police Magistrate and Mining Warden since 1st January, 1883; as Coroner since 13th March, 1883; and as District Registrar in Bankruptcy since about the same period. Since his appointment to Temora, Mr. Baker has received a total of £4,913 6s. 8d. by way of salary, and £57 as fees.

(3 and 4.) These Questions do not appear to be proper subjects for publication, more especially whilst the affairs of Mr. Baker are under judicial investigation.

(5.) The reasons for retaining Mr. Baker in office were given in answer to Mr. Willis' Questions on 29th ultimo.

(6.) As this is a matter which, under the Civil Service Act, remains after inquiry to be dealt with by the Governor and Executive Council, there is no reason for placing further information respecting it before Parliament.

(3.) Dredge "Lambda":—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the grab dredge "Lambda" still at work at Port Hacking?

(2.) What object is gained by the dredging performed at this place?

(3.) Is it anticipated that any commercial or financial good will be realised by continuing the dredging operations at this river?

(4.) What has been the cost to the country for the dredging performed to the end of 1892?

(5.) Is it intended to continue this expenditure?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The removal of the sand flats which obstructed navigation.

(3.) It is not intended to continue the dredging.

(4.) £994 14s. 6d.

(5.) No.

(4.) Municipal Loans:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any of the Municipal Councils in the Colony exceeded the limit of their borrowing power; if so, in how many cases, for what amount, and the names of such Councils respectively?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—As far as I can ascertain the limits of the borrowing powers of the various Municipal Councils of the Colony have not been exceeded.

(5.) Over-head Bridges at Wagga Wagga and Goulburn:—*Mr. Bavister*, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, as Minister for Railways, in view of the recent fatal accident on the railway line at Wagga Wagga, draw the attention of the Railway Commissioners to the great necessity which exists for the erection of over-head bridges at Wagga Wagga and Goulburn, to, as far as possible, prevent the recurrence of similar accidents?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that there was nothing to show that the recent fatal accident referred to was consequent on the absence of a bridge over the line at the level crossing, indeed the evidence was to the contrary. The Railway Commissioners have promised to erect a foot bridge over the line at the level crossing at the Albury end of the Wagga Wagga station, and the work will be put in hand without delay. With regard to Goulburn, the Railway Commissioners propose to erect a bridge between the two platforms when funds are available.

(6.) Reserve Funds invested in Government Securities:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of its reserve funds in the aggregate has been invested in Government securities by each bank doing business in New South Wales?

Mr. See answered,—I am not in possession of the information the honorable gentleman seeks.

(7.) Wages paid by Messrs. Hoskins Brothers:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Hoskins Brothers have a large Government contract on hand?

(2.) Is it a fact that the firm in question have made an all-round reduction of 10 per cent. on their workmen?

(3.) Will he, in future, when accepting tenders, stipulate that the ruling rate of wages be adhered to?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The tender of Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins has been accepted to supply, during five years, about 4,000 tons of vertically cast cast-iron pipes, and also during the same period about 1,000 tons of special castings, if, and when, required.

(2.) Messrs. Hoskins have supplied me with the following information, viz.:—They have given notice of a reduction in wages, not all round of 10 per cent., but 10 per cent. off wages from over £2 to £4, and 5 per cent. off wages of £2 and under. The apprentices and youths are exempt from this reduction.

(3.) I cannot undertake to do this.

(8.) Telephone Exchange at Post Office, Pyrmont:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it his intention to establish a telephone exchange at the Union-street Post Office, Pyrmont?

(2.) Is he aware that the business people of Pyrmont are placed at a disadvantage by not having a telephone exchange?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No application has been made for an exchange, but there will be no objection to establish one if a sufficient number of subscribers (15) make application and agree to pay the annual fee of £12, in accordance with the published regulations.

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(9.) Duty on Fruit:—Mr. Bavistor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount was received as duty on fruit during the six months ending 31st December, 1892?

(2.) How much was refunded or paid to persons on fruit reshipped during the same period?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Fruit, green, £9,874; fruit, dried, £35,533.

(2.) Drawback—fruit, green, £1,178; fruit, dried, £941. Refunds—fruit, green, £20; fruit, dried, £123.

(10.) Students in Technical Schools:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Comparing the operations of the year 1889 under the Board of Technical Education with those of the year 1892 under the Department of Public Instruction, can he state for each of these years (1) the number of students in the Technical Schools; (2) the amount of fees paid by them; and (3) the cost of each individual student?

Mr. Sutton answered,—(1) The number of students in the Technical Schools in 1889 was 2,586, and in 1892, 8,329; (2) the amount of fees paid in 1889 was £1,520 3s. 3d., and in 1892, £4,388 14s. 9d.; (3) the cost of each individual student was, in 1889, £6 15s. 4d., and in 1892, £3 7s. It is only right that I should point out that whereas the late Board of Technical Education had to pay a large sum as rent of premises in which the classes were held, the Government expended about £70,000 on the Technical College buildings and ground for which no charge is made. Incidentally I may add that the cost for gas consumed at the institution is over £1,000 per annum.

(11.) The Codlin Moth:—Mr. Donald asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware of the extent of the damage caused by the codlin moth?

(2.) If so, will he take such necessary steps as may be calculated to abate the evil?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No; but it is supposed to be very considerable.

(2.) Inspectors have been sent to the orchards in the principal fruit-growing districts to give instructions how to deal with the pest.

(12.) School Attendance Officers:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it his intention to dispense with the services of the School Attendance Officers?

(2.) Is it intended to cause the Police to enforce the compulsory clause of the Public Instruction Act?

(3.) Is any change contemplated regarding the attendance at school of children below 6 years or above 14 years of age; if so, what is the general nature of such change?

(4.) Are the fees for attendance at High Schools to be increased; if so, from what date?

Mr. Sutton answered,—

(1 and 2.) It is the intention of the Government to dispense with the services of the School Attendance Officers. It is also intended to have the work now performed by them performed by the teachers and the inspectors, with the co-operation of the Police. As a matter of fact, all these summonses are now served by the Police Force.

(3.) It is intended to decline to receive into the schools children below the age of 6 years, and to make a charge of 1s. a week for children over 14 years of age, this amount to include the 3d. now charged.

(4.) The fees charged at the High Schools at present amount to 8 guineas a year, and my intention is to endeavour to make these institutions self-supporting by charging an extra fee of a guinea a quarter, which will make the total charge 12 guineas per annum. I am also taking steps to extend this principle still further, and make it apply to the Grammar School. From figures furnished to me I find that the children educated at the Grammar School are mainly the children of the wealthy members of the community, and they are being educated at a cost to the State of £6 or £7 a head. I have intimated to the trustees of this institution that it should be made self-supporting, and as far as I am concerned I shall endeavour to make it so.

(13.) Artesian Lease held by Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company:—Mr. Langwell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company had an artesian lease, No. 11,633, county Finch, containing 10,240 acres, granted to them on the 18th October, 1889?

(2.) Was the lease granted unconditionally, or were the lessees supposed to bore for water, or improve it in any other way?

(3.) Have any improvements been put on the lease, &c.?

(4.) What amount of rent has been received from the Company for this lease since granted?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers are with the Chairman of the Land Board, Moree, who has been asked to return them in order that this Question may be replied to.

(14.) Books relating to Australia in the Public Library:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the public are not allowed to peruse the catalogue of books relating to Australia in the Public Library?

(2.) Is it a fact that the public are denied access to the books relating to Australia in the Public Library?

(3.) If so, will he cause arrangements to be made by which the public may have access to such catalogue and books?

Mr. Sutton answered,—

(1.) No; the catalogue is now being printed.

(2.) Yes; the books for safety are kept in a separate room, but they are always available for reference on application.

(3.) Answered by (1) and (2).

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2. STOCKTON COAL MINE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Grahame, for Mr. Scott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the reports made by the three officials, viz., Messrs. M'Kenzie, Dixon, and Humble, in reference to the dangerous state of the Stockton Mine.
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading ;—until Tuesday next.
 (2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Tuesday next.
 (3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Tuesday next.
 (4.) Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*Council Bill*) ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Thursday next.
 (5.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 20th April, a.m., relative to the amendments in this Bill ;—until Tuesday next.
4. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—On the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be "now read a second time." Upon which Mr. Neild had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned,"—Mr. Neild, by leave, withdrew his motion for the adjournment of the Debate. Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—again proposed. Debate resumed.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to E, Public Works Department, Estimates for 1893, including Schedules for Main and Subordinate Roads.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Interest on the National Debt :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What is the total sum paid by the Colony per annum as interest on the public and private debt?
 (2.) What is the value of the net exports of the Colony?
 (3.) What percentage of our net exports represents interest paid on the public and private debt?
 (4.) What did the government of the Colony cost in 1891, including loan expenditure and interest on the public debt, with expenditure derived from then current revenue?
 (5.) What was our interest liability on the private debt for 1891?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Interest payable on public debt, 31st December, 1892, £2,072,860 18s. 8d.
 (2.) Total exports from New South Wales—1891, £25,944,020 ; 1892, £21,920,037.
 (4.) Consolidated Revenue, £10,578,550 15s. 11d. ; loan expenditure, £4,835,100 10s. 6d. ; loan expenditure, repayment of loans, £246,400.
 (3 and 5.) These Questions cannot be answered. The amount of interest payable as the private indebtedness of the Colony is a matter of estimate, not of exact knowledge. The Honorable Member will find the subject discussed at length in the last issue of the " Wealth and Progress of New South Wales."

- (2.) Officers of Mines, Forestry, and Agricultural Departments :—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The name, length of service, salary, and duties of each officer of the Mines, Forestry, and Agricultural Departments whose services are to be dispensed with?
 (2.) The same information (distinguishing previous and new duties, where changes have been made) respecting each officer whose services are to be retained?
 (3.) The name and qualifications of the officer who is to take charge of the Forestry Department?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The information asked for will be supplied as soon as the arrangements connected with the reorganization are complete.

- (3.) Hunter River Floods :—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to a grant of £200 made to the Mayor of Raymond Terrace for the purpose of relieving urgent cases of distress caused by the late flood in the Hunter River District?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I will presently lay the correspondence upon the Table.

- (4.) Premises leased by the Government :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have certain premises in Castlereagh-street, near Moore-street, been leased by the Government for the Government Architect's Branch, or any other branch of the Civil Service?
 (2.) If so, upon what rental and under what conditions as to lease?
 (3.) Who is the owner of the premises?
 (4.) Have the premises been recently altered in their construction ; and what is the cost of the alterations?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes; part of No. 24, for the Registrar-General's Department, for record purposes and for registration of births, deaths, and marriages.
- (2.) At a rental of £750 per annum, and three-fourths of the rates and taxes.
- (3.) The premises have been leased from R. P. Abbott, Esq.
- (4.) Yes; three contracts have been completed for fire-proof protection and fittings at a cost of £1,037 11s. 5d.

(5.) Married Women Teachers in Public Schools:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Are any of the teachers in the public schools married women whose husbands are alive?
- (2.) If so, are there any in receipt of salaries of £75 per annum and upwards?
- (3.) If any, how many?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Ninety-two.

(6.) Mr. Canaway retained by Lands Department:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Canaway is retained to appear for the Lands Department in all cases in which the Department is interested, both before the Land Court and the Supreme Court?
- (2.) What was the total amount of fees and retainers paid to this gentleman in 1892?
- (3.) Does he also receive a free railway pass?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Canaway is also allowed to undertake private business before the Land Court, in which the Lands Department is not interested, but which cases are similar to cases in which it is interested,—such, for instance, as claims for contribution towards the cost of rabbit-proof fencing, and other cases of importance?
- (5.) If so, when was this privilege given to Mr. Canaway, and why?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Canaway has been authorised by commission to appear for the Crown in the Land Appeal Court in all cases in which it is deemed desirable that the Crown should be represented in the public interest. He is also required to prepare and settle all pleadings in Lands Department matters pending, or which come before the Supreme Court.
- (2.) In 1892 Mr. Canaway received £500 as salary, and, in addition thereto, fees amounting to £135 3s. for special cases not included in the commission for that year.
- (3.) Yes, when required, as in the case of Crown Prosecutors.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) This privilege was conceded to Mr. Canaway since the commencement of the present year, with the concurrence of the Crown Solicitor and Attorney-General.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, for the second reading of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill, postponed until Thursday, 27th April.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the grant of £200 made to the Mayor of Raymond Terrace for relieving cases of distress caused by floods in the Hunter River District.
 - (2.) Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for 1892.
 - (3.) Return respecting Typhoid Fever in Sydney and suburbs from 1876 to 1892, and certain particulars respecting other infectious diseases.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing amount incurred by the Treasury Department for travelling expenses during 1892.
 - (2.) Return respecting services rendered by Government steamers in Port Jackson.
 - (3.) Return respecting Loans and Treasury Bills.
 - (4.) Return respecting the Public Debt.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Kembla, county of Camden, in connection with the establishment and construction of a public recreation ground at Dapto.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, in connection with the deviation of the road, Bulli Pass to Sherbrook and Cataract River.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cairncross, county of Macquarie, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Wilson River, at Ballengarra.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Yowaka, county of Auckland, in connection with the formation of a road from Greig's Flat to Pipeclay Creek.
 - (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Denman, county of Brisbane, in connection with the deviation of the road at River Bank, Denman.
 - (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Young and Baxter, county of Montague, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Stony Creek, near Young.
- Ordered to be printed.

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4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—Mr. Kidd presented a Petition from Charles Whyte, M.A., Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales submitting a resolution unanimously passed by the Union in favour of this Bill, and praying that the said Bill may speedily be carried to a successful issue and become the law of the land.
Petition received.

5. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-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 1893.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th April, 1893.

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

6. BALRANALD IRRIGATION 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 Thursday, 25th May.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL, 1893, A.M.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL, 1893.

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 John Nobbs, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland. Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Seat of John Nobbs, 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 John Nobbs. Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Exemption of Female Teachers from Superannuation Deduction:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Does he intend to repeal so much of the Civil Service Act as will exempt female teachers from the 4 per cent. deduction?
 (2.) If not, will he guarantee a refund of contributions paid into the fund when female teachers retire from the Service?
 (3.) Is it a fact that at present 4 per cent. deductions from female teachers' salaries are being enforced contrary to their will?

Mr. Suttor answered,—This matter has been receiving the serious consideration of the Government but the pressure of other work has prevented a decision from being arrived at on the subject.

- (2.) Whaling Road, North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When does he expect to receive the opinion of the Attorney-General, or the report of the Crown Law officers, on the question of the Whaling Road, North Sydney, and the application of the North Shore Gas Company to place certain lands under the Real Property Act?
 (2.) Pending the receipt of such opinion or report, will he protect the public interests by taking steps to prepare for lodging a caveat in respect to such road before the time expires for so doing?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Crown Solicitor has been requested to move the Attorney-General to forward his advice on the subject of the Whaling Road as early as possible, in order that it may be decided whether a caveat should or should not be lodged against the application of the North Shore Gas Company to bring certain lands under the Real Property Act.

- (3.) Importation of Scrap-iron:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that large quantities of broken railway-chairs are being imported as scrap-iron, to be used in lieu of pig-iron, in order to evade the duty on the latter article?

Mr. See answered,—Broken railway-chairs are imported free of duty as scrap-iron.

- (4.) Scrap-iron used in Manufacture of Cast-iron Pipes:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that large quantities of broken railway chairs are being imported for and used in the manufacture of the cast-iron pipes for the Government?
 (2.) Will he state what percentage of scrap-iron is allowed to be used in the manufacture of such pipes?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The contractor informs me that in order to produce the required quality of manufactured cast-iron a certain proportion of scrap must be used. This cannot be obtained in sufficient quantity in the Colony, and as railway-chairs make the best quality of scrap, a certain quantity is imported for the purpose stated.
 (2.) No particular percentage of scrap-iron is specified to be used in the manufacture of cast-iron pipes, as different makes of pig-iron will take different proportions of scrap. The quality of the mixture produced is determined by test bars.

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- (5.) Civil Servants Salaries :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Have Civil Servants been paid their salaries for this year at 1892 rates?
 (2.) Does the Government intend to deduct amounts overpaid from salaries coming due?
 (3.) If so, will he arrange for repayment in equal monthly instalments extending over a period of, say, six months?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) It will be spread over a period, so as to give as little inconvenience as possible.
- (6.) Mr. O. A. C. Boot, Inspector in Lands Department :—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is he aware that a printed circular, dated the 14th instant, purporting to come from the Crown Lands Office, Ballanald, and bearing the signature "Charles H. Davies," has been sent to the various Crown Land Agents throughout the Colony, soliciting subscriptions towards a testimonial to Mr. O. A. C. Boot, an Inspector in the Lands Department?
 (2.) Will he take steps to prevent the practice of soliciting subscriptions from officers of his Department, for the purpose of testimonialising any of their superiors who may possess opportunities of showing partiality by virtue of their positions?
- Mr. Cöpland answered,—
 (1.) I am not aware, but inquiries shall be made.
 (2.) There is no such practice in existence, and therefore I cannot take steps to suppress it. If what the Honorable Member alleges has taken place be true, it is altogether an exceptional case; and I may point out that the Regulations under the Civil Service Act of 1884 forbid any officer accepting an address or testimonial without the sanction in writing of the Minister, which in this case has not been asked for or granted.
- (7.) Leave of Absence to Officers of the Water and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a small number of the officers in the Water and Sewerage Board have been deprived of their annual fourteen days leave of absence, whilst the remainder still enjoy that privilege; and, if so, has it been done by his request?
 (2.) If the order has been issued will he see that the whole of the officers receive the same treatment in regard to the annual holidays?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed by the Board that they are not aware of any application for leave having been refused where the applicant was, under the Board's rules, entitled to the same.
- (8.) Land resumed at Michelago, in the Queanbeyan Electorate :—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What is the amount of money paid to the Honorable Alexander Ryrie, Member of the Legislative Council, for land resumed at Michelago, in the Queanbeyan Electorate, and the number of acres resumed?
 (2.) The amount of money spent on such land during the last six years in the erection of public buildings?
 (3.) The number of tenanted houses at the present time in the township of Michelago?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—A return will be prepared giving the information desired by the Honorable Member, and laid upon the Table of the House.
- (9.) Expenditure in the Braidwood Electorate :—Mr. G. D. Clark, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) With respect to the proposal for the expenditure of £3,000 in cutting a race in Araluen Valley, in the Braidwood Electorate, is it a fact that this will be a public expenditure mainly for the benefit of private owners of land?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the land now alleged to be unworkable, because of the presence of water in large quantities, has been proved in most cases in previous years unworkable because of the want of water?
 (3.) Will he, before deciding on the matter of this large expenditure, give the House an opportunity of discussing the item?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
 (1.) No money has been granted for this purpose. If the expenditure were incurred it would probably benefit a few private land-owners and a large number of miners.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) No such expenditure has been recommended, and, consequently, I am not aware that any decision will be invited.
- (10.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moree :—Mr. G. D. Clark, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) Was the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moree recently removed from his position; and, if so, was the removal made on the ground of retrenchment?
 (2.) Has the office since been filled; if so, what is the name of the officer?
- Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—
 (1.) No; but for Departmental reasons it has been deemed desirable to revert to the former arrangement, whereby the combined appointments of Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions should be held by one officer, and by which a saving would be effected.
 (2.) No; but in consequence of representations subsequently made by the Police Magistrate that inconvenience to the public was likely to arise, as he is compelled to close his office as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court when presiding on the Bench, and more especially when visiting the Court at Mungindi (81 miles distant), I considered it absolutely necessary under these circumstances to appoint a probationer.

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- (11.) Soil Surrounding Native Dog Bore:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the analyses of samples of soil from the vicinity of the Native Dog bore by the chemist of the Department, together with any reports by other officers of the Department of Agriculture?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—I will lay the document upon the Table of the House To-morrow.
3. SEPARATION OF MOSSMAN'S WARD FROM BOROUGH OF NORTH SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, and other documents in connection with the separation of Mossman's Ward from the Borough of North Sydney.
- Question put and passed.
4. ERECTION OF WHARVES FOR THE BOROUGH OF HUNTER'S HILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young, for Mr. Jeanneret, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, and other documents relating to the applications made in 1887 to lease six portions of land for the erection of wharves for the Borough of Hunter's Hill.
- Question put and passed.
5. NAMES OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, &c., ON SHARE LISTS OF LOCAL BANKING INSTITUTIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, for Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The names of all Members of both Houses, and heads of State Departments, who are on the share list or directorate of any local banking institution which holds any portion of the public funds.
- (2.) The amount of value of such shares, if any.
- Question put and passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated 'Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893," 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. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday, 9th May.
- (2.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.
- (4.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.
- (5.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 16th May.
- (6.) Vale of Clywdd Coal-mining Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday, 18th May.
8. PAPER:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Ashfield Free Public Library.
Ordered to be printed.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—Notice of Motion No. 1, in the name of Mr. Scott, postponed to follow after Notice of Motion No. 2, in the name of Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
10. WORKING OF THE GOVERNMENT LABOUR BUREAU:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald 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 working of the Government Labour Bureau.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Waddell, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Rae, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Wall, Mr. Parkes, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
11. IRON INDUSTRY OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the iron industry of this Colony should be encouraged in the following manner, viz., "that" a bonus of not less than £10,000 per annum, for a period of not less than ten years, should be given to any firm or firms, company or companies, who will manufacture within this Colony not less than 5,000 tons of iron or steel blooms annually from the native ores of New South Wales, the said blooms to be manufactured with colonial fuel and flux.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Walker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "that," in the third line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "provision should be made upon the tariff of such a character as to establish the manufacture of iron in the Colony."
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Mr. Melville moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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12. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
 (1.) That the Borough of Parramatta Street Watering 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. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hassali, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Dale, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and 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 £670,417, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April or following month of the year 1893, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1892, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be or has been made in the expenditure of the year 1893.

On motion of Mr. See, 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. See, 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:—
 (8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1893 the sum of £670,417 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—
 (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8), to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893.
 (2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893*,”—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. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.
 Ordered (after Debate), that the Bill be now read a third time.
 (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. See, passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893*.”
 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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1893.*

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Positions in Agricultural Department:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Sydney Smith, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What positions were recommended on the Draft Estimates of the Agricultural Department for 1892, as first submitted in September, 1891, which were subsequently struck out by the late Minister for Mines and Agriculture?

Mr. Slattery answered,—From the information that can be obtained from the Draft Estimates, prepared by the Director of Agriculture, but not submitted through the usual official channel, it appears that the late Minister for Mines and Agriculture struck out the following items:—
Administrative Staff:—One clerk at £275; two probationers at £75 each, £150; one messenger at £104; extra clerical assistance, £462. *Scientific Staff*:—One increase to officer in charge of seeds, £25; one collector at £150. *Editorial Staff*:—One artist's assistant, £104. *Field Staff*:—Two inspectors at £300, and two at £250. A minute was made by Mr. Smith as follows: “This matter ‘may stand over until the Estimates have been considered by the Cabinet.’ *Hawkesbury College*:—Other salaries and wages, £3,250; building farm, improvements, &c., £25,000, to be charged to loan; rent and allowances, £552; incidentals, £3,000. *Miscellaneous*:—Agricultural Schools, &c., £15,000, to be charged to loan; travelling dairy, £900; rent of premises, £350; travelling expenses, £500; railway freight and charges, £500; unforeseen contingencies, £2,000.

- (2.) Expenditure in Agricultural Department for Years 1890, 1891, and 1892:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the amount voted for each of the years of the existence of the Department of Agriculture, exclusive of Votes to Agricultural Societies—1890, 1891, 1892?

(2.) The amount actually spent of each of these Votes?

(3.) The cost for each of these years for—(a) permanent staff salaries and expenses; (b) temporary office staff salaries and expenses; (c) temporary inspectors and travelling officers salaries and expenses; (d) expenses for railways, &c.; (e) scientific instruments, models, and museum specimens; (f) national prizes for agricultural societies, and best farms, orchards, vineyards, &c.?

(4.) Number of reserves for agricultural purposes for each of these years?

(5.) The revenue for 1891 and 1892?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The required information will be laid upon the Table of the House to-night in the form of a return.

- (3.) Royalty on Coal:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the balance due to the Mines Department from the Stockton Coal Company, and the Wickham and Bullock Island Coal Company, mentioned in reply to a Question by *Mr. Edden* on 14th March, yet been paid; if not, when will steps be taken for its recovery?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The amount due from the Stockton Coal Company, £2,241 14s., has not yet been paid, the Company having raised a question as to the rate, which has not yet been settled. The royalty due from the Wickham and Bullock Island Coal Company for coal raised from their leases has now been paid. There is still an amount of £558 due for coal taken from the area outside their leases, and steps are being taken to get this adjusted.

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(4.) Road leading to the Toolejooa Railway Platform:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a report been obtained from the Resident Engineer at Kiama on the petition presented to him some months ago, asking for a special grant for making the road leading to the Toolejooa railway platform?

(2.) If so, has the report been considered, and is it likely the road will be made passable before the railway is open, so that the farmers can get their produce to market by the railway?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have not yet had time to consider it but will do so in the course of a few days; I think, however, it very unlikely this can be granted.

(5.) Removal of Timber from Wilberforce Common:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a permit to cut and remove timber growing on the Wilberforce Common been granted to S. Burdekin, Esq., M.L.A.?

(2.) Has a similar permit been issued to S. J. Dunstan, Esq., J.P.?

(3.) Has a similar permit been asked for by, and refused to, Henry Greentree?

(4.) On what grounds was a permit refused to the last mentioned after one had been granted to each of the two applicants before mentioned?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Department of Lands, which deals with such applications, supplies the following information:—

(1 and 2.) Temporary permits have been granted to take timber for their own use. They have to take out licenses under the Timber Regulations.

(3 and 4.) No; there is no trace in the Department of any application having been made by Henry Greentree for a permit. An application, if, made, will be considered on its merits as in other cases.

(6.) Expenditure on Technical Education:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the average annual expenditure on Technical Education, when under the Board of Technical Education, contrasted with the amounts disbursed since the Sydney Technical College and branch Technical Schools were taken over at the end of 1889 by the Department of Public Instruction, including the cost of buildings, machinery, and apparatus from 1883 to 1892?

(2.) What was the total number of students attending clerical classes under the Technical Branch in 1892 in shorthand, typewriting, calligraphy, arithmetic, book-keeping, French, &c.?

(3.) What was the total number of students attending mechanical classes under the Technical Branch in 1892 in carpentry, masonry, bricklaying, turning and fitting, boiler-making, coach-building, plumbing, pattern-making, and iron-founding?

(4.) How many of the students returned as attending day classes under the Technical Branch in 1892 were scholars at the primary and high schools, and what rates of fees (if any) were paid by those scholars, and the total amount?

(5.) How many scholars attending the public schools received instruction in 1892 in shorthand, and to how many of these scholars was manual training in carpentry imparted, as included in the returns from the Technical Branch?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The average annual expenditure under the Board of Technical Education from 1883 to 1889, including fees, was £18,092 9s. The average annual expenditure under the Department of Public Instruction for Technical Education from 1890 to 1892 has been £51,505 8s. 1d., including fees.

(2.) Three thousand two hundred and fifty-one (3,251).

(3.) Eight hundred and eighty (880).

(4.) One thousand five hundred and twenty-seven (1,527). Pupils of shorthand classes are the only ones who pay fees. The ordinary rate is 3d. per week. The total amount paid in fees was £252 7s. 4d.

(5.) Six hundred and ninety-seven (697) pupils of public schools received instruction in shorthand, and manual training was imparted to three hundred and forty-seven (347) pupils.

(7.) Costs of Mr. Smith against the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount of Mr. Smith's (solicitor) costs against the Railway Commissioners to date?

Mr. See answered,—Mr. Smith ceased to be Acting Solicitor for Railways on the 31st December last, to which date he was paid at the agreed rate of £1,000 per annum for personal services, and £500 per annum for office rent and clerical assistance. There are two incomplete cases which it was deemed advisable to leave in his hands, and with regard to these no bill of costs has been received.

(8.) Amounts paid to Messrs. Angus and Mooney and Mr. Justin McSweeney:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of money paid to Messrs. Angus and Mooney, contractors, to date?

(2.) What is the total amount of claims made by them beyond the amounts already paid?

(3.) Has their final claim been sent in; if so, what is the amount?

(4.) The like information in regard to Mr. Justin McSweeney?

Mr. See answered,—No period is specified, and therefore the information desired cannot be given; but it may be stated that the contractors mentioned have no claim against the Railway Commissioners.

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(9.) Banking Account of the Commissioners for Railways:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners for Railways in that capacity have a banking account with one or more of the Associated Banks in Sydney?

(2.) If so, how is that account operated upon?

(3.) What moneys are paid into that account to make it negotiable?

(4.) Have the Commissioners an overdraft in or debit balance in connection with that account?

(5.) If so, what form of guarantee bond, if any, has been signed by the Commissioners to obtain the overdraft; and have they by that loan rendered the Government liable?

(6.) If the foregoing Questions are answered in the affirmative, on what authority did the Commissioners incur the liability, and to what amount can they thus involve the Government?

Mr. See answered,—The Commissioners for Railways have a banking account for payment of wages, salaries, and accounts out of moneys provided by the Treasury out of the Railway Votes. The money is drawn by cheque, and vouchers forwarded to the Treasury. The Commissioners have not signed any bond, nor is their account overdrawn.

(10.) Junee Water Supply:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to submit the Junee Water Supply scheme to Parliament; and, if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This work is estimated to cost £45,000, and is included in an amount of £2,067,862, the cost of works which have been recommended to be carried out by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, but have not yet been dealt with by Parliament. The Honorable Member has, therefore, asked a Question which it is very difficult to answer until some arrangement has been made with regard to our future loan expenditure. I hope, however, to be in a position to bring the whole question before the Cabinet in the course of a few days.

(11.) Cost of Special Trains and Trams for 1892:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the approximate cost of running the special trains and trains in connection with the late sittings of the House during 1892?

(2.) What would be the value of distinguished visitors free passes issued during 1892, if charged for in the ordinary way?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £1,212.

(2.) Estimated at about £2,000.

(12.) Approaches to Meadow Bank and Carlingford Railway Stations:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in view of the fact of there existing dangerous approaches to Meadow Bank and Carlingford railway stations, take such steps as are necessary to place the portions outside the railway boundary in a trafficable state?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will obtain the papers in these cases as I have time, and decide them upon their merits.

(13.) Glen Innes-Inverell Railway:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to fulfil his promise to introduce a Bill to authorise the construction of the Glen Innes-Inverell railway, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In reply I can only refer the Honorable Member to an Answer I have given to the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee (Mr. Gormly), to a somewhat similar Question.

(14.) Roads Vote:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that provision has only been made for a three months proportion of the usual year's vote for the roads of the country?

(2.) That three months having expired, will he immediately issue instructions to the Road Superintendents of the different districts to expend money to the full extent of last year's vote?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am, of course, aware of this fact.

(2.) The Estimates for the Department having been passed, including the Schedules for Road expenditure, I have given instructions to the Commissioner for Roads to make the necessary preliminary arrangements for the expenditure of the Votes for the year. No unnecessary delay will be allowed to take place.

(15.) Hospital at the Victoria Barracks:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Donnelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the number of patients that were treated in the Hospital at Victoria Barracks during the year 1892?

(2.) How many attendants were employed at the Victoria Barracks Hospital during the year 1892?

(3.) What was the total cost of maintaining the Hospital at Victoria Barracks during the year 1892?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A return, embodying the information required, will be prepared and laid upon the Table with as little delay as possible.

(16.) Government Asylums:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of inmates of Liverpool Asylum, and the salary and amount of all yearly allowances, including quarters, servants wages, &c., paid to the matron and female assistants there?

(2.) The same information respecting George-street Asylum, Parramatta?

(3.) The same information respecting Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta?

(4.) The same information respecting Newington Asylum?

(5.) The same information respecting Rookwood Asylum?

(6.) How much a day are they allowed when visiting Sydney, and if in addition to salary and railway fare? (7.)

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(7.) The number of inmates at the Liverpool Asylum, and the salary and total amount, including all allowances, received by the medical superintendent there?

(8.) The same information with regard to the medical superintendent of the Destitute Asylums, Parramatta?

(9.) The number of persons attended by the Government medical officer, Parramatta, and the amount of salary and allowances received by him?

Mr. Slattery answered,—It would be quite impossible to supply the information asked for by the Honorable Member at a moment's notice. If he will move for a return the information shall be prepared with the least possible delay.

(17.) Proposed Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell:—Dr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the estimated total expenditure, including fees to members of the Public Works Committee, and cost of survey of different routes incurred up to the present, in connection with the proposed railway from Goulburn to Crookwell?

Mr. Lyne answered.—The information will be prepared as quickly as possible and forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(18.) Mr. C. J. Pound, Health Department:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. C. J. Pound, who a short time back was receiving £2 per week under Professor Stuart at the University, is now receiving £6 per week under the Board of Health?

(2.) If so, what are his qualifications, and how long is he to be kept in the employ of the Government?

Mr. See answered.—Mr. C. J. Pound was employed on the 17th of February last by the Board of Health, on the recommendation of the Government Veterinarian, for a period of three months, as an expert laboratory assistant, to investigate and differentiate the diseases coming under the provisions of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act, working under the supervision of the professional officers of the Department. Mr. Pound recently performed work of a similar character at the Sydney University, and before that was attached to the laboratories of the leading bacteriologists in London. He receives a fee of £1 1s. per day, and his engagement will terminate on the 17th proximo.

(19.) Cranes at Newcastle and Pyrmont:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The terms upon which Mr. Russell leases the cranes at Newcastle?

(2.) The prices received by the Government for use of cranes at Pyrmont?

Mr. See answered.—The Railway Commissioners have a contract for one year from 1st January last with Mr. Russell to work the cranes at Newcastle, in loading coal at a charge of 1½d. per ton. He supplies all labour and keeps the cranes in repair. The rates charged for the use of the Darling Harbour cranes, which are worked by the Railway Commissioners, will be found on page 79 of the Railway Goods Rate Book. Coal for shipment at Newcastle and Sydney is carried at rates which include the charge for shipment.

(20.) Platform at Orange Railway Station:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners, or Government, to erect a covered platform at Orange for the protection from the weather of passengers arriving in Orange by train from Molong, Parkes, and Forbes; if so, will he see that the work is proceeded with without delay?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the Railway Commissioners gave an assurance to Dr. Ross that this necessary work would receive attention at an early date?

Mr. See answered.—It is not the intention of the Railway Commissioners at the present time, in view of the serious financial depression, to increase the accommodation at Orange.

2. POLICE MAGISTRATES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Fuller, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of Police Magistrates serving in the Justice Department.

(2.) The places where the Police Magistrates are stationed, and the date on which each office was created.

(3.) The amount of business, exclusive of land agency business, transacted during the years 1890, 1891, and 1892, at each of the different courts over which these magistrates preside.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Labour Protection Bill postponed until Tuesday, 30th May.

4. PAPERS:—*Mr. Slattery* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Department of Agriculture.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 20th April, 1893,—“Stockton Coal Mine.”

(3.) Return respecting Public Watering-places.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Williams* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, “to call attention to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the action of the Minister for Lands in withdrawing from selection two reserves in the parish of Oxley, county of Brisbane.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

And

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS.—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to make Bank notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the notes of any Bank; “and to declare Bank notes to be a legal tender.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “and to declare Bank notes to be a legal tender.”

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to irrelevance on the part of Mr. Schey, an Honorable Member for Redfern, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 85.

Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Sutter,	Mr. Danger,
Mr. Sec.,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Torpy,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Trail,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Want,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. York,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Scobie,	Tellers,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Crick,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Rue,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Bayster,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Schey.	
Tellers,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Langwell.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL, 1893, A.M.

Original Question then put.

The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 84.

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sheldon,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,
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Mr. Murphy,
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Mr. Frank Farnell,
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Mr. Dangur,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Trail,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. York,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Newman.
Tellers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Crick,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Hart,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danaher,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Selby,
Mr. Fuller.

Tellers,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McCourt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. BANK ISSUE BILL:—

(1.) Sir George Dibbs 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 make Bank notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the notes of any Bank; and to declare Bank notes to be a legal tender.

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, 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 Bank notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the notes of any Bank; and to declare Bank notes to be a legal tender.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

(2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make Bank notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the notes of any Bank; and to declare Bank notes to be a legal tender*,”—which was read a first time.

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

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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th April, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 MAY, 1893.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1893*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th April, 1893.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Report of Board of Inquiry re Weights and Measures Act:—*Mr. Hoyle*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) Were the following documents placed in evidence at the recent inquiry into the administration of the Weights and Measures Act; and, if so, why were they not tabled and printed with the report of the Board of Inquiry, presented to this House on 23rd March last, viz.:—Letters from the Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. W. Johnson, S.M., C. Delohery, S.M., R. Wedderburn, James Wedderburn, Harper, Dowling, and about fifty other letters; twelve months statement of accounts, furnished by the Inspector to the Board on 20th January; three years statement of accounts, supplied by the Inspector, showing details of banking accounts, receipts, fees, &c.; lists of private cheques passed through account; and a written statement handed in by the Inspector at the close of the inquiry in answer to the evidence given?
(2.) Have any other documents been kept back?
(3.) Did the Board frame any record of a visit paid to Mr. R. Wedderburn's business premises?
(4.) Was the Inspector invited to comment on the findings of the Board, and was his reply furnished to the Department of Justice two clear days before the Board's report was tabled in this House?
(5.) When will the documents referred to be tabled?
(6.) Is it a fact that out of the six persons who gave evidence against the Inspector of Weights three were of the Wedderburn family, and the fourth an apprentice of Wedderburn?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) All the documents which were produced and put in evidence as exhibits were printed with the return laid before Parliament, and a mass of correspondence of a voluminous nature was placed with the papers to be dealt with hereafter. A large number of documents were tendered which the Board did not consider to be within the scope of the inquiry, and these, in many cases, were returned to the persons offering them. A written statement was handed in by Mr. Evans at the close of the inquiry, and he was informed that it could not be looked upon as forming part of the evidence, but that it would be placed with the papers for the Minister's information.
(2.) No documents which were produced as exhibits were kept back.
(3.) The Board did not place on record the fact that they had visited R. Wedderburn's premises. As a matter of fact they visited and inspected the place in question on Thursday, 19th January, at 4 p.m.

(4.)

2nd May, 1893.

(4.) A copy of the Board's report was sent to the Inspector, and he was invited to make any statement he might think fit with reference to those portions affecting him personally or the administration of his office. The Inspector's reply reached the Department too late to be laid upon the Table with the other documents, as it required to be considered before being laid upon the Table.

(5.) These and all other material documents will be laid upon the Table at an early date.

(6.) Forty witnesses were examined in connection with this inquiry, none of whom were called to give evidence either for or against the Inspector of Weights and Measures. Amongst these witnesses examined were Robert Wedderburn, James Wedderburn, scalemakers, Jabez Wedderburn, nephew of James Wedderburn, and in his employ, and Michael Gleeson, also in the same employ.

(2.) Harbour Improvements at the Tweed River:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that his action in stopping the harbour improvement works at the Tweed River will probably have the effect of closing the navigation of the river, and blocking all shipping traffic?

(2.) Is he aware that a railway is being built in the district, the terminus of which will run into the Tweed River?

(3.) In view of these facts, will he cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Loan Estimates to finish these works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No; stopping the works will not make the river any worse, but only delay the improvement of the channel.

(2.) I am, of course, aware that a railway is being built in this district, but am not aware that the terminus will run into the Tweed River.

(3.) I am unable to answer this Question at present.

(3.) Duty on Tea:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in consequence of the duty being taken off tea, large quantities of inferior tea are being sold in Sydney to the detriment of the public of this Colony?

(2.) If so, will he cause the duty upon tea to be reintroduced, and save the public from being imposed upon with adulterated rubbish?

Mr. See answered,—I shall presently lay upon the Table a memorandum by the Collector of Customs, giving the fullest information with respect to this matter.

(4.) Transit of Fish:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the fishermen of Port Stephens, The Hawkesbury, Lake Macquarie, and other distant fishing grounds are continually being robbed of the fish they place on board the steamers, trains, and carts for conveyance to market?

(2.) Will he bring the matter under the notice of the Inspector-General of Police, in order that steps may be taken to stop this dishonest practice?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed that no such reports have ever reached the Police, nor have they heard of such thefts, but further inquiries are being made.

(5.) Mining on Church and School Lands:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that complaints are made as to the action of a local official with respect to permission to mine on portion 700 of Church and School lands, parish of Barnfort, county of Bathurst?

(2.) Will he place the correspondence on the subject upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes; by W. Thomas and party.

(2.) I shall offer no objection to the papers being laid upon the Table of the House, if the Honorable Member moves for them in the usual way.

(6.) Iron Cove Creek Sewer:—Mr. Neild, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the extension of the Iron Cove Creek sewer from Hunt-street to Church-street, Croydon, be undertaken?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is admitted that this is an important work, but in view of the state of the loan market it is not possible to fix the time when this and works similarly chargeable will be undertaken.

(7.) Staff of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As no public works are to be submitted to Parliament, and there will consequently be no work for the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to do, is it his intention to retain the services of the large and expensive staff in connection with that body?

Mr. Lyne answered,—One or two extremely urgent works may have to be dealt with, but in any case I think the staff must be reduced.

(8.) Amounts paid to Messrs. Mooney and Angus and Mr. Justin McSweeney:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of money paid to Messrs. Mooney and Angus in connection with contracts let by the Railway Commissioners to date?

(2.) What is the total amount of claims made by them beyond the amounts already paid?

(3.) Has their final claim been sent in; if so, what is the amount?

(4.) The like information in regard to Mr. Justin McSweeney?

Mr.

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Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 4.) In addition to the sums paid as given in return laid upon the Table of the House on 4th October, 1892, £71,298 2s. 10d. has been paid to Messrs. Mooney and Angus, and £51,245 10s. 6d. to Mr. Justin McSweeney.

(2.) Nil.

(3.) All work contracted for by Messrs. Mooney and Angus has been completed and paid for. All work completed by Mr. Justin McSweeney, to the end of March, has been finally settled and passed for payment.

(9.) The Parliamentary Library:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Campbell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many volumes of books are in the Parliamentary Library?

(2.) How many volumes (approximately) have been added to the Library annually since 1880?

(3.) What is the estimated value of all the books and other publications in the Library?

(4.) Are the books insured against fire; and, if so, for what amount?

(5.) Does the Government intend to make any arrangement, without delay, to do away with the necessity of having many books and papers piled upon the floors of some of the Library apartments in increasing disorder, as at present?

(6.) Does the Government intend to make provision for the erection of a suitable building for the purposes of this Library?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) 32,720, including Parliamentary Records.

(2.) 1881, 593 volumes; 1882, 922 volumes; 1883, 841 volumes; 1884, 713 volumes; 1885, 859 volumes; 1886, 1,072 volumes; 1887, 728 volumes; 1888, 493 volumes; 1889, 1,268 volumes; 1890-91, 1,350 volumes; 1891-92, 892 volumes.

(3.) £21,000.

(4.) Yes; £20,000.

(5 and 6.) The whole matter will be considered at the earliest opportunity.

3. WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Willis* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The travelling expenses paid during the past twelve months to officials of the Water Conservation Department (presided over by Mr. J. W. Boulbee), with the names of the several recipients.

(2.) The total amount of expense incurred in travelling, hiring, and salaries during the time the Department mentioned drove Mr. Waddell, M.L.A., about the Bourke Electorate.

Question put and passed.

4. GOVERNMENT ASYLUMS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return supplying the following information:—

(1.) The number of inmates of Liverpool Asylum, and the salary and amount of all yearly allowances, including quarters, servants wages, &c., paid to the matron and female assistants there.

(2.) The same information respecting George-street Asylum, Parramatta.

(3.) The same information respecting Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta.

(4.) The same information respecting Newington Asylum.

(5.) The same information respecting Rookwood Asylum.

(6.) The amount per day the officials are allowed when visiting Sydney, showing if in addition to their salaries and railway fares or not.

(7.) The number of inmates at the Liverpool Asylum, and the salary and total amount, including all allowances, received by the medical superintendent there.

(8.) The same information with regard to the medical superintendent of the Destitute Asylums, Parramatta.

(9.) The number of persons attended by the Government medical officer, Parramatta, and the amount of salary and allowances received by him.

Question put and passed.

5. MINING PROPERTY AT SEBASTOPOL, TEMORA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between Alexander Thoefel Dembicki and the Mining Department concerning mining property at Sebastopol, Temora.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Lee and Brady Settlement Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday 23rd May.

(3.) Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Thursday.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 16th March, 1893,—"Field of Mars Common."

(2.) Annual Report of the Department of Lands for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

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Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Memorandum by the Collector of Customs respecting the alleged importation of inferior and adulterated tea.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 8th March, 1893,—“Salaries and Wages of Employees in Rail-way and Tramway Department.”
 - (3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1893.
 - (4.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 31st December, 1892.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on Vaccination for 1892.
 - (2.) Report on Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1892.
 - (3.) Report on Vote for Maintenance of Sick Paupers for 1892.
 - (4.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for 1892.
 - (5.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1892.
 - (6.) Return to an Order made on 2nd March, 1893,—“Art Unions.”
 - (7.) Return to an Order made on 14th December, 1892,—“Unclaimed Deeds of Land, Land Titles Office.”
 - (8.) Return respecting Stockton Colliery Inspection.
 - (9.) Return respecting the Analyses of Samples of Soil from the vicinity of the Native Dog Bore.
- Ordered to be printed.

8. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK:—Mr. Dowel, as Chairman, in accordance with the power granted on 14th February, 1893, brought up the Third Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th November, 1892, together with Appendix.
- Ordered to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fuller rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “the conduct of the Premier towards a deputation which waited on him on Thursday last, the 27th May.”
- And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
- Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.

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

- (1.) Birds Protection Act Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “An Act to amend and extend the Birds Protection Act of 1881,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 2nd May, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

BIRDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd May, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit “amend and extend the ‘Birds Protection Act of 1881’” insert “protect certain imported and other birds”

Page 1, preamble, line 1. Omit “amend and extend” insert “repeal”

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Omit “Amending Act”

Page 1. After clause 1 insert the following new clauses:—

2. The Act forty-five Victoria number twenty-nine is hereby repealed.

3. The expression “Protected bird” in this Act means any imported or native bird mentioned in or which may be added to the First and Third Schedules hereto. “Game bird”—any bird mentioned in or which may be added to the first or second parts of the Second Schedule hereto. “Scheduled bird”—a bird of any of the kinds or families mentioned in or which shall be added to any Schedule to this Act. And “Close season”—the periods of time prescribed by this Act for the protection of the birds included in the Schedules hereto.

4. Any bird not mentioned in the Schedules hereto may, by direction of the Colonial Secretary by a notice published in the *Gazette*, at any time hereafter be added to the appropriate Schedule to this Act; and after the publication of such notice the provisions of this Act shall apply to such bird, and the production of the *Gazette* containing such notice shall be conclusive evidence of such addition.

Page 1, clause 2, line 10. Omit “scheduled”

Page 1, clause 2, line 10. After “quail” insert “included in the Second and Third Schedules hereto”

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Page 1, clause 2. At end of clause add "included in such Schedules."

Page 2, clause 3, line 6. Omit "sixth" insert "seventh"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 6 and 7. Omit "the Birds Protection Act of 1881" insert "this Act"

Page 2. After clause 3 insert the following new clauses:—

7. Any person who shall during the close season wilfully kill, capture, or injure, or attempt, or use any means whatever to kill, capture, or injure any bird in the Second or Third Schedule hereto, shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

8. Any person who shall sell or offer for sale, or shall have in his control or possession during the close season, any scheduled bird recently killed or taken, shall for every such bird be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, unless he shall prove that the bird was killed, taken, bought, or received, either during the period in which such bird could legally be killed, or in or from another Colony.

9. No firearms having a greater length of barrel than six feet or with the bore exceeding one inch in diameter shall be used for the purpose of shooting any scheduled bird, and no firearms of any description intended to be used for such purpose shall be affixed to any boat, punt, or floating vessel of any kind during any period of the year, or be loaded with a charge exceeding four drachms of gunpowder or two ounces of shot, and any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

10. If any person shall take out of the nest or destroy in the nest the eggs of any scheduled bird, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of ten shillings for each egg so taken or destroyed.

11. Nothing in this Act shall apply to the taking or killing of any bird in a domesticated state or ordinarily in confinement by the owner thereof, or to the taking or destroying of the eggs of any such bird by him, or to any eggs, or any such bird taken or killed within any mew or breeding-place by the owner thereof: Provided that the bird so killed or taken shall not have been originally caught or taken during the close season.

12. Whenever any sheet of water, island, or enclosed land has been or shall be set apart by the Government or any private person for preserving any scheduled birds, the Colonial Secretary may declare by notice in the *Gazette* such setting apart, and thereafter any person other than the owner thereof who shall kill, capture, or injure any such bird within the limits of such water, island, or land shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds: Provided that the Colonial Secretary may by a like notice cancel any such setting apart.

13. It shall be lawful for any householder or constable to require any person offending against any of the provisions of this Act to give his name in full and place of abode. And in case such person shall, after being so required, refuse to give his real name or place of abode, or shall give a false or fictitious name, he may be at once arrested and taken before some Justice of the Peace, and shall be liable for every such offence to an additional penalty not exceeding five pounds.

14. All informations or charges for offences against this Act may be heard and determined in a summary way before one Justice of the Peace, in accordance with the provisions of the Act or Acts for the time being in force with reference to summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, subject to the right of appeal to the next Court of Quarter Sessions held nearest to the place of conviction, and in all cases the defendant shall be a competent witness.

15. All penalties recovered under this Act shall be paid—one-half to the person who in the opinion of the convicting Justice of the Peace shall have given such information as led to the conviction, and one-half to the Zoological Society.

16. This Act shall not apply to any person authorised by the Colonial Secretary to collect specimens of natural history for any scientific institution or museum.

Page 2, clause 4, lines 8 to 11. Omit "The Schedules of the 'Birds Protection Act' of 1881 are hereby repealed, and the Schedules hereto shall be the Schedules applicable to the said Act, and to this Act amending the same: Provided that"

Page 2, clause 4, line 12. Omit "the First Schedule" insert "any of the Schedules hereto"

Page 2, clause 4, line 13. After "Gazette" insert "or altogether"

Page 2, clause 4, line 14. After "birds" insert "or of their being found to be injurious"

Page 2, clause 4, line 16. After "Secretary" omit remainder of clause.

Page 2, clause 5. Omit clause 5.

Page 2, Schedules. Omit First and Second Schedules insert the following new Schedules:—

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Birds absolutely protected for five years, and after that period during the Close Season.

Foreign Birds.

Common Name.		Scientific Name.
Skylark...	...	Alauda arvensis.
Chaffinch	...	Fringilla coelebs.
Goldfinch	...	Carduelis elegans.
Linnet	...	Linaria cannabina.
Starling	...	Sturnus vulgaris.
Thrush	...	Turdus musicus.
Blackbird	...	Turdus merula.
Nightingale	...	Sylvia luscinea.
Pheasant	...	Phasianus colchicus.
Grouse of every species	...	Tetrao and Lagopus.
Partridges of every species	...	Perdix.
White Swans	...	Cygnus.
Californian Quail	...	Callipepla Californica.

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Australian Birds.

Common Name.				Scientific Name.
Fish Hawks or Sea Eagles	<i>Haliaetus Haliastur</i> and <i>Pandion</i> .
Lyre Birds	...	...	...	<i>Menura</i> .
Regent Bird	...	...	...	<i>Sericulus melinus</i> .
Rifle Bird	...	...	...	<i>Ptiloris paradisea</i> .
Bell Bird	...	...	...	<i>Manorhina melanophrys</i> .
Black Cockatoos	...	...	...	<i>Calyptorhynchus</i> .
King Parrots	...	...	...	<i>Aprosmictus</i> and <i>Ptistés</i> .
Native Companion	...	...	...	<i>Grus Australiensis</i> .
Nankin Crane	...	...	...	<i>Nycticorax Caledonicus</i> .
Ibis	...	...	...	<i>Geronticus</i> and <i>Threskiornis</i> .

SECOND SCHEDULE.

PART I.

Australian Game Birds protected during the Close Season from 1st August in every year to 31st January then next succeeding inclusive.

Common name.				Scientific name.
Brush Turkey	...	...	...	<i>Talegallus Lathami</i> .
Mallee Hen	...	...	...	<i>Leipoa ocellata</i> .
Land Curlew	...	...	...	<i>Oedicnemus gallarius</i> .
Bittern	...	...	...	<i>Botaurus poicilopterus</i> .
Land Rail	...	...	...	<i>Hypotænidia Phillipensis</i> .
Black Swan	...	...	...	<i>Cygnus atratus</i> .
Bustard, or Plains Turkey	...	...	...	<i>Eupodotis Australis</i> .
Wild Ducks of every species, including Teal.				
Plovers of every species.				
Pigeons and Doves of every species.				

PART II.

Birds protected during the Close Season from 1st October in every year to 31st March then next succeeding inclusive.

Quail of every species, including *Turnix*, *Pedionomus*, *Coturnix*, *Synoicus*, and *Excalfatoria*.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Australian Birds other than game protected during the Close Season from 1st August in every year to 31st January then next succeeding inclusive.

Common name.				Scientific name.
Dollar Bird	...	...	...	<i>Eurystomus pacificus</i> .
Laughing Jackass	...	...	...	<i>Dacelo gigas</i> .
Kingfishers	...	...	...	<i>Haleyon</i> and <i>Aleyone</i> .
Wood Swallows	...	...	...	<i>Artamus</i> .
Magpies (other than the Black Magpie and the Grey Magpie)	...	...	...	<i>Gymnorhina</i> .
Pewit or Magpie Lark	...	...	...	<i>Grallina Australis</i> .
Thrush	...	...	...	<i>Collyriocincla harmonica</i> .
Wagtails	...	...	...	<i>Sauloprocta</i> and <i>Seisura</i> .
Jackey Winter	...	...	...	<i>Micromea fascinans</i> .
Robins	...	...	...	<i>Petroeca</i> .
Yellow Robins	...	...	...	<i>Eopsaltria Australis</i> .
Blue Wrens	...	...	...	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i> and <i>Malurus Lamberti</i> .
Emu Wren	...	...	...	<i>Stipiturus malachurus</i> .
Lark	...	...	...	<i>Anthus Australis</i> .
Skylark or Nightingale	...	...	...	<i>Cinchloramphus</i> .
Diamond Sparrow	...	...	...	<i>Estrilda guttata</i> .
Gill or Wattle Bird	...	...	...	<i>Acanthochæra carunculata</i> .
Gang Gang Cockatoo	...	...	...	<i>Callocephalon galeatum</i> .
Emu	...	...	...	<i>Dromaius Nove Hollandiae</i> .
Indian Minah	...	...	...	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i> .
Butcher Bird	...	...	...	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i> .
Coachwhip Bird	...	...	...	<i>Psophodes crepitans</i> .
Honeysucker	...	...	...	<i>Melionnis</i> .
Mocking Bird	...	...	...	<i>Anellobia mellivora</i> .
Seagulls of every species.				
Swamp Pheasant.				

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.

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(2.) Bay Road Railway Station Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the opening of certain new roads and streets adjoining the Bay Road Railway Station, within the Borough of North Sydney, rendered necessary by reason of the construction of the Milson's Point Railway Extension, in lieu of certain portions of other roads and streets rendered unnecessary thereby; and to permanently close such unnecessary portions, and vest the sites thereof in the owners of the adjoining lands, in full compensation for the lands taken for the new roads and streets,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY.

President.

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

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

11. WAGES ATTACHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

12. CONVEYANCERS ENABLING BILL (*changed from*) REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the 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. Fuller, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts 26 Victoria No. 9, 36 Victoria No. 7, and 41 Victoria No. 18 ('Real Property Act' and Amending Acts),"—including the amendment in the Title.

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13. GUNNEDAH SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kirkpatrick 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. Kirkpatrick, 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. Kirkpatrick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

14. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

Point of Order:—Mr. Speaker, referring to the Point of Order submitted by Mr. Chapman on 28th February last, that this Bill related to trade, and also involved an appropriation of part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and was therefore improperly introduced, stated that he had looked into the objections taken, and was satisfied that the Bill did not require either a preliminary Committee or a Message from the Governor.

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

15. BANK ISSUE BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY, 1893, A.M.

Question put.—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 76.

Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Barton,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Henry Clarke,

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Burdeckin,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Holborow,

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Tonkin,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Dunahey,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Davis.

Tellers,

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir George Dibbs the report was adopted.

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

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, passed.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to make Bank Notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the Notes of any Bank, and to declare Bank Notes to be a legal tender; and to provide for the retirement of the same during a limited time and under special circumstances.*”

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 Bank Notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the Notes of any Bank, and to declare Bank Notes to be a legal tender; and to provide for the retirement of the same during a limited time and under special circumstances,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber.*

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16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

17. BANK ISSUE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to make Bank Notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the Notes of any Bank, and to declare Bank Notes to be a legal tender; and to provide for the retirement of the same during a limited time, and under special circumstances,*”—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,*

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JOHN LACKKEY,

President.

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BANK ISSUE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd May, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit "to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the notes of any Bank, and"*

Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *Before "The" insert "Save as provided by section five"*

Page 2, clause 2, line 4. *After "months" insert "only."*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make Bank Notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to authorise in certain cases an increased issue and circulation of the Notes of any Bank, and to declare Bank Notes to be a legal tender; and to provide for the retirement of the same during a limited time and under special circumstances,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

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The House adjourned, at three minutes before One o'clock p.m., until *Thursday next* at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 MAY, 1893.

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

BANK ISSUE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to make Bank Notes a first charge on Bank assets; and to temporarily enable the Governor to declare Bank Notes to be a legal tender; and to provide for the retirement of the same during a limited time and under special circumstances,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency, being satisfied that an urgent necessity exists requiring that this Bill be brought into immediate operation, has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd May, 1893.*

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Government Contracts :—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true, as rumoured, that a contractor named Boothby is doing some alterations to offices or other contracts for the Government under the Works Department, and is only employing workmen of inferior ability ; is this contractor paying less than the recognised rate of wage for men of average ability ; if at present unaware, will he make inquiries ?

(2.) Does he recognise that in such circumstances a more strict supervision is necessary to prevent injury to the interests of the country, and does he, or will he, cause instructions to clerks of works to exercise greater care on all contracts where low wages are paid ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) It is correct that a contractor named Boothby is engaged in a contract for the erection of new kitchens, &c., at the Hospital for the Insane, Parramatta. The Government Architect reports that the work is being carried out to his satisfaction. I am not aware what rate of wages the contractor is paying. It is not my business to inquire.

(2.) The Government Architect reports, as before stated, that the work is being carried out satisfactorily. There is, therefore, no necessity for any special instructions in the matter.

(2.) Bank Shares held by the Agent-General :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the Agent-General a director and shareholder in the Australian Joint Stock and Commercial (Melbourne) Banks ?

(2.) In his position as Agent-General is he the medium through which the Government's English financial operations are conducted ?

(3.) If such be the case, has the Government considered the advisability of recalling this gentleman ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes; he is a London director and shareholder of the Australian Joint Stock Bank of New South Wales. I am not aware whether he is connected with the Commercial Bank of Australia.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Government has not considered the advisability of recalling the Agent-General.

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- (3.) Wattle Plantation at Lake Illawarra :—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What is the area of the wattle plantation at Lake Illawarra ?
 (2.) When was the site prepared for plantation purposes by the Forestry Department ?
 (3.) How long was such preparation in course of being carried out ?
 (4.) Was the work done by contract or by day labour ?
 (5.) If by contract who were the contractors, and what were the amounts of their respective contracts ?
 (6.) If by day labour, what class of men were employed ; how much per day were they paid ; who superintended the operations on the ground ; and how much per day or week was he paid for such services ?
 (7.) Was any wattle seed sown in the ground ; and, if so, what kind or kinds, and how long since ?
 (8.) Are any wattles growing from those seeds ; and, if so, what height (approximately) are they now ?
 (9.) Are they plentiful throughout the grounds, or few and far between ?
 (10.) What has been the total cost of the plantation, so far, to the Government ?
 (11.) Is the attempt to form the plantation likely to prove successful ; and, if so, within what probable length of time hence, and to what extent ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) About 50 acres.
- (2.) In January, 1892.
- (3.) During January and February, 1892.
- (4.) By day labour.
- (5.) Replied to by Answer No. 4.
- (6.) (a) Ordinary labourers ; (b) 7s. per diem ; (c) G. Whitehall, 8s. per diem.
- (7.) Wattle seeds were sown soon after preparation of the ground. The species planted were *Acacia decurrens* and *Acacia pyrenaica*.
- (8.) Wattles are growing, and at Mr. Brown's last visit he stated he had noticed some 3½ feet high.
- (9.) They were noticed to be patchy in places, and in others fairly well distributed.
- (10.) £165 12s.
- (11.) On this head it is premature to decide. Wattle conditions are very peculiar, and in places apparently bald and bare the seeds will germinate any time within many years.

- (4.) Wattle Plantation at Otford :—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the area of the wattle plantation at Otford ?
- (2.) Is the plantation situated partly on both sides of the railway line ?
- (3.) If so, what is the approximate area on each side ?
- (4.) How long has the plantation been under the care of the Forestry Department ?
- (5.) How much has the plantation cost the Department ?
- (6.) What is the estimated number of wattle trees now growing there ?
- (7.) Was any bark stripped from the plantation for sale within the last year ; and, if so, what quantity ?
- (8.) What was the total cost of procuring and selling the bark ?
- (9.) How much did the sale realise ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) One hundred and seventy-three acres.
- (2.) Yes ; and also over the tunnel.
- (3.) North side, 14 acres ; south side, 133 acres ; and over the tunnel, 26 acres.
- (4.) Practically since 1891, when thinning was commenced.
- (5.) Inclusive of planting red cedar and other valuable trees to the extent of over 4,000, and reckoning every expense in connection with the men employed, the cost to the 30th April, 1893, was £433 17s. 4d.
- (6.) The report of Mr. Ednie Brown for 1891 approximates the number at 128,000. This number has been reduced by thinning.
- (7.) Yes ; 9 tons 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lb.
- (8.) £18 19s. 6d.
- (9.) £34 5s. 2d. (less cost.)

- (5.) Release of Prisoners :—Mr. McCourt asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) The number of prisoners released by the present Minister of Justice under the ticket-of-leave system recently introduced ?
- (2.) When will the papers, with reference to the introduction of the ticket-of-leave system, ordered by the House some months ago, be laid upon the Table ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

- (1.) Thirteen.
- (2.) In the course of a few days.

- (6.) Nomination of Resident Medical Officer for the Children's Hospital at Glebe Point :—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a graduate in medicine, a lady, was nominated by Professor Anderson Stuart as resident medical officer for the Children's Hospital at Glebe Point in response to a request from the authorities of the hospital desiring him to nominate two such officers from amongst the graduates in medicine of the University ?
- (2.) Was the nomination of this lady refused ; and, if so, upon what grounds ?
- (3.) Is it intended to appoint another person instead of this lady ?
- (4.) Is the hospital subsidised by the Government ; and, if so, is it proposed to withdraw that subsidy in the event of the hospital authorities not confirming the appointment ?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; the grounds are not known.

(3.) Yes; it appears necessary to fill the vacant office.

(4.) The hospital is subsidised by the Government; so long as the patients are properly cared for and treated, and other considerations are carried out, it is not proposed to withdraw the Government subsidy.

(7.) Carts of the Water Supply and Sewerage Department:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the twelve carts of the Water Supply and Sewerage Department have been and are at present engaged as parcel delivery vans by order of the Board, to the neglect of their customary duties?

(2.) Is it also a fact that a tender was received for the work for the sum of £10 for the removal of the whole of the goods, and that the twelve carts have cost the Department considerably in excess of this sum already?

(3.) Is it a fact that the sum of £300 (or more) will be paid for the removal of the Technical College goods?

Mr. Lyne answered,—With regard to Questions Nos. 1 and 2 the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have supplied me with the following Answers:—

(1.) No; five carts belonging to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage were used.

(2.) No tenders were invited, as it was advisable to have the work performed by the Board's employees. An offer was made for £10, which was declined. An extra expense of 9s. was incurred by the Board.

(3.) My honorable colleague the Minister for Education informs me that a tender amounting to £375 have been accepted for this service.

(8.) Fish sent to the Sydney Market from Lake Illawarra:—Mr. Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many baskets of fish have been sent to the Sydney market from Lake Illawarra each year since the establishment of the Fisheries Commission?

(2.) What was the yearly and total value of the fish so supplied during the said period?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member has given me rather a large order in this Question. If he will be good enough to postpone it for about a fortnight, I will endeavour to obtain the information in the form of a report.

(9.) Extension of Time to Crown Lessees and Conditional Purchasers:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the unforeseen difficulties which have arisen in the way of Crown lessees and conditional purchasers owing to the Bank suspensions, will he consider the advisability of granting an extension of time for payment of any moneys which may be due, or falling due, to the Crown from these sources, or authorise that cheques of holders, having accounts only in one of the suspended Banks may be accepted and held in suspense without prejudice until it is ascertained whether the Bank on which the cheque is drawn has been successfully reconstructed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Any application for an extension of time for payment of any moneys due to the Crown by Crown lessees and others will be dealt with on its merits, after due inquiry, if accompanied by a statutory declaration that the applicant has funds locked up in a temporarily suspended Bank, which would otherwise be available.

(10.) Endowments to Municipalities:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that in consequence of the many Bank suspensions many of the municipal institutions, who have their funds in those Banks, are absolutely without any means of meeting their pressing liabilities, including salaries, wages, contractors' claims, &c.?

(2.) Has any provision been made to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay the annual endowment to the various Municipalities?

(3.) Will he make some special provision for the immediate payment of all endowments now due, and for which claims have been and are being made, in order that the many persons having pressing claims against the municipal bodies may receive their money?

Mr. See answered,—The passing of the Appropriation Act will afford a large measure of relief to the various Municipalities; but if any pressing case is brought before the Treasurer, he will endeavour to tide the difficulty over.

(11.) Trust Accounts at A.J.S. Bank, Wentworth:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a statement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of yesterday's date, made by their Wentworth correspondent, who asserts that seventeen traders of that place had telegraphed to the General Manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, that the Bank at Wentworth had declined to allow them to draw against trust accounts or receive their notes?

(2.) As many traders are relying upon being enabled to draw against these new trust accounts for business purposes, will he ascertain from the Bank the particulars of the case in question, and allay the fears of persons having paid into the Bank moneys under trust, and ascertain from them if these accounts cannot be drawn against in the usual way?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) If such a statement as is reported on by the *Sydney Morning Herald* is correct, there is no doubt the Bank has set itself right with their customers ere this, and it is a matter purely between the Bank and the seventeen traders. As to the non-taking of notes, it must be patent that the Bank, in the existing state of things, cannot take their own notes to credit.

(2.) The customers can draw against "Trust Accounts," and there is every facility given them for doing so. I may, however, add that the other Banks are taking Australian Joint Stock Bank notes.

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- (12.) Glen Innes-Inverell Railway:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session, as promised, a Bill to authorise the construction of the Glen Innes-Inverell railway, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is not likely that such a Bill will be introduced during this Session of Parliament, as it is well known the financial position of the Colony does not warrant such a large expenditure at the present time, and therefore the construction of this line must be deferred for the present, though I am aware of its urgency.

- (13.) Extension of Time to Pastoral and Homestead Lessees:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the unforeseen financial difficulties many persons have to contend with, owing to their accounts being in Banks which have suspended payment, will he, in cases where pastoral and homestead lessees are so affected, grant an extension of time without fine for the payment of rent?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I may refer the Honorable Member to my reply given this evening to Mr. Sheldon on the same subject.

- (14.) Road from Cobar to the Double Gates:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the survey of the road from Cobar to the Double Gates, Sandy Creek, been completed yet?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The road has been surveyed and action towards resumption of the land is now being taken by this Department.

- (15.) Cattle condemned under Diseased Animals and Meat Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of cattle that have been condemned since the passing of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act?

(2.) Also the number destroyed during the same period?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A report is now being prepared by the Board of Health of the action taken under the Diseased Animals and Meat Act during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1893.

- (16.) Report on Outbreak of Diphtheria at Cowra, &c.:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Health Officer's report on the outbreak of diphtheria at Frogmore, Cowra, Burrowa, Condobolin, &c., be laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not intended to lay these papers upon the Table of the House, but the Honorable Member can have an opportunity of perusing the same by calling at the office of the Board of Health.

- (17.) Prosecution of Mr. A. Manders, of Albury:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the prosecution of Mr. A. Manders, of Albury, for conducting a turf consultation or sweep, has the action been taken by the Police authorities in Sydney, or has the action been initiated by the local Police on their own motion?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—The prosecution was initiated, I presume, by the Superintendent of Police, Albury. I gave no instructions, though a report was made in the case.

- (18.) North Sydney Tramway Extensions:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in opening the Falcon-street and Military Road extensions of North Sydney tramway?

(2.) Can he say when these extensions will be opened?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The delay is caused by non-completion of electric power plant.

(2.) Falcon-street extension in about three weeks, and the Military Road in about six weeks.

- (19.) Appointment of Mr. Suttor:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Respecting the Government's policy of retrenchment, on what date was Mr. Suttor appointed at a salary of £300 a year as an inspector under the Department of Agriculture?

(2.) Was he in the Government service at the time of the appointment?

(3.) What profession or calling was he prior to the appointment?

(4.) Was his appointment recommended by the Civil Service Board?

(5.) Were there no officers fit for promotion already in the service of the Department?

(6.) Is Mr. Suttor among the officers whose services have been dispensed with under the Government scheme of retrenchment?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) On the 9th May, 1892.

(2.) No.

(3.) Farmer.

(4.) No; the appointment being a temporary one the recommendation of the Civil Service Board was not needed.

(5.) There are always officers fit for promotion. With the exception of officers who have misconducted themselves every officer in every Department is fit for promotion.

(6.) Under the scheme of retrenchment, the salaries of none of the officers in the Agricultural Department have yet been dispensed with.

- (20.) Customs Officer at Cobar:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there a Customs officer at Cobar, in the Bourke Electorate; if so, what is his salary?

(2.) What is the amount of fees or duties collected per annum?

Mr. See answered,—There is no officer of Customs at Cobar.

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- (21.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Clarence Town :—Mr. Haynes asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) Have reports been received advising the abolition of the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Clarence Town ; and have the local bench advised to a similar effect?
 (2.) Are the fees of the office above £40 per annum ; and is the officer in receipt of £240 per annum, for work which was reported not to occupy him more than one hour a day?
 (3.) Is the officer under or over 60 years of age ; and could not the duties be performed by the Clerk of Petty Sessions of Dungog visiting the town once a week ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

- (1.) A petition, signed by certain residents of Clarence Town, was received in December, 1890, urging that the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at that place be abolished, and a Police constable appointed to perform the duties, and that petition was signed by five of the local magistrates. The Police Magistrate who visits Clarence Town reported in November, 1890, that the place was one in which the duties might be performed by a constable, but in March last suggested that the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Dungog should visit Clarence Town once a week.
 (2.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions at Clarence Town is not in receipt of any fees, but receives £240 per annum. It is impossible for me to say how much of this officer's time is occupied, but the duties are light.
 (3.) The officer in question is over 60 years of age. The subject of making a change in the existing state of affairs is under consideration in connection with the further scheme of retrenchment now in contemplation.

- (22.) Clerks in Architect's Branch of Public Works Department :—Dr. Hollis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many clerks, other than the Chief Clerk, are employed in the Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department?
 (2.) What is the name of the Chief Clerk of this Branch ?
 (3.) What salary does he receive ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Eleven.
 (2.) Samuel Steel.
 (3.) £600 pending passing of Appropriation Act, which provides for its being reduced to £560.

3. WAGES ATTACHMENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to prevent the Attachment of Wages to satisfy judgments.*”

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 prevent the Attachment of Wages to satisfy judgments.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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4. GUNNEDAH SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Kirkpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Kirkpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to declare the trusts of the site of the Gunnedah School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Gunnedah, and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; 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 declare the trusts of the site of the Gunnedah School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Gunnedah, and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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5. AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY'S LAND REVESTING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

- (1.) Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to revest certain land in the Australian Agricultural Company.
 Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to revest certain land in the Australian Agricultural Company,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Iron Industry of the Colony ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;—until Tuesday, 6th June.
 (2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Wednesday next.
 (3.) Offenders Probation Bill ; second reading ;—until Thursday, 25th May.

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- (4.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
 (5.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Wednesday next.
 (6.) Municipal Wharves Bill; second reading;—until Thursday, 11th May.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for 1892.
 (2.) Additional Regulations for Reformatory Prison treatment of certain male offenders.
 (3.) Return to an Order made on the 6th April, 1893,—“Transfer of license of ‘Railway Hotel,’ Bathurst.”
 (4.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

8. GOULBURN AND CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Rose presented a Petition from William Monie, the younger, of Sydney, gentleman, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise William Monie, the younger, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a railway from a point to be determined on, about one mile on the Sydney side of the Goulburn railway station, on the Great Southern Railway, in the Colony aforesaid, over, across, and along the route described in the Schedule to the said Bill, being a distance of about thirty-four miles to Crookwell, *via* Wollondilly River; thence for about seven miles in a northerly direction; thence north-westerly to Woodhouselee to the Government township of M'Alister; and thence across the head of the Wollondilly River to the town of Crookwell, in the county of Argyle; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said railway; and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, and other things for hire for the public generally.

And Mr. Rose having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Goulburn Herald*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—Petition received.

9. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Sir George Dibbs*) and Question proposed,—“That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Sir Henry Parkes, under Standing Order, No. 16, moved, That leave be given to propose an amendment,—“That this House disapproves of any violation of the provisions of the Public Instruction Act of 1880, as explained to this House by the Minister of Public Instruction on behalf of the Government.”
 Question put, on the Motion of Sir Henry Parkes, and passed.
 Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes 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 “this House disapproves of any violation of the provisions of the Public Instruction Act of 1880, as explained to this House by the Minister of Public Instruction on behalf of the Government.”
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 5 MAY, 1893, A.M.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Ayes, 58.

Mr. See,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. J. A. MacKinnon,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Copoland,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Wall,	Tellers,
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hassall.

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Mr. Morton,	Tellers,
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McCourt, j
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Campbell.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

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

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

11. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Otho Orde Dangar, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of The Macleay. Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Seat of Otho Orde Dangar, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of The Macleay, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Otho Orde Dangar.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at two minutes after Eight o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 MAY, 1893.

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

CONVEYANCERS ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to grant to Conveyancers certain powers under the Acts 26 Victoria No. 9, 35 Victoria No. 7, and 41 Victoria No. 18 ('Real Property Act' and amending Acts),*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 3rd May, 1893.*

2. ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 26th April last, declaring the Seat of John Nobbs, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Nobbs, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of George McCredie, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Case of Ernest Blackstone:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) With respect to the matter of alleged perjury by two policemen in the case of Ernest Blackstone, referred to in a Question asked him on 28th February, what steps, if any, have finally been taken?
(2.) If the matter has been overlooked, will he see that, without further delay, the defendant is given an opportunity of fully vindicating his character?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) The Judge before whom Blackstone and another were tried declined to grant leave to prosecute the two policemen for perjury. I was asked by the Minister of Justice to advise whether, notwithstanding such refusal, and the provisions of section 300 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, any proceedings for the alleged perjury could be taken against the policemen in question. My opinion is, that the law prevents the initiation of such proceedings after the refusal of the Judge to grant leave to prosecute.
(2.) I will confer with the Minister of Justice on this matter. I may say that, after a very careful perusal of the evidence taken at the trial, I have not the slightest doubt that both Blackstone and the other person accused are wholly innocent.

- (2.) Imported Spirit in Bond:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Are the Government able, through their officers, to state what amount, if any, of presumably injurious spirit is in bond, intended for sale for consumption in New South Wales?
(2.) What is the amount of white spirit imported to this country during the last twelve months, and by whom was the spirit imported?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that any presumably injurious spirit is now in bond intended for consumption in New South Wales. A quantity of spirit recently imported from Germany was found to be injurious to health, and a portion of the spirit has been destroyed. The balance has been re-exported to the place of shipment.

(2.) The quantity of white spirit imported during the year 1892 was 10,840 gallons. The spirit was principally imported by firms engaged in the manufacture of tinctures, essences, and medicines.

(3.) Proposed Canals south of the Murrumbidgee:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Newton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received a report on proposed canals south of the Murrumbidgee; if so, will he have any objection to lay it upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes. There is no objection, and a copy will be laid upon the Table of the House in the course of a few days.

(4.) Willandra Weir:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Newton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Willandra weir, on which a large amount of expenditure was incurred, is practically useless for the purpose for which it was intended, on account of a number of large dams which have been thrown across the Willandra Creek preventing the water from flowing down that creek?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to remedy the abuse?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that a number of dams across the Willandra Billabong seriously interfere with the flow of water which is directed into that channel by the Willandra weir; but it is not correct to state that the weir is practically useless for the purpose for which it was intended. Although in the month of March a comparatively small flow was passing down the Willandra Billabong, the water reached a point about 60 miles from the weir, while in October and November last it went a much greater distance.

(2.) The only real remedy for the unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding the construction of dams on creeks and rivers is the passing of an Act dealing with riparian rights.

(5.) Kangaroo River Bridge:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Engineer for Roads and Bridges reported that the Kangaroo River Bridge is unsafe by reason of the rotten state of the understructure?

(2.) Is the Department about to redeck the bridge without doing something to the more dangerous parts?

(3.) Will the question of giving attention to the requirements of safe traffic over this bridge be considered?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member is being dealt with by the Department, but my honorable colleague cannot at the present moment state what his decision will be.

(6.) Members of the Pharmacy Board:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that out of the ten members of the Pharmacy Board only two are, according to the Pharmacy Act, legally entitled to be registered to sell poisons?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Board refuse to register men with the same qualifications as they themselves hold?

(3.) Have fifty-six men been registered as pharmaceutical chemists of Great Britain, and is it a fact that there are not six pharmaceutical chemists in New South Wales?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Board have down over 200 names registered as members of the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales?

(5.) Is it a fact that there are nine names down as chemists from other colonies and countries who are not qualified under the Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.

(7.) Gratuity to Widow of late Inspector Zouch:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Darnley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a sum of money paid to the widow of the late Inspector Zouch, of the Police Force?

(2.) If so, what was the amount?

(3.) What was the date of claim and date of payment?

(4.) From what fund was the amount paid?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £833 6s. 8d.

(3.) 14th November, 1883; 1st December, 1883.

(4.) Police Reward Fund.

(8.) Imported Brandy from Germany:—*Mr. Dickens* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large quantity of cheap spirit (purporting to be brandy) imported from Germany has lately been destroyed by the Licensing Inspector?

(2.) Was this so-called brandy analysed; if so, did the analysis reveal the fact that the mixture was of a most poisonous nature, and totally unfit for human consumption?

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(3.) Is it a fact that another large consignment of a similar nature, also imported from Germany, has been reshipped back to the consignors?

(4.) Has the Licensing Inspector reported on the above cases; if so, will the Minister lay upon the Table of the House said reports, and all papers in connection therewith?

(5.) Will the Government take early steps with a view to bringing forward such legislation as will more stringently deal with similar cases in the future?

Mr. Barton answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Yes; and the importer was fined £30 and costs for keeping adulterated liquor for sale.

(2.) The liquor was analysed by the Government Analyst, who found it to be an artificial preparation of about equal parts of partially-rectified white-spirit and water, the mixture being coloured with a complex azo compound or aniline dye, which is injurious to health within the meaning of the 89th section of the Principal Licensing Act.

(3.) I am informed by the Collector of Customs that twenty-nine quarter-casks, said to contain liquor of a similar nature, have been reshipped.

(4.) Yes; there will be no objection to laying copies of the reports and other papers upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the usual way.

(5.) This matter will receive attention when the proposals for the amendment of the Licensing Law, now under consideration of the Government, are being dealt with.

4. MINERAL AND GOLD LEASES (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Slattery* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution of this House agreed to on the 26th October, 1883, in reference to "mineral and gold leases" be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the following be substituted therefor:—That the Secretary for Mines should cause a return to be published in the *Government Gazette*, in the months of January and July, in each year, showing the following particulars of all leases—mineral and gold—current in each Mining Registrar's district, during previous half-years ending 31st December and 30th June:—1st, names of lessees; 2nd, area; 3rd, locality; 4th, number of men required to be employed by the covenants of the lease.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Apprentices Bill postponed until To-morrow.

6. SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* presented a Petition from Nicholas Johns, Henry Harper, and George Stone, praying for the reasons in the Petition set forth that the House will reject this Bill.
Petition received.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return respecting retired railway employees who draw pensions from the Civil Service Superannuation Fund.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd May, 1893,—"Government Asylums."
- (2.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth.
- (4.) Return respecting the Pharmacy Board.

Ordered to be printed.

8. CITY OF SYDNEY LANES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Lees* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

9. MEMBER SWORN :—*George McCredie*, 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.

10. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL :—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Coal Mines Regulation Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine John Lionel Fegan, 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, 9th May, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Copeland moved, That John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Coal Mines Regulation Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Coal Mines Regulation 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.

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11. WAVERLEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE 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 His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan, the Reverend Patrick Leonard Dunne, John Bede Barlow, and Michael Hagerty, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situate at Waverley to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—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, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, read a first time.

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

12. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lees moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

13. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON THURSDAYS, AND OF GENERAL BUSINESS ON FRIDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence during the sitting on Thursday in each week.

(2.) That, unless otherwise ordered, Friday in each week be a sitting day of this House, that the House meet at "Four" o'clock p.m., that General Business take precedence, "and that Orders of the Day have precedence of Notices of Motions."

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild requested Mr. Speaker to decide whether it was competent for the House to set aside by motion, as proposed, a Sessional Order now in force without first expressly rescinding such Order.

Mr. Speaker said that the House had undoubted power to pass Standing or other Orders for the conduct of its business, and he failed to see anything irregular in the course now proposed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. G. D. Clark 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.

Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "and that Orders of the Day have precedence of Notices of Motions," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "and that Bills and Notices of Motions concerning Bills have precedence of ordinary Motions."

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.

Mr. Young moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "and of Orders of the Day for the resumption of Debates on Motions."

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

Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "and that the business now on the paper for Thursdays be transferred to Fridays."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Dale,	Mr. Danahey.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Tellers,
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Alfred Allen.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Cook,	

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Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Trill,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. See,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. York,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Morgan,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Wall,	Tellers,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. McGowen,
	Mr. Dawson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then,—

(1.) That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence during the sitting on Thursday in each week.

(2.) That, unless otherwise ordered, Friday in each week be a sitting day of this House, that the House meet at Four o'clock p.m., that General Business take precedence, and that Bills and Notices of Motions concerning Bills have precedence of ordinary Motions and of Orders of the Day for the resumption of Debates on Motions,—put and passed.

14. PROBATE ACT OF 1890 AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—on motion of Mr. Barton, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY, 1893, A.M.

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

Disorder :—The Chairman also reported that William Grahame, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for the Electoral District of Newcastle, had been guilty of persistent disorder in the Committee, and that when the Sergeant-at-Arms was, by his (the Chairman's) direction, removing him from the Chamber, he used threatening and foul language towards him for his action as Chairman.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That William Grahame, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for the Electoral District of Newcastle, be required to attend in his place in this House, on its next sitting day, then to answer a charge of contempt to be preferred against him.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post Office at Nelson's Bay:—Mr. Davis asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Was the building at present used as a Post Office at Nelson's Bay, and standing on the Government reserve at that place, purchased from a Member of the Legislative Council?

(2.) If so, from whom, what was the price paid, and when?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) I find that the building used as a Post and Telegraph Office at Nelson's Bay was purchased, but, as the papers relative to the purchase are not at present in my Department, I cannot say whether the premises stand on a Government reserve or not, but will inquire.

(2.) The Honorable R. H. D. White, M.L.C., £350. Purchase approved on 18th January, 1884, but, in the absence of the papers, I cannot give the date of payment.

- (2.) Reserve at Nelson's Bay:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the lease of the Government reserve at Nelson's Bay been granted at any time during the past?

(2.) If so, to whom, at what rental, and for what period; also name of lessee, and under what conditions was lease granted; and have such conditions been fulfilled?

(3.) If such lease has been granted will the Government take immediate steps to liberate the same so as to give the public access to their reserve?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There are several reserves fronting Nelson's Bay, Port Stephens. If the honorable gentleman will supply me with particulars as to which of these reserves he refers to, the matter will receive immediate attention.

- (3.) Islands in Port Stephens:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are the islands situated in Port Stephens reserved for the use of the public?

(2.) Has the Government sold any of the islands in Port Stephens?

(3.) If so, to whom, under what conditions, and for what price?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) These islands were reserved from sale under the general notice of the 17th April, 1862.

(2 and 3.) Not as far as maps show.

- (4.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Campbell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total amount contributed by Civil Servants to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund between the year 1884 and the 31st December, 1892?

(2.) What was the total amount paid away to Civil Servants from the said fund during the same time?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A return giving the desired information will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

- (5.) Lithgow Waterworks:—Mr. Cook asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to introduce this Session a Bill to authorise the construction of the Lithgow Waterworks, as unanimously recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No.

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- (6.) Night School at Oakey Park, Lithgow :—Mr. Cook asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Has a petition been received from the residents of Oakey Park, Lithgow, asking for the establishment of a night school at that place?
 (2.) What number of signatures were attached thereto?
 (3.) Has the prayer of the petition been refused, and on what grounds?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes; under the name of New Vale.
 (2.) Twenty-five.
 (3.) Yes; on the grounds that the required minimum attendance was not likely to be regularly maintained, and that the services of a duly qualified teacher could not be obtained in the locality.

- (7.) Passenger Accommodation, North Shore Railway :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the 1:25 p.m. train from Milson's Point to Hornsby was insufficient for the accommodation of a large number of passengers who were unable in consequence to journey by that train?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the 5 p.m. train from Hornsby to Milson's Point was also insufficient for the accommodation of passengers travelling by this line?
 (3.) Will the Railway Commissioners take steps to provide the necessary surplus carriages at the Hornsby and Milson's Point terminus, to prevent in future any inconvenience to the travelling public?

Mr. See answered,—In the absence of definite particulars as to dates, I would ask the Honorable Member to submit further facts to the Railway Commissioners, who will be able to communicate with the Honorable Member.

- (8.) Whaling Road, North Sydney :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he yet received the report of the Attorney-General on the opening of the Whaling Road, North Sydney; if not, when does he expect to receive same?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Attorney-General's opinion will probably be furnished next week, and would have been furnished long ago but that the protracted debates in this House leave but little time for the uninterrupted consideration of complicated matters involving facts and correspondence extending over some sixty years.

- (9.) Military Commission :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it intended to carry out the recommendations of the Military Commission regarding the retirement of the officers of the Volunteer Forces?
 (2.) Is it intended to give effect to existing regulations under the Volunteer Act providing for the retirement of officers on attaining the age of sixty?
 (3.) Has any officer over sixty been medically examined and reported fit for duty since attaining that age, and has the special recommendation required by the regulations been received in any one case?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Owing to matters of more immediate importance engaging the attention of the Government, these Questions have not yet been considered.

- (10.) Food and Liquor Adulteration Bill :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take into consideration during the recess the necessity of introducing early in the next Session a comprehensive measure dealing with the important question of public health, and a Food and Liquor Adulteration Bill?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The question mooted by the Honorable Member is one of very grave importance, and the Government intend to bring in a Bill to deal with it as early as practicable.

- (11.) Veterinary School of Medicine :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he take into consideration during the ensuing recess the necessity of introducing some measure next Session dealing with the important question of establishing a Veterinary School of Medicine in the Colony, either in connection with the University or the Technical College, so that an opportunity may be afforded young men of studying the various diseases belonging to stock, and of qualifying themselves for practising this important branch of education and medicine?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Instruction of this kind is given at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, sufficient for the purposes of a farmer.

- (12.) Works referred to Public Works Committee :—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What works have been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for consideration and report during the present Session of Parliament?
 (2.) What have been the recommendations of the Committee respecting each of such works, whether favourable or unfavourable?
 (3.) Is it intended to submit any of such works for the approval of Parliament before the close of the present Session; if so, which?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell; Waterworks for the town of Junce.
 (2.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell—Favourable, provided the cost does not exceed £7,000 a mile, that special local rates are charged until the railway pays working expenses and interest on cost of construction, and that the betterment principle be applied to the land served by the railway. Waterworks for the town of Junce—Favourable, conditionally upon the Railway Commissioners undertaking to enter an agreement for a period of not less than ten years to pay a minimum of £1,900 per annum for water supplied for railway purposes at Junce and Bethungra.
 (3.) It is scarcely likely this can be done during the present session.

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2. SITE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS AT NAREMBURN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, correspondence, and other documents in connection with the resumption of land upon which public school buildings at Naremburn are erected.
Question put and passed.

3. CITY OF SYDNEY LANES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Lees, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lees then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain lanes as now formed and made 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 empower the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain lanes as now formed and made in the City of Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th May, 1893.*

4. MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the powers of Municipal Councils to borrow moneys, and to validate certain loans.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the powers of Municipal Councils to borrow moneys, and to validate certain loans,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. SUPREME COURT FEES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Barton 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 repeal section 14 of the Act 10th Victoria, No. 10; and to enable the Judges of the Supreme Court to fix the fees to be demanded and paid in that Court and in the Circuit Courts.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday next.
(2.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading ;—until Friday next.
(3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday next.
(4.) Apprentices Bill; second reading ;—until Friday, 19th May.
(5.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill; third reading ;—until Friday, 19th May.
(6.) Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick ;—until Friday, 2nd June.
(7.) Sunday Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effectual closing of public-houses on Sundays during prohibited hours ;—until Tuesday, 23rd May.
(8.) Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Friday, 19th May.
(9.) Birds Protection Act Amending Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments ;—until Friday, 19th May.
(10.) Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday, 19th May.
(11.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Friday, 19th May.
(12.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading ;—until Friday, 19th May.
(13.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading ;—until Friday, 19th May.
(14.) Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading ;—until Friday next.
(15.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; second reading ;—until Friday next.
(16.) Attorneys Admission Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday, 2nd June.
(17.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lees, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Friday next.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland 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, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections 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.

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(4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and section 41 of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

(5.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table.—Notification of resumptions, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for public school purposes at Cuerindi North, Fieldside, Jerilderie, Massey, Numulgi, Pelican Creek, Rix Creek, Rous Mill, Tollendool, Tootal, Warrangong, and Brooklands.

8. DISORDERLY CONDUCT SUPPRESSION BILL—POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from William Saumarez Sydney, Primate; John Walker, Honorary Secretary; William Allen, Assistant Secretary; and John Kent, Honorary Treasurer, acting on behalf of the “Council of the Churches” of New South Wales, which consists of thirty-two delegates, officially appointed to represent the Church of England, the Presbyterian, the Wesleyan, the Congregational, the Baptist, and the Primitive Methodist Churches, representing that they are firmly persuaded that the passing of the Disorderly Conduct Suppression Bill would prove an effectual restraint on what is now commonly known as “larrakinism”; representing also that the Petitioners view with alarm the gambling spirit now prevailing in the community, and are gratified at seeing the provision contained in the 18th clause of the Postage Acts Amendment Bill, which prohibits the delivery through the Post Office of letters or packets relating to horse-racing and other sports; and praying that the House will not allow the present Session of Parliament to close until the two Bills referred to have become the law of the land.

Petition received.

9. CONTEMPT—DISORDER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the Honorable Member for Newcastle (Mr. Grahame) to attend in his place to answer a charge of contempt to be preferred against him,—

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Clerk read from the Votes and Proceedings, No. 97, dated yesterday, the record respecting the disorder which occurred in Committee of Supply. And Mr. Grahame being in attendance in his place,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that, as Members were precluded from quoting speeches made this Session, it would be equally irregular for the Clerk to read from the records of the same Session.

Mr. Speaker said that the Votes and Proceedings of the House were always available for reference and quotation, but, of course, speeches of the same Session should not be read in debate.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the extract from the Votes and Proceedings.

Mr. Speaker said that he assumed that the Honorable Member having heard the extract read, would not require that the charge should be formulated in any other way.

Mr. Grahame replied in the negative,—and having expressed his sincere regret for what had taken place,—withdrew.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That William Grahame, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for the Electoral District of Newcastle, has wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of this “House,” and is for the cause aforesaid hereby adjudged guilty of contempt, and that Mr. Speaker do by his warrant commit the said William Grahame, Esquire, to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, to be by him detained in custody until released by order of this House, on such conditions for payment of fees as to this House shall seem meet.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick 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 “and has incurred the censure of this House.”

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn

Point of Order:—Mr. Cann requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether the House had power to suspend a Member for an indefinite period, as contemplated by the motion now under consideration.

Mr. Speaker said that the House had the power, under its own Standing Orders, to take the action proposed in the motion.

Original Question then 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 Grahame, Esquire, a Member for Newcastle, has been guilty of a contempt of this House, in having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of this House.

“ These are, therefore, to require you to take into your custody the body of the said William Grahame, 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 tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

“ (L.S.) J. P. ABBOTT,
“ Speaker.”

And the Sergeant-at-Arms took the Honorable Member into his custody accordingly.

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10. THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that no useful legislation can be passed by the Legislative Assembly as at present constituted, and therefore, in the best interests of the country, it should be immediately dissolved.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild drew Mr. Speaker's attention to an amendment similar in substance to the motion now proposed (*vide* Votes and Proceedings, No. 71, entry 12), and contended that this matter could not be submitted for the decision of the House, the same Question having been already decided in the present Session.

Mr. Speaker ruled in favour of the objection taken.

11. WHARVES, BOROUGHS OF HUNTER'S HILL AND WILLOUGHBY:—Mr. Jeanncret 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 relating to the claims of the Boroughs of Hunter's Hill and Willoughby to certain lands forming the ends of four public streets in the Borough of Hunter's Hill, and two streets in the Borough of Willoughby; and into the leasing of wharves on those lands by the Treasury Department to a private person, who applied for them without the knowledge or consent of the Boroughs to which they were claimed to belong; and into the alleged improper promulgation of by-laws of the Hunter's Hill Municipality affecting such wharves, and which were gazetted and laid upon the Table of this House.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dale, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Davis, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

12. CALAGHAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, BRAIDWOOD AND QUEANBEYAN:—Mr. Holborow moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Calaghan's Conditional Purchases, Braidwood and Queanbeyan," brought up on 2nd March, 1893, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, 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.

14. PROBATE ACT OF 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—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 Probate Act of 1890, and to give greater facilities for the issue of Probate and Letters of Administration in small estates,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 10th May, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

15. PAPER:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Military and Naval Estimates for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

16. CONTEMPT—DISORDER:—Mr. Speaker having directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the attendance of the Honorable Member for Newcastle (Mr. Grahame), that Honorable Member was admitted, and offered his humble apology for the misconduct for which he was under arrest.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House having heard the apology of William Grahame, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for the Electoral District of Newcastle, for the contempt whereof he was adjudged guilty, and committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, accepts the said apology, requests Mr. Speaker to admonish the Honorable Member, and directs that he be released from custody.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with the desire of the House, admonished the Honorable Member, directed that he be released from custody.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 MAY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Government Dispensers :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that certain dispensers employed in Government institutions work occasionally for outside chemists, to the detriment of many deserving men not in Government situations ?

(2.) If so, will the practice be stopped, and the dispensers in question kept from competing with outside men, in order that they may devote their talents to the sole service of Government ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes ; this was done by the Dispenser of the George-street Asylum, Parramatta, but instructions have been issued putting a stop to the practice.

(2.) Trustee of National Art Gallery :—*Mr. A'Beckett* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that one of the trustees of the National Gallery is an artist at present following his profession in this city, and also a paid instructor of the Art Society ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Yes.

(3.) Town Common at Nyngan :—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any portions of the town common adjoining the town of Nyngan been lately surveyed ?

(2.) If so, for what purpose has such survey been made ?

(3.) Has any portion of said common been cut up into 5 and 10 acre blocks ?

(4.) If so, what is the intention with regard to such blocks ?

(5.) Under what authority or enactment has such action (if any) been taken ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware that any survey of part of the town common at Nyngan has been carried out, but inquiry will be made of the District Surveyor, and the Honorable Member informed of the purport of his report.

(4.) Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island :—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The name of the present Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island ?

(2.) The salary and allowances he receives yearly, including passage money ?

(3.) The like information with regard to his predecessor ?

(4.) Will the Government take into consideration the question of sending an official (legal or otherwise) to the Island in lieu of the Visiting Magistrate twice a year, at an expense not to exceed £100 per annum ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Thomas Rothery Icely.

(2.) £483 for 1892, the amount varying according to length of passage and detention upon the Island.

(3.) Mr. Wilkinson received, for 1888, £230 for passage money and other expenses, in addition to his salary as an officer of the Mines Department.

(4.) The present arrangement meets all requirements, and there does not appear to be any necessity for alteration.

(5.) Salary of Agent for Immigration :—*Mr. Miller* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What salary does the present Agent for Immigration (*Mr. Josephson*) receive ?

(2.) How many emigrants have been brought out through the office during the past twelve months ?

(3.) Cannot the work be performed by one of our many officials, in addition to his present duties, at some nominal cost ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £360.

(2.) 179.

(3.) No.

(6.)

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(6.) Government Medical Officer for Parramatta:—*Mr. Miller*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Why were the Government Medical Officer's services as medical attendant upon the inmates of the Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta, dispensed with?

(2.) Upon whose recommendation were his services as medical officer to these asylums dispensed with?

(3.) What notice did he receive that his services would be dispensed with?

(4.) Will he produce and lay upon the Table a copy of a telegram sent by the Government Medical Officer for Parramatta to the Secretary of the Medical Adviser on this subject, dated the 3rd May, 1892, also the Secretary's letter of instructions to the Government Medical Officer for Parramatta of the same date in reply?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It would be difficult to answer all these Questions categorically, but if the Honorable Member will move for a return asking for the information he desires, it shall be supplied.

(7.) Fire Brigades Act of 1884:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention in this Session to introduce a Bill amending the Fire Brigades Act of 1884; if not, will he make provision on the Estimates for payment of the Government contribution to country Fire Brigade Boards for the maintenance of Volunteer Fire Brigades, irrespective of the position taken up by insurance companies?

(2.) Is it a fact that insurance companies have refused, and still refuse, to pay their contributions to many country Fire Brigade Boards in consequence of some defective or inoperative clauses of the present Fire Brigades Act; if so, will he make the provisions in any amending Bill introduced retrospective, for enforcing the payment of such contributions to such Boards?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It would be quite impracticable to introduce a measure dealing with this matter during the present Session.

(8.) Junee Gravitation Water Supply Scheme:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to provide on the Loan Estimates for having the Junee Gravitation Water Supply Scheme carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I fear, owing to our necessarily restricted financial operations, it will not be possible to submit a sum of money for this work during the present Session.

(9.) Urana Gold-fields Reserve:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps are being taken to have the Urana gold-fields reserve revoked, and the land thrown open to settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers are under reference to the Department of Mines, who will be asked to expedite the reports applied for.

(10.) Reserves in the Murrumbidgee and Murray Districts:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the demand for agricultural land in the Murrumbidgee and Murray Districts, will he have steps taken to have the unnecessary reserves made available for settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Instructions have on several occasions been sent to each of the District Surveyors to report on all unnecessary reserves within their districts, with a view to the land being made available for settlement. I may add that the District Surveyors at Hay and Wagga Wagga have reported that this matter has received special attention, and that a large number of cases have been dealt with. I should be glad if the Honorable Member would specify more particularly any reserves he deems unnecessary, with a view to having the same reported on.

(11.) Survey of Railway Line from Wagga Wagga to Humula:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What progress has been made on the fresh survey of the railway line from Wagga Wagga to Humula?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Amended trial survey field work was completed to 21½ miles from Wagga Wagga on the 30th April last, and to about 25 miles to date.

(12.) Roads, Parish of Kahibah:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With reference to the decision of the Newcastle Land Board, giving Mr. T. Croudace permission to close a road between portion 42 and portion 43, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland, how is it that the roads leading to this road, and adjoining selections, Nos. 40, 41, and 42 from the Cardiff or South Lake Road, are not shown on the official map of the Department, and will he have a correct plan prepared?

(2.) Is the Department aware that the Scottish Australian Mining Company are fencing in and closing public roads; if not, will inquiry be made as to the closing of the road leading through portion 119 to portion 51?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The plans have been examined, and so far as can be ascertained no road has been omitted from the official maps. I should be glad if the Honorable Member would furnish more definite particulars.

(2.) I am not aware, but will cause inquiry to be made.

(13.) Railway Passenger Accommodation:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the 1.25 p.m. train from Milson's Point to Hornsby, on Saturday last, was insufficient for the accommodation of a large number of passengers, who were unable in consequence to journey by that train?

(2.) Is it a fact that the 5 p.m. train from Hornsby to Milson's Point, on Saturday last, was also insufficient for the accommodation of passengers travelling by this line?

(3.) Will the Railway Commissioners take steps to provide the necessary surplus carriages at the Hornsby and Milson's Point terminus, to prevent in future any inconvenience to the travelling public?

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Mr. See answered,—I understand that there was an unexpected rush of passengers on the North Shore Line on Saturday. The matter is a detail of railway working, and will be dealt with by the Railway Commissioners in the ordinary way.

(14.) Prosecutions of Promoters of Racing Sweeps:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary.—Is it the intention of the Police to prosecute other alleged conductors of racing sweeps as well as Mr. A. S. Mander, of Albury; if not, why not?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that there have been Police prosecutions and convictions against conductors of racing sweeps, and if evidence sufficient to warrant prosecutions in other cases be forthcoming proceedings will be taken.

(15.) Appointment of Mr. J. W. Niesigh in the Military Department:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a Mr. J. W. Niesigh recently been appointed to a position as shorthand-writer and typewriter in the Military Department, at a salary of £200 per annum?

(2.) Is it a fact that this gentleman is not acquainted with the rudiments of shorthand?

(3.) Is it a fact that he was unacquainted with the manipulation of the type-writer when appointed?

(4.) Was he appointed on the recommendation of Colonel Spalding?

(5.) Does he refuse to satisfy his creditors?

(6.) Is it a fact that his creditors cannot attach his salary owing to his being a Civil Servant?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Military Secretary:—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3). No.

(4.) Yes.

(5 and 6.) No representation to this effect has reached the Military authorities.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF MODEL FARMS AT BATHURST, ORANGE, MOLONG, AND WELLINGTON (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order laid upon the Table of this House on the 29th March last, relating to the establishment of agricultural or model farms at Bathurst, Orange, Molong, and Wellington, be printed.

Question put and passed.

3. PREMISES RENTED BY GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return enumerating all the premises rented by Government in all parts of the country, the purposes for which such premises are rented, the rent in each case, and the landlord's name.

Question put and passed.

4. MEMBERS PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Tonkin, moved pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the allowance at present paid to Members should be reduced to £100 per annum, and the amount thus saved added to the proposed Prospecting Vote.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Dale,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. York,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gillies.

Tellers,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lee.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Kelly,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Satter,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. See,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gormly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. McIlville,
Mr. Dowel,	Tellers,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Newton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. HARBOURS AND RIVERS, IRRIGATION AND WATER CONSERVATION, AND ROADS DEPARTMENTS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Bavister, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of officers (giving names) employed on the permanent staff of the Harbours and Rivers Department, stating by whom appointed; and the same particulars as to the temporary staff of the Department.

(2.) The length of service, rate of pay, and allowances received by each.

(3.) The number of cadets (giving names), and the rates of pay they receive.

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- (4.) The premium (if any) paid by or for each such cadet, and to whom paid.
 (5.) The number of civil engineers or surveyors employed by the Department for the year 1892 outside or independent of their own staff officers, giving their names, the payment made to each, and the character of the work they were engaged on.
 (6.) The same particulars in regard to Irrigation and Water Conservation Department.
 (7.) The same particulars in regard to Roads Department.

Question put and passed.

6. RAILWAY TO LONGNOSE POINT, BALMAIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a railway should be constructed to the waters of Port Jackson, at Longnose Point, Balmain.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Cruickshank.

Tellers,

Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. E. M. Clark.

Noes, 65.

Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Want,
 Sir George Dibbs,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Tegan,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Truill,
 Dr. Hollis,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Burton,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. See,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Dale,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Brunker,

Tellers,

Mr. Black,
 Mr. Newton.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. RAILWAY FROM BURWOOD ROAD TO LIVERPOOL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dale moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the line of railway proposed and being constructed to Burwood Road, should be continued to Liverpool to connect with the Southern line.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Hoyle,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Bowes,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Cruickshank.

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. Dale.

Noes, 56.

Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Lonsdale,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Gould,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Want,
 Sir George Dibbs,
 Mr. Tegan,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. See,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Jeanneret,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Truill,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Cotton,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Newton,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. A'Beckett,

Tellers,

Dr. Hollis,
 Mr. Waddell.

And so it passed in the negative.

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8. POSTPONEMENTS:—

(1.) Sir George Dibbs moved, That Government Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3, be postponed to follow Order No. 4, for the second reading of the Municipal Loans Extension Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 76.

Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Massall,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Kelly,

Mr. Scott,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,
Mr. York,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Gaillard,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Tellers,
Mr. Willis,
Dr. Ross.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Black,
Dr. Hollis,
Tellers,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Murphy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

- (1.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amending Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 26th May.
- (2.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday, 19th May.
- (3.) Municipal Wharves Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 26th May.
- (4.) Masters and Servants Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 26th May.
- (5.) Trust Property Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Tuesday next.
- (6.) Workmens Combination Laws Declaration Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 26th May.

9. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Metz, county of Sandon, in connection with the formation of a public road from Armidale to Hillgrove.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Peters, county of Cumberland, in connection with a public road from Campbelltown to Wedderburn.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Illaroo, county of Camden, in connection with the Nowra water supply.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Sutherland, county of Cumberland, in connection with the establishment of a general cemetery at Sutherland.
- (5.) Report on proposed canals south of the Murrumbidgee River.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Hospital at Victoria Barracks.

Ordered to be printed.

10. MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir George Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

11.

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11th May, 1893.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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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 before Five o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 12 MAY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Easter Encampment:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total amount paid for cartage and horse-hire in connection with the Easter Encampments of 1890 and 1891 respectively?

(2.) Were public tenders called for these services; and, if so, who were the successful tenderers, and the amounts of their tenders?

(3.) What was the amount paid as extras in each year over and above the amount of the contract? Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information asked for shall be furnished in the shape of a return if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way.

- (2.) Coroners' Juries:—Mr. Chapman asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he the power to authorise coroners to summon juries of five only, instead of as at present summoning twelve?

(2.) If so, will he, in the interest of retrenchment, and to save the time and inconvenience of thousands of jurymen, cause a circular to be issued to coroners, directing them to summon five only, excepting in cases which shall appear to be of special importance?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) No.

(2.) By section 34 of the Jury Act, 11 Vic. No. 20, discretion is given to the Coroner to swear a jury of any number not less than five persons, but this can only be done in thinly populated places, where it would be impossible to obtain a jury of twelve. The Bill now before the Assembly for the abolition of coroners' juries will save over £3,000 a year in this direction without impairing in any way the efficiency of coronial inquiries.

- (3.) Telegraph Line between Goulburn and Braidwood:—Mr. Chapman asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the cost of repairs now being made to the telegraph line between Goulburn and Braidwood?

(2.) What is the reason that work of this character is not let by public tender?

(3.) When other lines require repairing will he call for tenders and thus leave the work open for public competition?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Estimated cost, £196.

(2.) The nature of the alterations and repairs was such that only experienced men could carry out the work without causing inconvenience to the Department. Tenders were therefore obtained from the most reliable contractors, and the lowest was accepted.

(3.) Yes; where the interests of the service will not suffer.

- (4.) Land resumed at Michelago:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the return relative to compensation money paid for land resumed at Michelago, and the expenditure of public money there, as referred to in a recent Question asked of him, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will presently lay the return upon the Table.

(5.)

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(5.) Customs Duties:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the present high spirit duties are leading to smuggling, and to the manufacture and sale of deleterious compounds, and consequent loss of revenue; will he consider the expediency of reducing the present duty to 8s. or 10s. the gallon?

Mr. See answered,—I do not think there is any smuggling of spirits worth mentioning. The manufacture and sale of deleterious compounds is independent of the duties charged, but a high rate of duty encourages the use of inferior articles and substitutes.

(6.) Retrenchment in Railway Department:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) With respect to the recent statement in the press to the effect that the Railway Commissioners were about to make radical alterations in regard to their numerous employees, will he say (first) what are the radical alterations or changes referred to; (second) and what are the causes of such proposed changes?

(2.) Do the changes mean further dismissals of men or reduced time; and has the closing of any non-paying lines been suggested in the matter?

Mr. See answered,—The railway earnings for four weeks in April decreased £28,500, and if this rate of decrease continues the Commissioners will of necessity have to make a material reduction in the working expenses. They are, however, very averse to any large dismissals of men, preferring to retain as many of the employees as possible, even if they have to put them on shorter time. This was carried out some time ago in connection with the railway workshops, and on the tramways, and should the traffic unfortunately still further decrease, the Commissioners would prefer continuing this policy. With regard to the non-profitable lines, the Commissioners would point out that the loss arises in having to provide interest on the capital outlay, and the capital burden would remain the same whether the lines were opened or closed; if closed, the roads would fall into such a state of disrepair that a large expenditure would require to be incurred before they could again be opened for traffic. The cost of working these lines is being reduced as much as possible.

(7.) Warden in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that, in accordance with the Government plan of retrenchment, one of the warders in Darlinghurst Gaol is to be made overseer of the men employed in the gaol garden?

(2.) Will this office be a sinecure, and will the only duty devolving upon the superintendent be to watch four prisoners employed keeping the plots in the gaol yard in order?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—No.

(8.) Pilot Service:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the annual tonnage in and out of Port Jackson, exclusive of coasting vessels?

(2.) What is the annual tonnage, in and out, on which pilot charges are made, and the amount received?

(3.) What is the total cost of the pilot service for Port Jackson, including the working expenses of the steamers engaged in that service?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The tonnage for 1892 was: Inward, 1,896,677 tons; outward, 1,594,108 tons.

(2.) Pilotage in and out for 1892 was charged on 1,300,020 tons, amounting to £21,667.

(3.) £6,415.

(9.) "Kynock" Rifle Ball-cartridges:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report, in full, of the Inspector of Musketry, as bearing upon "Kynock" solid-case M.H. rifle ball-cartridges, and the report on "Kynock" rolled-case M.H. rifle ball-cartridges?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way, the information will be supplied in the form of a return.

(10.) School Buildings:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it his intention to have any new school buildings erected during the present year?

(2.) If so (in view of the urgency of the case), will he have a new school-house erected at Collarendabri?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; the matter is now engaging my attention.

2. GOULBURN AND CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Rose* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise William Monie, the younger, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to construct and maintain a railway from a point to be determined on, about one mile on the Sydney side of the Goulburn Railway Station, on the Great Southern Railway, in the Colony aforesaid, over, across, and along the route described in the Schedule to the said Bill, being a distance of about thirty-four miles to Crookwell, via Wollondilly River; thence for about seven miles in a northerly direction; thence north-westerly to Woodhouselee to the Government township of McAlister; and thence across the head of the Wollondilly River to the town of Crookwell, in the county of Argyle; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said railway; and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, and other things for hire for the public generally. Question put and passed.

(2.)

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- (2.) Mr. Rose 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 authorise William Monie, the younger, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to construct and maintain a Railway from a point to be determined on, about one mile on the Sydney side of the Goulburn Railway Station, on the Great Southern Railway, in the Colony aforesaid, over, across, and along the route described in the Schedule to the said Bill, being a distance of about thirty-four miles to Crookwell, via Wollondilly River; thence for about seven miles in a northerly direction; thence northwesterly to Woodhouselee to the Government township of McAlister; and thence across the head of the Wollondilly River to the town of Crookwell, in the county of Argyle; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Railway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, and other things for hire for the public generally,"—read a first time.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bay Road Railway Station Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
4. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-MOUNTED SERGEANT OF POLICE:—Mr. Darnley, 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 12th April, 1893, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return respecting expenditure, &c., in connection with land resumed at Michelago.
Ordered to be printed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Neild rising to move the adjournment of the House.—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the necessity "that exists for making provision, before the close of the present Session, to alleviate the industrial "distress that is likely to arise during the coming winter."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Point of Order:—Mr. Cann drew Mr. Speaker's attention to the fact that a similar Motion had been discussed by the House on the 8th February last, and requested his ruling on the subject.
Mr. Speaker said that under the Standing Orders of the House of Commons relating to these Motions for the adjournment of the House it was clearly laid down, and he had previously ruled in accordance therewith, that the same subject could not be twice proposed for discussion in the same Session. In the present case the two Motions referred to were almost identical in terms, and this one was, therefore, distinctly out of order.
7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from Thomas Kench Chairman of a public meeting held at Watson's Bay, representing that the common sale of intoxicating liquors is the cause of manifold and grave evils to this Colony; and praying that the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill may, without delay, be passed into law, and without providing compensation.
Petition received.
8. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE 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,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 MAY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Warder Kelly:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) What was the amount deducted from Warder Kelly (now retired) during the years 1884, 1885, and 1886, in connection with the monthly payments made to him on account of wages?
 (2.) What were the reasons for such deduction, and has the same practice prevailed in all cases?

Mr. See answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—The Comptroller-General of Prisons informs me as follows:—

- (1.) That during the period referred to, £69 12s. was deducted from Warder Kelly's wages for pay to substitutes, and £6 15s. 8d. for the Superannuation Fund.
 (2.) That the first deduction was made as proportionate contributions towards payment of substitutes employed during sickness, in accordance with the rule which applies to all warders in the Prison Service.

- (2.) Pharmacy Bill:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that New South Wales is the only British Colony without a Pharmacy Act?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Pharmacy Bill during the present Session or at an early date?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the present Colonial Treasurer promised the Pharmacy Board to introduce a Pharmacy Bill as long since as twelve months ago?
 (4.) Is it a fact that under the existing "Sale and Use of Poisons Act" (40 Vic. No. 8), a number of qualified men who are entitled to practise in the other colonies, and all over the world, are debarred in this Colony from following their profession legally?
 (5.) Is it a fact that at the present time any unqualified person may compound and sell medicines (containing poisons) to the public with impunity, and that such persons assume the title of chemist and druggist?
 (6.) Is it a fact that the Government have in their employ several unregistered men acting as dispensers?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) It is believed that all the principal British Colonies except New South Wales possess Pharmacy Acts.
 (2.) Yes; at an early date.
 (3.) Yes; the Bill is now in the hands of the Parliamentary Draftsman.
 (4.) Yes; I am informed so.
 (5.) Yes.
 (6.) Yes.

- (3.) Railway Surveyors:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it permitted that railway surveyors in the field are allowed to employ their young sons as chainmen, paying them the same wages as men?
 (2.) What are the salary and allowances paid to the railway surveyors in the field, and the wages to the chainmen?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No regulation is in existence dealing with this subject, but I have ascertained that in the case of one surveyor he employs his son, a youth of about 19, as chainman, and in three or four other cases persons are employed of the same name as the surveyors. It is not known whether they are sons of those officers, but probably they are relatives. There has not, however, been time to make the necessary inquiries. I do not know there is any objection to this practice, provided that the persons employed are fit for their work.

(2.) The salaries of the surveyors range from £250 to £400; the allowances are usually £225 per annum, but sometimes less according to circumstances. The wages paid to surveyors' chainmen are 6s. per day; foreman, 7s. per day.

(4.) Proposed Institute of Accountants:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he state at what stage has arrived the consideration of the application of the proposed Institute of Accountants for registration under section 54 of the Act 37 Victoria No. 19?

(2.) Have the promoters of the proposed Institute been requested to amend the clause relating to qualifications of future members in the memorandum and articles submitted for registration; if so, will he state the nature of their reply?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The opinion being held that before registration the memorandum and articles of the Association should be revised, a communication is to be addressed to the applicants.

(5.) Gold-mining Leases in the Moruya District:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Chapman*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of gold-mining leases within a radius of 15 miles of Mogo, in the Moruya District?

(2.) How many men should be employed on these leases to fulfil the labour conditions?

(3.) How many of these leases are now under suspension of labour?

(4.) Is it a fact that some of them are eighteen months in arrear with their rent; and, if so, why have they not been cancelled?

(5.) Is he aware that working miners are waiting for these leases to be cancelled, so that they may obtain block claims and work them?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Nineteen leases in force, mostly issued within the last twelve months.

(2.) Eighty-six men.

(3.) None, as far as is known in the Department.

(4.) No; the rent is fully paid in every case but one, and this lease is in course of cancellation.

(5.) No; in two cases where leases have been reported the lessees have been called upon to show cause.

(6.) Cost of Lighting Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Fuller* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What is the cost of lighting Darlinghurst Gaol and the Court-house with gas?

(2.) Would it not be desirable and more economical to substitute the electric light?

(3.) Will he call for any papers which may have been prepared regarding the above subject?

Mr. Sce answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) The cost of lighting and heating Darlinghurst Gaol during the year 1892 was £1,249 11s. 4d. The cost of lighting and heating rooms in the Court-house, inclusive of the gas used in the cooking stoves, is estimated by the Sheriff at between £30 and £40 per annum.

(2.) I am informed upon reliable authority that it would be more economical to substitute the electric light, but the cost of the installation would be considerable, and there are no funds to which this expenditure could be charged.

(3.) The whole subject is now under consideration.

(7.) Inspector of Water Bore at Coonamble:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The name of the person acting as inspector of the water-boring contract at Coonamble?

(2.) The amount of his salary?

(3.) What are his exact duties?

(4.) Is the manner in which these duties are discharged, and the time occupied in their discharge, worth the amount paid to the inspector?

(5.) Has he to attend to or inspect any other bore?

(6.) The total sum already expended in connection with the Coonamble bore, and with what result?

(7.) Is he aware that this bore has involved, and will further involve, an extravagant expenditure of public money?

(8.) Will he take steps to cancel the contract and get rid of the inspector, or find some real work for him to do to entitle him to the large salary he receives?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) George William Townsend.

(2.) £5 per week.

(3.) Supervision of the contract of Mr. T. J. MacWilliam for the supply of well casing, and the contract of Mr. Grainger Barton for the sinking of the bore at Coonamble. Careful microscopic examination of the material passed through is also being made by Mr. Townsend.

(4.) No exception has been taken to the manner in which Mr. Townsend's duties are discharged. The time occupied in their discharge is limited by the time allotted for the contracts. The rate of pay is not high when the importance of the duties is considered.

(5.) Not at present, but, in all probability, very shortly other bores will be put down.

(6.)

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(6.) The amount expended up to date is £641 1s. 3d. The depth bored, as per the last report, dated the 6th instant, was 460 feet, and the portion of this lined with 10-inch casing was 271 feet, below which, to 301 feet, there was 8-inch casing. The salt water at first met with has been successfully shut off, and fresh water has risen in the bore to within 100 feet from the surface of the ground.

(7.) No; the construction of the bore is being carried out under the two contracts mentioned, and as the maximum amounts of these contracts are fixed there is no room for extravagant expenditure.

(8.) As the bore, if successful, will not only supply the town of Coonamble, but also prove the presence of artesian water in that district, it would be most injudicious to stop the work.

(8.) Seizure of Fishermen's Nets at Watson's Bay :—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has inquiry been made relative to the alleged irregularities in connection with seizure of fishermen's nets at Watson's Bay?

(2.) What is the result of such inquiry?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries :—

(1.) The Commissioners are not aware of any irregularities in connection with the seizure of nets at Watson's Bay.

(2.) No inquiry has, so far as the Commissioners are aware, been asked for.

2. MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the powers of Municipal Councils to borrow moneys, and to validate certain loans.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers of Municipal Councils to borrow moneys, and to validate certain loans,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1893.*

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill, reported; adoption of report.

(3.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

(4.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

(2.) The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lees, for the second reading of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill, postponed until Thursday next.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting pictures recently prepared by the Government Printer for the Chicago Exposition.

(2.) Return respecting cost of Broken Hill Strike.

(3.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Divorce Jurisdiction.

(4.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction.

Ordered to be printed.

(5.) Return to an Address adopted on 24th February, 1892,—“Release of Prisoners.”

(6.) Return to an Address adopted on 22nd February, 1893,—“Case of Charles Lowe, convicted ‘of conspiracy.’”

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd May, 1893,—“Water Conservation Department.”

(2.) Amended return respecting Department of Agriculture.

Ordered to be printed.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL :—Mr. Kidd presented a Petition from the office-bearers of the Petersham and District Ministerial Association, representing that they believe that manifold and grave evils arise in this Colony through intoxicating drink ; and praying that electorates may have power conceded to them to protect themselves by the passing of a Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill to prevent the issue of new licenses, to reduce the number of licenses, and to enact prohibition. Petition received.

6. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK :—Mr. Dowel, as Chairman, brought up the Final 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 29th November, 1892; together with Appendix. Ordered to be printed.

7. SILVICULTURE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, “That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, “without delay, take such steps as may be necessary to promote the establishment of silk-growing “as a permanent industry.”

Upon which Mr. Cullen had moved, “That this Debate be now adjourned,”—

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And the Question being again proposed,—
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Wright,
 Mr. John Wilkinson,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Cullen,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Newman,
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
 Dr. Cullen,
 Mr. Jeanneret,
 Mr. Garvan,
 Mr. McCredie,
 Mr. Sharp.

Tellers,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Cruickshank,
 Mr. Hoyle,
 Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Hayes,
 Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Haasull,
 Mr. Want,
 Mr. Hindle,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Edden,
 Mr. Traill,

Tellers,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Dowel.

And so it passed in the negative.
 Original Question then put and negatived.

8. LAW PRACTITIONERS 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 it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

- (1.) Gunnedah School of Arts Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “An Act to declare the trusts of the site of the Gunnedah School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Gunnedah, and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease, and for other purposes,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th May, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

- (2.) Conspiracy and Protection of Property Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “An Act for amending the law relating to Conspiracy, and to the Protection of Property, and to the use of violence, threats, and molestation,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th May, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

CONSPIRACY

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CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th May, 1893.

ADOLPIUS P. CLAPIN,

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "whereas it is desirable to amend the law relating to "Conspiracy and to the Protection of Property".

Page 1, Preamble, line 2. *Omit* "therefore"

Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *After* "crime" *insert* "Nothing in this section above contained shall apply to cases in which persons shall be gathered together in furtherance of any trade dispute in such numbers as shall, irrespectively of actual crime, be calculated to cause intimidation, or to restrain or hinder any person in the free and undisturbed disposal of his labour as he shall think fit, or in procuring or performing any lawful engagement, or doing any lawful work."

Page 2. *After* clause 1 *insert* the following new clause:—

2. Where a person employed by the Government of the Colony or any public body or corporation or any individual or municipal authority or by any company or contractor upon whom is imposed by Act of Parliament the duty, or who have otherwise assumed the duty, of supplying any city, borough, town, or place, or any part thereof, with gas or water, wilfully and maliciously breaks a contract of service with that authority or company or contractor, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his so doing, either alone or in combination with others, will be to deprive the inhabitants of that city, borough, town, place, or part, wholly or to a great extent, of their supply of gas or water, he shall on conviction thereof by a Court of summary jurisdiction, or on indictment as hereinafter mentioned, be liable either to pay a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds or to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding twelve months, with or without hard labour. Such Government or public body or corporation or individual or municipal authority, company, or contractor as is mentioned in this section shall cause to be posted up at the gas-works or water-works, as the case may be, belonging to such authority or company or contractor, a printed copy of this section, in some conspicuous place where the same may be conveniently read by the persons employed, and as often as such copy becomes defaced, obliterated, or destroyed, shall cause it to be renewed with all reasonable despatch. If any public body or corporation or any individual or any municipal authority or company or contractor make default in complying with the provisions of this section in relation to such notice as aforesaid, they or he shall incur on summary conviction a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which such default continues, and every person who unlawfully injures, defaces, or covers up any notice so posted up as aforesaid in pursuance of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings.

Breach of contract by persons employed in supply of gas or water.

Page 2, clause 2, line 23. *Omit* "the destruction or serious injury of" *insert* "to expose"

Page 2, clause 2, line 24. *After* "personal" *insert* "to destruction or serious injury"

Page 2, clause 2, line 26. *Omit* "twenty" *insert* "one hundred"

Page 2, clause 2, line 27. *Omit* "three" *insert* "twelve"

Page 2, clause 2, line 27. *After* "labour" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "Upon the trial of any person under this section if the injury referred to as being the probable consequences of his action shall have occurred within twenty-four hours of the breach of contract complained of, the occurrence of such injury within such time shall be *prima facie* evidence that the accused knew and had reasonable cause to believe that the same would be the probable consequences of his breach of contract."

Page 2, clause 3. *After* subsection (1) *insert* the following new subsection:—" (ii) Persistently follows such other person about from place to place, or"

Page 2, clause 3, line 49. *After* "labour" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 3, clause 5, line 15. *After* "recovered" *insert* "before any Stipendiary or Police Magistrate"

Page 3, clause 5, line 16. *Omit* "Summary Jurisdiction Act" *insert* "the Acts in force for the time being for the regulation of appeals from summary convictions"

Page 3, clause 6, line 19. At end of clause *add* "whereby certain Acts are repealed."

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.

(3.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER.—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 and the Municipalities Act Amendment Act of 1892,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 16th May, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

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

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY, 1893.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY AND NAVAL ESTIMATES:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor,
Administering the Government.

Message No. 17.

The Lieutenant-Governor requests the return to him of that portion of the Estimates-in-Chief for 1893 having reference to the provisions for Military, Naval, and Torpedo Defences generally, General Staff, and Warlike Stores, with a view to the substitution of an amended Estimate in lieu thereof.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th May, 1893.

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

2. AMENDED MILITARY AND NAVAL ESTIMATES:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor,
Administering the Government.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying amended Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1893 having reference to the provisions for Military, Naval, and Torpedo Defences generally.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th May, 1893.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Weights and Measures Inquiry Commission:—Mr. Morgan asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) In connection with the recent inquiry into the administration of the Weights and Measures Act, is it a fact that a great many of the recommendations made by the Board were taken from two documents handed in during the inquiry, which were not included among the annexures printed with the Board's report, recently presented to Parliament, namely, letter from the Chamber of Commerce, dated 7th April, 1891 (copy of which was handed the Board by the Chamber), and a circular, in print, issued prior to, and handed in as an exhibit with other printed matter during the inquiry by the secretaries of the Fuel Merchants Association?

(2.) Was the Board in receipt of a number of letters from mercantile traders of Sydney, regarding the ability of the present Inspector of Weights and Measures?

(3.) If so, why were they not printed as annexures in the same way as the exhibits tendered to the Board by the scalemakers?

Mr.

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Mr. See answered.—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) I am informed by the gentleman who acted as Chairman of the Board of Inquiry that some of the recommendations of the Board were, after careful consideration, accepted from the documents referred to. The Board received a letter from the Secretary of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce on 7th February last, enclosing a copy of letter previously addressed to the Minister of Justice, on 9th April, 1891, and it is now with the other correspondence received by the Board. A draft Bill handed in as an exhibit by the Fuel Merchants Association was printed as exhibit marked 2X, to the report of the Board. No circular was handed in with this exhibit. It was part of the duty of the Board to receive suggestions or recommendations from any person who desired to offer them, and after consideration to place them in order for the information of the Minister.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Because they were not regarded as exhibits, as they were not handed in as such by persons making statements before the Board. The exhibits tendered by the scalemakers were receipts and other official documents directly concerning the working of the Weights and Measures Office.

(2.) Pilotage Rates:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he promised a joint deputation from the Chambers of Commerce of Sydney and Newcastle, about eighteen months ago, that he would without delay bring in a Bill to reduce the exorbitant rates of pilotage then (and now) levied at those ports?

(2.) What steps have been taken to give effect to that promise?

(3.) Will the Government take into their immediate consideration the desirableness of at once reducing such rates under executive authority pending the passing of the legislation promised?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) A promise to this effect was made to the deputation referred to.

(2.) A Bill has been prepared accordingly.

(3.) The Government does not deem it advisable to interfere with the rates until the law is altered.

(3.) Water-proof Clothing to Tram Conductors:—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the practice to allow water-proof clothing to tram conductors?

(2.) When is the next issue to take place?

(3.) Will he, in view of the prevailing wet weather, see there is no delay?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed it is the practice to issue water-proof clothing to tram conductors once in two years to each conductor. The issue is made in September in each year.

(4.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is a fact that, exclusive of the special subsidy of £100,000 to the Superannuation Fund, other sums, aggregating £100,000, have been disbursed from the Consolidated Revenue in the form of gratuities and abatements to Civil Servants?

(2.) Is it his intention to further subsidise the fund, so as to make it actuarially solvent?

(3.) If not, will he take a plebiscite vote of the Civil Service as to whether the Act shall be repealed or not?

(4.) Is he aware that 50 per cent. of the younger members of the Service, on actuarial grounds, can obtain no benefit from the Act?

(5.) Is it not a fact that no employee upon leaving the Service can sell out his or her interest in the fund on a conditional surrender loss?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Act has been solely framed in the interest of elderly Civil Servants?

(7.) Is he aware that the 54th section (part 6) of the Act provides, "That if on any triennial investigation the contributions, at the rate of 4 per cent., together with the amount contributed from the Consolidated Revenue, shall appear to be insufficient for the maintenance of the scale of superannuation allowances and gratuities hereinbefore provided, then the Governor may, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, make a *pro rata* reduction in all such superannuation allowances and gratuities, and such reduction shall apply to the future payments of such as shall have been already granted, as well as those which may in future be granted"?

(8.) Is it his intention to carry out the provision of the above-mentioned section by reducing all pensions already granted, as well as prospective pensions?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter shall receive full consideration at the hands of the Government.

(5.) Tender for Westinghouse Brake Gear:—*Mr. Fegan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the tender (if any) called for by the Commissioners for Railways for the erection of the Westinghouse brake gear?

(2.) Were tenders publicly called for this work; if so, what firms competed besides Imray and Company?

(3.) For what number of trucks were tenders called?

(4.) Will he produce copies of the contract, specifications, and schedule of prices paid by the Department?

(5.) Is Mr. Imray, one of the contractors, identical with Mr. Imray, agent for the Westinghouse Brake Company (Limited), who supplied the Commissioners with the patent parts?

(6.) Is Mr. W. M. Noakes, another of the contractors, identical with Mr. W. M. Noakes, agent for Sir John Fowler and Sons, England?

(7.) Has this firm been given any trucks to fit outside their original contract; if so, how many, and of what class, and at what price per truck?

(8.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners have granted this firm shed accommodation free of cost, and allowed workshops and a store-house to be built on the Commissioners' property in Redfern goods yard, free of rent?

(9.) Is it a fact that the ironwork used by the contractors for fitting the gear to the trucks is imported; if so, by what firm is it made, and what inspection is it subjected to, and by whom?

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(10.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners have received an offer from another party to erect the brake, under the same conditions as Imray & Co., on 5,000 trucks of the D class, at a saving to the Department of £10,000; if so, why was the offer not accepted?

(11.) Will copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with this offer be laid upon the Table?

(12.) Is the Westinghouse Brake Company (Limited), of London, responsible for the efficient erection of the brake gear by Imray & Co., the contractors?

Mr. See answered,—There will be no objection on my part to comply with the request if it is moved for in the usual way; but, in order that no misunderstanding may arise, it may be at once stated that Mr. W. M. Noakes is not connected in any way with Sir John Fowler, the Consulting Engineer to the Colony.

(6.) Business of Land Board at Orange:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that many selectors are put to great and serious inconvenience owing to the delay of the Land Board at Orange in dealing with their cases?

(2.) Is it not a fact that a large number of cases and quantity of business is now waiting to be dealt with by the Board, some of the cases awaiting to be confirmed for over twelve months?

(3.) Will he see that steps are taken by the Board to hold meetings at shorter intervals at the various centres of population, viz., Molong, Cudal, Canowindra, and Cumnock, so that selectors may not be kept so long in a state of suspense over their selections?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware that such is the case.

(3.) Inquiry will be made as to the necessity for holding meetings of the Land Board, at shorter intervals, at the various centres of population.

(7.) Case of Patrick Brown and Party:—Mr. Want asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that on February, 1892, a Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of one Patrick Brown and party, and their interests in certain gold and other mineral leases, brought up a report in favour of the said Patrick Brown and party, assessed his total loss at £12,928 17s.?

(2.) Do the Government intend to carry out the report as adopted by the House; if so, why has not that amount been placed on the Estimates for this year?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I am aware that in February, 1892, a Select Committee, appointed to inquire into the case of one Patrick Brown and party, brought up a report recommending his case to the favourable consideration of the Government, but I am not aware that such Committee assessed Mr. Brown's loss at £12,928 17s. It appears, however, that an interested witness endeavoured to build up a claim to that amount. The Government has no present intention of paying any such amount; the papers, however, which are very ancient and somewhat voluminous, will be looked into during the coming recess, with a view of ascertaining whether Mr. Brown has any valid claim to reasonable compensation.

(8.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government before the expiration of the present Session to make provision against aggravation of the present distress and lack of employment by passing a Bill to inaugurate a system of assisted condensed settlement upon the land?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government is not unmindful of the existing distress, and will give due consideration to measures for its relief.

(9.) Fines imposed on Conditional Purchasers:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the fact that conditional purchasers doing business with the suspended Banks are unable to draw upon their funds in those institutions, will he forego the 5 and 10 per cent. fines charged when payments are not made in due time?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to my reply to a somewhat similar Question asked by the Member for the Namoi (Mr. Sheldon) on the 4th instant. That Answer was as follows:—Any application for an extension of time for payment of any moneys due to the Crown by Crown lessees and others will be dealt with on its merits, after due inquiry, if accompanied by a statutory declaration that the applicant has funds locked up in a temporarily suspended Bank, which would otherwise be available.

4. CARTAGE AND HORSE-HIRE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EASTER ENCAMPMENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The total amount paid for cartage and horse-hire in connection with the Easter encampments of 1890 and 1891 respectively.

(2.) The names of the successful tenderers in each instance with the amounts of such tenders.

(3.) The amount paid in extras over and above the contract price in each year.

Question put and passed.

5. VILLAGE AND INDUSTRIAL SETTLEMENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the report of Mr. Lewis on Village and Industrial Settlements as conducted in New Zealand and Victoria.

Question put and passed.

6. BANKING AND COMMERCIAL CRISIS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and reports of interviews between the Government and the various Banks, having reference to the present commercial crisis.

Question put and passed

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7. MOUNT BROWN GOLD-MINE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the Mount Brown Gold-mine, referred to in a Question recently asked of the Minister of Public Instruction.
Question put and passed.

POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill, reported ; adoption of report ;—until Tuesday next.
- (3.) Trust Property Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments :—until Tuesday next.
- (4.) Parliamentary Refreshment Room ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. D. Clark ;—until Tuesday, 30th May.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. G. D. Clark, rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "to urge upon the Government the necessity of taking immediate steps with a view to setting "apart by resumption, or otherwise, certain areas of land for the purpose of establishing village "settlements."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Clark moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

10. INTRODUCTION OF AFGHANS AND CAMELS INTO THIS COLONY :—Mr. Cann (*by consent*) presented a Petition from certain residents of Broken Hill, Silverton, Wilcannia, and surrounding districts, praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that the House will take immediate action against the unlimited ingress of Afghans and camels into the Colony of New South Wales.
Petition received.
11. BAY ROAD RAILWAY STATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne 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. Lyne, 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. Lyne (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

13. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 MAY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Fish supplied to Sydney Market from Lake Illawarra :—Mr. Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 - (1.) How many baskets of fish have been sent to the Sydney market from Lake Illawarra each year since the establishment of the Fisheries Commission?
 - (2.) What was the yearly and total value of the fish so supplied during the said period?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked for.
- (2.) Stock Inspector, Urana :—*Mr. Hayes*, for Mr. Gormly, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What decision has he arrived at in regard to the removal of the Stock Inspector from Urana?

Mr. Slattery answered.—To meet the views of stock-owners at Jerilderie and Urana a temporary Inspector has been placed at Jerilderie.
- (3.) Weights and Measures Inquiry Commission :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Attorney-General,—
 - (1.) Referring to Answer to Question No. 1, on Tuesday, 2nd instant, if no documents produced as exhibits at the inquiry into weights and measures administration were kept back, why were those referred to in lines 1 and 2 of page 12 of the printed return not included?
 - (2.) What statements were made when the Board visited R. Wedderburn's establishment; what was the precise object and result of the visit; and was the inspector invited to attend?
 - (3.) Is there any objection to tabling all correspondence leading up to the inquiry?
 - (4.) In view of his promises of 28th February and 2nd May, will he expedite the preparation of the further returns?
 - (5.) If it is a fact, as stated in the Answer to Question No. 1, on the 2nd May, that no witnesses were called to give evidence for or against the inspector, and why did the Board send a request to a witness to attend and give evidence in support of a statement against the inspector, as shown on lines 8 and 9 of page 4 of the Board's report?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—With reference to Questions Nos. 1, 2, and 5, I am informed by the gentleman who acted as Chairman of the Board of Inquiry :—

(1.) That the members of the Board did not regard the list and statement mentioned as exhibits, as they proposed to examine the inspector verbally about the matter to which they referred; and Mr. Evans was so examined, and stated the number of weighing machines, &c., examined, and fees received by him during each of the three preceding years, such statement appearing on page 26 of the Board's report.

(2.) That, as no information was obtained, no record was kept by the Board of what took place when they visited R. Wedderburn's establishment. The object of the visit was to inspect the place generally, as Mr. Wedderburn had invited them to do so. The Inspector of Weights and Measures was not asked to attend.

(3.) There will be no objection to lay these papers upon the Table of the House if it is considered that they are of sufficient importance, and called for in the usual manner.

(4.) Ycs.

(5.)

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(5.) That the Board did not send a request to a witness to attend and give evidence in support of a statement against the inspector, but a witness named Edward Moore, assistant in the employ of Mr. C. C. Cullen, having made a statement that Mr. Cullen had bought some scales for £2 2s. from the Inspector of Weights and Measures, the Board, with a view of eliciting the truth regarding the matter, and in fairness to Mr. Evans, requested Mr. Moore to ask Mr. Cullen to appear personally before them so that they, as well as Mr. Evans, might have an opportunity of questioning Mr. Cullen. Mr. Cullen, however, did not appear, but sent a written statement to the Board when sitting, and the person who brought it was informed that no notice could be taken of such statement.

(4.) Official Records, and History of the Colony :—Mr. Inglis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Board appointed to supervise the publication of the Official Records and History of this Colony has been relieved of its functions?
- (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to proceed further with the issue in printed form of the records now being collated by Mr. James Bonwick, in London?
- (3.) Has any appointment been made of a successor to the late Alexander Britten, as Official Historian?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) It is not the fact that the Board has been relieved of its functions, but the Members have been informed that it has been decided to temporarily suspend their functions as soon as the text of Vol. II has been finally revised. I may explain that after the publication of the second volume there will be a cessation in the writing of the History during a period of two or three years, which will be devoted to the editing of the Historical Records, for the purpose of which an advisory Board is not considered necessary.

(2 and 3.) It is not proposed to appoint an "Official Historian" for some time.

(5.) Dredge "Dorus":—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the sand-pump dredge "Dorus" has been removed from the Myall River to Newcastle?
- (2.) Upon whose recommendation was she removed, and for what purpose?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that work of very great public importance was being done by the said dredge on the Myall River?
- (4.) Was the said work completed?
- (5.) Is the removal of a temporary or permanent character?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) (a) The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers; (b) to perform some very necessary deepening of the lower flats of the Hunter River, near Newcastle, which had been silted up by the recent floods.
- (3.) The work on the Myall River was not considered at the present time of so important a nature as that which the dredge is engaged upon near Newcastle.
- (4.) No; but such slow progress was being made by the "Dorus" at the Myall that it was deemed advisable to remove her and allow a grab dredge to clear away the obstructions to enable the "Dorus" to be worked to advantage subsequently.
- (5.) Temporary, for the reason just stated.

(6.) Suspended Banks :—Dr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that several of the Banks which have suspended payment have very recently declared large dividends, in one case as high as 25 per cent., will he cause careful inquiries to be made into the different proposed schemes of reconstruction in order to protect the creditors of those Banks?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The terms of reconstruction of the suspended banks are hardly within the province of the Government; but when the new Banking Bill now being prepared is submitted, full provision for the protection of the public interests will be provided.

(7.) Free Railway Passes to Distinguished Visitors :—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Railway Commissioners have placed a special train at the disposal of the Archduke of Austria and his staff, free of charge?
- (2.) If so, are the Commissioners authorised by any section of the Railway Act to permit public property, of which they are the custodians, to be used in this manner?
- (3.) Is it intended to provide free railway carriage for the Archduke and his staff throughout their stay in New South Wales?
- (4.) If so, will he obtain a return of the total cost to the country of such free carriage, and state the nature of the public services rendered by these men in return?
- (5.) In what manner is such expenditure accounted for in the annual balance-sheet of the Railway Department?

Mr. See answered,—Provision is made in the Railway Act for courtesies being extended to distinguished visitors to the Colony.

(8.) Police Superannuation Fund :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the total income of the Police Superannuation Fund for the year 1892?
- (2.) What were the total disbursements during the same period?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will shortly lay upon the Table of the House a return furnishing the information required.

(9.)

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(9.) Works referred to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What works were referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report during the last Session of Parliament?

(2.) What recommendation in respect of each of such works was made by such Committee?

(3.) Have any of such works been submitted for the approval of Parliament; if so, which?

(4.) Does he intend to submit any of such works for the approval of Parliament before the close of the present Session; if so, which?

Mr Lyne answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked; and with regard to Question No. 4, during this week that matter will be decided.

(10.) Cost of Railway Time-tables:—Mr. Fuller asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the cost of compilation and publishing the Government Time-table, New South Wales Railways, per issue?

(2.) What is the number of copies per issue distributed?

(3.) What revenue is derived from the sale of same?

(4.) What is the estimated loss (if any) per issue?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the compilation of the Railway Time Books form portion of the duties of a staff retained for general business of that character, the Time Books forming but a small portion of it. The cost of printing was £862 8s. 9d., the number of books issued being 65,215. From sales of books the sum of £214 15s. 8d. was derived. There is at present an income from advertising at the rate of £560 per annum.

(11.) Mining on Private Property Bill:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the great distress now existing and the probability of it extending during the winter, will he consider the advisability of proroguing Parliament for one week only, so as to enable the Government to reintroduce the Mining on Private Property Bill, and ensure its safe passage through the Legislative Council by some liberal appointments to that Chamber, and thus give the people of this country a chance to obtain profitable employment?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The question of the future business of Parliament will be considered by the Government during the recess.

(12.) Site for Cemetery at Sutherland:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the dedication of the proposed site for the Illawarra Suburban Cemetery at Sutherland yet been completed?

(2.) If not, what is the cause of delay (if any)?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The resumption of the land required for the cemetery has been completed, and the plan of the subdivision is now under examination. Steps will shortly be taken to appoint Trustees for the General Cemetery, and for the various denominational subdivisions.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lees, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Thursday, 25th May.

(2.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Waverley Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(4.) Homestead Protection Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 30th May.

(5.) Law Practitioners Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.

3. GOULBURN AND CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Holborow presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the city, town, and district of Goulburn, submitting their opinion that the Goulburn and Crookwell Railway, if constructed, would be advantageous to the people of that district, and tend very materially to develop its mineral and agricultural resources; and praying the House to take the Bill for the construction of this railway into favourable consideration, with a view to its becoming law as early as possible.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Police Reward and Superannuation Funds.

(2.) Return respecting Fish sent to Sydney markets from Lake Illawarra.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Mudgee, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report of the Postal and Telegraph Conference held in Brisbane, March, 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return respecting works submitted for the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on Prisons for 1892.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 28th February, 1893,—"Forestry Department."

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 10th January, 1893,—"Gold-mining leases near Britannia Reef, Forbes."

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5. BAY ROAD RAILWAY STATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. See,
Mr. Garvan,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Lyne,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Eve,

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Trail,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dickens.
Tellers,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Dr. Hollis.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Baxter,
Mr. Black,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Darley,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Scott.

Tellers,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Danahey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the opening of certain new roads and streets adjoining the Bay Road Railway Station, within the Borough of North Sydney, rendered necessary by reason of the construction of the Milson's Point Railway Extension, in lieu of certain portions of other roads and streets rendered unnecessary thereby; and to permanently close such unnecessary portions, and vest the sites thereof in the owners of the adjoining lands in full compensation for the lands taken for the new roads and streets.*”

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 authorise the opening of certain new roads and streets adjoining the Bay Road Railway Station, within the Borough of North Sydney, rendered necessary by reason of the construction of the Milson's Point Railway Extension, in lieu of certain portions of other roads and streets rendered unnecessary thereby; and to permanently close such unnecessary portions, and vest the sites thereof in the owners of the adjoining lands in full compensation for the lands taken for the new roads and streets.*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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Sydney, 18th May, 1893.

BAY ROAD RAILWAY STATION BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 18th May, 1893.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 1, lines 14 and 15. Omit “construction” insert “maintenance”

Page 2, clause 3. Omit clause 3.

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 nineteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.*FRIDAY, 19 MAY, 1893.*

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Yass Tramway:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How long has the tramway from the town of Yass to the main line been opened to the public for traffic?

(2.) What is the length of such line?

(3.) What is the average number of paying passengers, and the amount received therefrom per week?

(4.) What is the average amount received for the carriage of goods per week?

(5.) What are the working expenses per week, and the interest on cost of construction?

(6.) What is the estimated loss per annum on this line?

Mr. Sec answered,—This information will be prepared and laid on the Table of the House in the form of a return.

(2.) Members of Pharmacy Board:—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are twelve members of the Pharmacy Board, consisting of two Government officers, and ten members of the Pharmaceutical Council?

(2.) Is it a fact that two out of the twelve members of the Board have only passed the minor examination of Great Britain, whilst the Act demands the major examination; and is he aware that it is a misdemeanour, under the English Act, for a man who has only passed the minor examination to take or use the title "Pharmaceutical Chemist of Great Britain"?

(3.) Is it a fact that one member of the Board is registered as a chemist from New Zealand and Victoria (though not on the Victorian register); and is it a fact that the Board have refused to register men with New Zealand certificates, although up to the last eighteen months they admitted them?

(4.) Is it a fact that one member of the Board, though down as a member of the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales, was really in business in Queensland before the passing of the Act; and, if not, what is his qualification, and do not the Board refuse to register men who have either passed the Queensland examination or were in business there before the passing of the second Act?

(5.) Under what clause are those sixty-two members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain registered here, and are not the majority illegally on the list?

(6.) Will the Board give the names of all the pharmaceutical chemists of Great Britain; that is, those that have the major certificate of Great Britain?

(7.) Under what clause of the Poisons Act are those names down as members of the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales registered?

(8.) Is he aware that, according to the Poisons Act, the only members of the Board are the President of the Medical Board, the Medical Adviser to the Government, and two who were in business before the passing of the Sale and Use of Poisons Act; who are these last, and under what clause are they registered?

(9.) Is it a fact that the Board refuse to register men with the same qualifications as some of the Board hold?

(10.) Is it a fact that there are nine names down as chemists from other colonies or countries who are not qualified under the Sale of Poisons Act?

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(11.) Is it a fact that there are a number of names down registered as members of the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales who are really from other colonies and have not been properly registered; and do not the Board now refuse to register others with the same qualifications as these?

(12.) Will the Government ask for a return of the money collected by the Pharmaceutical Society for examination fees since the Act came into force, and see that it is handed over to the Pharmacy Board?

Mr. Slattery answered.—The Questions asked by the Honorable Member are really so ambiguous that it would be utterly impossible to answer them all categorically, but if he will move for a return, stating the information he requires, it shall be supplied with the least possible delay.

(3.) Imprisonment of William Glennie:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he ascertain from the medical authorities whether a man named William Glennie, sentenced to imprisonment on two occasions recently for having no visible means of support, is in his right mind?

Mr. Slattery answered.—This matter is being inquired into.

(4.) Mr. Poole, Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that both an inquiry and a commission upon oath were appointed to investigate certain charges made against Mr. Poole, Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton?

(2.) Has the finding been the same in both cases; and what was it?

(3.) Has it been shown that any perjury was committed by any of the parties concerned therein, or by any of the witnesses; if so, does he intend to prosecute the parties committing perjury according as the evidence shows?

(4.) What amount have the two inquiries cost?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; that Mr. Poole was directly or indirectly interested in one or more mines in this Colony.

(3.) An opinion has been expressed that perjury has been committed. The matter is under reference to the Honorable the Attorney-General to advise upon the matter.

(4.) Cost (to date) of inquiries amounts to £135 17s. 9d.

(5.) Maintenance Men and Resident Engineers:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the number of maintenance men employed on the roads in the Colony when he took office?

(2.) What are the numbers now, showing how many have been discharged?

(3.) How many, if any, resident engineers, assistant engineers, superintendents, &c., have been discharged in the country districts?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The monthly average number employed in 1891 was 1,757; in 1892, 1,853. It is impossible to say the number employed at the present time without reference to the local officers.

(2.) As maintenance men are engaged at daily rates, and are discharged or taken on as required, no return is kept.

(3.) About twenty-two resident and assistant engineers have been dispensed with; superintendents or inspectors are dealt with from time to time as the works on which they are engaged are completed.

(6.) Post Office and New South Wales Savings Banks:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government intend to amalgamate the Post Office Savings Bank and the Savings Bank of New South Wales?

(2.) If so, on what basis is it intended to conduct the business of the combined institution?

Mr. Slattery answered.—The matter is now under consideration.

(7.) Mr. W. G. Anderson, Postal Department:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that a chief booking clerk in his Department, named W. G. Anderson, is in the habit of raffling jewellery, canaries, &c., during office hours, and bringing pressure to bear upon the clerks under his control to take chances in the raffles?

(2.) Is it a fact that the practice has been reported to the heads of Departments, and that Anderson has been merely censured for the offence?

(3.) Is it a fact that Anderson is in the habit of lending money to his superior officers and others at a high rate of interest?

(4.) Will he have an inquiry made, and, if these statements are found to be true, take immediate steps to stop these pernicious practices?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1 and 2.) It was represented to me in August last that the officer named had been in the habit of getting up raffles for canaries, &c., during office hours. I reprimanded him and warned him against the objectionable practice, which he assured me would not be continued.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) Yes.

(8.) President of Land Court:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Cullen, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to some remarks by the President of the Land Court on his administration of the Rabbit Act during the recent sittings of the Court at Hay or Hillston, in a case where the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company sought to recover a contribution from him in connection with certain rabbit-proof fencing on the boundary of Roto Pastoral Holding?

(2.) If so, what action does he intend taking in the matter?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; I have read the remarks referred to by the Honorable Member. The facts of the case were very simple, and certainly did not justify the comments of the President, who announced the decision of the Court to be entirely in favour of my view of the law, and in full accord with what counsel had on my behalf contended for. The President then appears to have travelled altogether outside the only point at issue, into matters lying quite beyond the province of the Court; moreover, in these remarks the President took a mistaken view of the facts, otherwise I must conclude he did not make himself acquainted with all the circumstances of the case. The main facts were that I, as a Minister, had distinctly refused my consent to the erection of a certain fence, and was thereby protected by the Rabbit Act against the claim by the lessee for a contribution of half the cost of erecting the same. The lessee, however, ignoring this refusal, had afterwards erected the fence. In withholding my consent, certain considerations of policy were present to my mind with which the Land Appeal Court had nothing to do. Their comments were, therefore, altogether out of place, and, in any case, were entirely outside the question of law submitted for their decision.

(2.) I do not intend to take any action.

(9.) Bore at Cremorne:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government is bearing part of the expense of putting down a bore to a depth of about 3,000 feet to search for coal on the private land of a syndicate at Cremorne?
- (2.) Is a Government diamond-drill engaged on this work?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a previous bore, of 2,800 feet deep, made in the same locality, for this syndicate by the same Government drill, failed to find payable coal?
- (4.) Is it a fact that some tools were recently dropped down the hole, and that a depth of 1,900 feet had to be bored over again at the cost of the Government?
- (5.) What are the terms and conditions of the agreement between the syndicate and the Government?
- (6.) Is any money now due by the syndicate to the Government; if so, what is the amount?
- (7.) Will the Government grant the use of the diamond-drills to miners in the country districts on the same terms?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Aid has been granted out of the Prospecting Vote to search for coal at Cremorne. The bore is on private land, but the object is to prove the existence of workable coal under a very large area of Crown land.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The coal at the point pierced by the drill was coked.
- (4.) No; but a portion of the rods became unscrewed owing to the great depth, and the bore had to be reamed to recover them.
- (5.) The syndicate pay for the boring, and also pay for fuel and water.
- (6.) Yes; £360 13s. 3d., against which the Department holds a deposit of £200, and some money is due to the syndicate from the Prospecting Vote.
- (7.) Yes.

2. ILLEGITIMACY DISABILITY REMOVAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. See,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Johnston,	Tellers,
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Neild.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kelly,
Tellers,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Sharp.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to legitimize the issue born before marriage of parents subsequently married.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Neild 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 legitimize the issue born before marriage of parents subsequently married,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Sheldon,
 Mr. Kidd,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Alfred Allen,
 Mr. Neild,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Traill,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. Donnelly,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. Wuddell,
 Mr. Rose,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Hayes,
 Mr. Donald,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,

Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. Joseph Abbott,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Williams,
 Mr. Houghton,
 Mr. Langwell,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Rae,
 Mr. Newman,
 Mr. Hutchinson.
Tellers,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Young,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Fuller,
 Mr. Eve,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Sharp,
 Mr. Kelly.
Tellers,
 Mr. Frank Farnell,
 Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Friday, 2nd June.
- (2.) Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
- (3.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.

4. 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 Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, “to draw attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the ‘imprisonment of the two Hoods, convicted of manslaughter.’” 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.

5. APPRENTICES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Houghton 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. Houghton, 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. Houghton (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. SAINT FRANCIS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, “‘That’ this Bill be ‘now read a second time,’”—
 And the Question being again proposed,—
 Mr. Neild 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 referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.”
 “(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Cullen, Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.”
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.
 Question,—That the words 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. Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Clarke (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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7. BIRDS PROTECTION BILL (*changed from*) BIRDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDING 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 amended some, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lyne 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.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 MAY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Australian Agricultural Company:—*Mr. Molsworth*, for Mr. Joseph Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the amount paid by the Government to the Australian Agricultural Company for land resumed for railway purposes through the 1,000,000 acres granted to the company in or about the year 1824?

Mr. Suttor answered.—The area of land taken from the Australian Agricultural Company for railway purposes is 167 acres 1 rood 4*½* perches, for which the sum of £29,176 2s. 2d. has been paid.

(2.) Schools built of Imported Timber:—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that many of the schools in the country districts, built of imported timber, are being destroyed by white ants?

(2.) Will he in future contracts specify that the buildings must be constructed of Colonial pine or other timber which is impervious to the white ant?

(3.) Has his attention been called to the condition of the public school at Warren?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) It is not the custom of the Department to use imported timbers generally in country buildings, with the exception of Kauri pine and Californian redwood, both of which are ant-resisting timbers.

(2.) The only Colonial pine which resists the attacks of white ants is the cypress pine of the district west of the Dividing Range, and it is the custom of the Department to use that timber where practicable.

(3.) The matter has received my attention. I have obtained reports as to the condition of the school premises at Warren; but, as it appears that repairs and improvements thereto are not specially urgent, I cannot, in view of the necessity for economy in the expenditure of public funds, authorise their being carried out at present.

(3.) Garnishee Orders:—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that garnishee orders, signed by the Police Magistrate at Narrabri, were recently sent to the Secretary of the Sleeper-cutters' Union at Narrabri, requiring him to retain certain moneys in his possession belonging to George Evans and others?

(2.) Had verdicts been obtained against the above persons before these orders were issued?

(3.) Were these orders issued under an Act entitled "An Act for better securing the payment of debts to Workmen"?

(4.) Was the Police Magistrate acting according to law in issuing these orders?

(5.) If he was not, what action is intended to be taken to prevent a recurrence of similar mistakes?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—The Acting Police Magistrate at Narrabri informs me as follows:—

(1, 2, and 3.) "Garnishee orders signed by me were served on the Secretary of the Sleeper-cutters' Union, under 45 Vic. No. 27, Sec. 3, 'An Act for the better recovery of Judgment Debts in District Courts and in Courts of Petty Sessions,' not under 'An Act for the better securing the payments of debts due to Workmen,' against George Evans and others. Verdicts had been obtained against the abovenamed persons under 10 Vic. No. 10 and 55 Vic. No. 19, before these orders were issued."

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No interference in this matter would appear to be called for.

(4.)

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- (4.) Appointment of Mr. Anderson to Free Public Library:—*Mr. Houghton*, for Mr. Cotton, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it intended to appoint Mr. Anderson, late Director of Agriculture, to the position of Principal Librarian of the Free Public Library?
 - (2.) If so, for what reason are the officers of the Library to be passed over in the selection?
 - (3.) How long have each of the officers of the Library been in the Government Service, and what are their ages?
 - (4.) The same information with respect to Mr. Anderson?
 - (5.) Does not the Civil Service Act require the promotion of officers in a Department by rotation, and according to length of service?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) I may say that it is the intention of the Government to offer this position to Mr. Anderson in the event of the Principal Librarian retiring from the Service.
- (2.) It is part of the Government scheme of retrenchment that officers already in the Service should have the benefit of any vacancies that occur. I think it is quite consistent with that position to offer this post to Mr. Anderson, and I do not consider that my action in the matter casts any reflection upon anyone already employed in the Library.
- (3.)

Name.	Position.	Length of Service.	Age in 1892.
<i>Reference Library</i> —			
Walker, Robert Cooper...	Principal Librarian and Secretary	38 years	60 years.
Hawley, D. R. ...	Assistant Librarian	24 "	68 "
Gifford, G. H. ...	Cataloguing Clerk	16 "	32 "
Wright, Hugh ...	2nd Assistant Librarian	8 "	24 "
Gifford, W. H. ...	Assistant	12 "	27 "
Fox, — ...	Entry Clerk	8 "	31 "
Gannon, J. F. ...	Overseer	17 "	34 "
<i>Lending Branch</i> —			
Cullen, M. F. ...	Librarian	30 years	43 years.
Stevens, O. ...	Assistant Librarian	16 "	42 "
Hawley, E. ...	Entry Clerk	14 "	39 "
Weir, D. ...	Registrar	14 "	61 "
O'Loughlin, M. ...	Assistant	32 "	46 "

(4.) Mr. Anderson has been in the Government Service since the 6th March, 1882, and is 40 years of age.

(5.) No.

- (5.) Essay on the Codlin Moth:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Donald, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Did his Department offer a prize of £10 for the best essay on the codlin moth?
 - (2.) If so, have any essays been received by him in response to the offer?
 - (3.) Has any decision as to the merits of the essays been given?
 - (4.) If not, will he cause them to be examined, a decision arrived at, and the prize awarded?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; four.
- (3.) Yes; the prize has been awarded.
- (4.) Answered by No. 3.

- (6.) Binding of American Periodicals for Free Public Library:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that copies of books and other publications issued weekly or monthly in America, and intended for use in the Free Public Library in Sydney, are first sent to England to be bound, instead of being forwarded direct to Sydney by the steamers subsidised by the Government?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that many months delay is thus caused, apart from the inconvenience to the public, when such publications are of a scientific nature?
 - (3.) What sums of money have been paid to Kirburn & Co., of London, or other firms, for such binding and rebinding during the last five years?
 - (4.) Is he aware that the Government Printing Office in this Colony contains every appliance necessary for the binding of such publications, and that a large number of competent bookbinders are at present unemployed?
 - (5.) Is it not a fact that the binding of such publications could be as cheaply done in this Colony, having in view the cost of carriage and the employer's profit in England?
 - (6.) Will he alter the present system of binding such publications in England as soon as convenient?
 - (7.) Is it not a fact that specimens of bookbinding have been sent from the Government Printing Office in this Colony to the Chicago Exhibition?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Such weekly or monthly publications intended for use in the Free Public Library in Sydney are received unbound through the post. Books are forwarded from America to the Trustees' London agents, through whom the orders are sent, and the books are sent out bound.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Not known. All books ordered from the Trustees' London agents are sent out bound. The agents select their own binders, and include their charges in the cost of books.

(4.)

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(4.) Yes; a large number of books are bound annually for the Public Library at the Government Printing Office.

(5.) No.

(6.) I am as anxious as the Honorable Member is to provide as much work as I can for our own people, and I shall endeavour to see that more binding is done in the Colony.

(7.) Yes.

(7.) Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act, 1891:—Mr. Fuller asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many joint stock companies, associations, and societies have availed themselves of the provisions of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act, 1891, in obtaining the sanction of the Supreme Court to an arrangement or compromise between each such company, &c., and its creditors?

(2.) What are the names of such companies, &c.; and what are the dates of application to obtain the sanction of the Supreme Court?

(3.) How many and what companies, &c., have, since such respective dates, been ordered to be wound up under "The Companies Act"?

(4.) How many and what companies, &c., have, up to the present time, complied with the terms of their respective arrangements with their creditors under the Act of 1891?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—The Master-in-Equity informs me as follows:—

(1.) Ten.

(2.) Excelsior Land, Investment, and Building Company and Bank, 29th March, 1893; Anglo-Australian Investment, Finance, and Land Company, 8th March, 1892; Commercial Agency Trading and Banking Company, 24th March, 1892; Haymarket Permanent L. B. and I. Company, 10th February, 1892; Land Company of Australasia (Limited), 23rd February, 1892; Sydney Permanent Freehold L. and B. Company, 23rd January, 1892; Sydney and Suburban Mutual Permanent B., L., and I. Association, 12th February, 1892; Northumberland P. B., I., L., and L. S., 19th April, 1893; St. Joseph's I. and B. Society and F. T. Act of 1893, 6th May, 1892; Australian Mutual L. and B. Company, (Limited), 15th June, 1892.

(3.) That the Land Company of Australasia is being voluntarily wound up under the supervision of the Court. The Commercial Agency Trading and Banking Company is being wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act.

(4.) I am unable, definitely, to give this information, which can only be obtained upon reference to the companies interested.

(8.) Phoenix Gold-mining Company at Temora:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the total amount which has been paid out of the Prospecting Vote to the Phoenix Gold-mining Company at Temora?

(2.) What is the rate paid per foot of work done, and when was the last payment made?

(3.) On whose recommendation was aid granted to the above company?

(4.) Is he aware that the claim was sold on the 8th May, by order of the Small Debts Court, at Temora; and that the men who did the actual work, for which the Government subsidy was granted, have not yet been paid their wages?

(5.) Is it true that the purchaser of the claim is one of the shareholders in the company?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £425 in two grants—£200 in November, 1891, and £225 in October, 1892.

(2.) Ten shillings per foot for the first, 15s. per foot for the second, and £1 per foot for the third. One hundred feet average 15s. per foot. Last payment made on the 5th instant.

(3.) The first grant was made on the recommendation of Mr. Slee. The second on the recommendation of Messrs. Wood and Slee.

(4.) Yes; the lease was sold on the 8th instant by the Bailiff of the Small Debts Court. Employees are suing the company for wages in the Warden's Court, and will be heard on the 6th proximo, unless previously settled, which is probable.

(5.) The purchaser was not a shareholder.

(9.) Revenue for 1893:—*Mr. Haynes*, for Mr. Young, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of revenue did he expect to receive for the first four months of 1893?

(2.) What amount did he actually receive during those months?

(3.) Taking into consideration those actual receipts, what does he now estimate the total revenue for the year to be?

Mr. See answered,—I will presently lay the information upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(10.) Appointment of Caretaker of Pictures at Art Gallery:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a gentleman over 60 years of age has recently been appointed to take care of the pictures at the Art Gallery?

(2.) What is the date of the appointment?

(3.) What is the salary of the office?

(4.) Will this gentleman be entitled to compensation if his office be retrenched or abolished, or will he have a claim on the Superannuation Fund on his retirement?

(5.) Is it part of the policy of the present Government to create new offices for persons over 60 years of age?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes; the gentleman appointed was mainly instrumental in founding the Art Gallery, and has been officially connected with it since its formation.

(2.) September, 1892.

(3.) £400 per annum—the office including the duties of Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. I may add that this gentleman does the whole of the work in connection with the Art Gallery.

(4.) No.

(5.) No.

(11.)

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(11.) Civil Servants Salaries :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Civil Servants have received their full salaries for the months of January, February, March, and April, through the monthly Supply Bills which provide for same, and now, owing to the reduction of said salaries on the Estimates for the year, the said Civil Servants are expected to refund the amount of such reduction?

(2.) Is he aware that many of them are unable to refund the said amounts?

(3.) As a matter of equity and justice, will he so arrange that the reduced salaries will only take effect from 1st May, or, at least, from the date when it was first intimated that a reduction would be made in the salaries?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The salaries of the Civil Servants will be reduced ratably from the 1st instant, so as not to inflict any unnecessary hardship upon them.

(12.) Queen's Birthday Review of Defence Forces :—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will the review of the Defence Forces, which has usually been held on Her Majesty's Birthday, take place this year?

(2.) If not, for what reason has this custom been departed from, and at whose instance or recommendation?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) On the score of expense, as without bringing in corps from the country at considerable cost, the troops at head-quarters are not sufficient for purposes of a review adequate to the occasion. Moreover, they will be better employed by special drills and instruction. In honour of the day, however, the usual Royal salutes will be fired by the Artillery, and the Infantry throughout the Colony will fire the *feu de joie*.

(13.) Water Reserve at Moonan Brook :—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Williams, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is there a water reserve at Moonan Brook; if so, what is the area?

(2.) Who is in possession of it now?

(3.) What is the rent paid for it?

Mr. Copeland answered,—According to the map of the parish of Prospero, county of Durham, there is no water reserve on Moonan Brook, but as the exact locality to which the Honorable Member may intend to refer cannot be absolutely identified, further inquiry will be made on fuller information being afforded.

(14.) Current Accounts in Suspended Reconstructing Banks :—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Sheldon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider whether it is possible, by legislative action, to protect solvent debtors having current accounts in any one of the suspended reconstructing Banks by causing judgment proceedings in any of the Courts of the Colony to be stayed against such debtor, if he offers to make a satisfactory transfer to the creditor of the amount of his indebtedness from such locked-up funds?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Presuming, as I do, that the House will pass a Bill which I am about to introduce at a later hour of the evening, I do not think I can better answer the Honorable Member's Question than by referring him to that Bill.

2. GUNNEDAH SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to declare the trusts of the site of the Gunnedah School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Gunnedah, and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1893.*

3. CURRENT ACCOUNT DEPOSITORS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
*Lieutenant-Governor,
Administering the Government.*

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-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 making by the Colonial Treasurer of Advances upon Current Accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; for the issue and payment of Treasury Notes in connection therewith, and for making such Notes a legal tender; for the repayment of those Advances; for regulating Trust Accounts in the said Banks; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.

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

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4. APPRENTICES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Houghton, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Houghton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Apprentices."

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Apprentices,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd May, 1893.

5. SAINT FRANCIS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to enable His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Patrick Ryan Larkin, John Flanagan, and John Seago, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situated in Castlereagh, Campbell, Elizabeth, and Hay Streets, in the City of Sydney, to sell the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof."

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 His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Patrick Ryan Larkin, John Flanagan, and John Seago, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situated in Castlereagh, Campbell, Elizabeth, and Hay Streets, in the City of Sydney, to sell the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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SAINT FRANCIS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd May, 1893.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, Preamble, line 13. After "Church" insert "in the parish of St. Lawrence"

Page 2, clause 2, line 22. After "Church" insert "in the parish of St. Lawrence"

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,

Chairman of Committees.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Thursday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hogan,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. McIrvine,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hassall,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. York,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Dawson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Edder,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Perry,	Tellers,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Walker,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Trail,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Rae.	
Tellers,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to facilitate and legalise the obtaining of advances upon certain accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; to enable the Government to guarantee repayment of such advances, and to issue Treasury Bills in connection therewith; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 69.

Mr. See,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dawson,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Scobie,

Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. York,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Chapman.

Tellers,
Mr. Darley,
Mr. Neild.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Cotton,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Rae.
Tellers,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. POSTRONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until Friday next.
- (2.) Segeno Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee; until Friday, 2nd June.
- (3.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (4.) Waverley Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Friday next.
- (5.) Law Practitioners Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday, 2nd June.
- (6.) Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Friday, 2nd June.
- (7.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.
- (8.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.

9. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING 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 26th April, 1893, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

10. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 11th February, 1892,—“Special areas in the Wagga Wagga and Hay Land Districts.”

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting the Revenue for 1893.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 27th April, 1893,—“Police Magistrates.”
- (3.) Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

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11. BIRDS PROTECTION BILL (*changed from*) BIRDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 2nd May, 1893, requesting concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Birds Protection Bill:—

Agrees to the amendments in the Title, the Preamble, and clause 1; to the insertion of new clauses to follow clause 1; to the amendments in clauses 2 and 3; to the insertion of new clauses to follow clause 3; to the amendments in clause 4; and the omission of clause 5.

Agrees to the omission of the First and Second Schedules, and to the insertion of three new Schedules, but proposes to amend such new Schedules by omitting from the First the words—

“ King Parrots	...	...	...	...	...	Aprosmictus and Ptistes ”
“ Ibis	...	...	...	...	...	Geronticus and Threskiornis ”

and by adding thereto the words—

“ Laughing Jackass	...	...	...	...	...	Dacelo gigas ”
“ Kingfishers	Haleyon and Aleyone ”

“ Seagulls of every description ”

“ Emu	Dromaius Nova Hollandiae ”
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by adding to the first part of the Second the words “ Wild Geese of every description ”

by omitting from the Third the words—

“ Laughing Jackass	Dacelo gigas ”
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“ Kingfishers	Haleyon and Aleyone ”
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“ and the Grey Magpie ”

“ Gill or Wattle Bird	Acanthochæra carunculata ”
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“ Emu	Dromaius Novæ Hollandiae ”
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“ Seagulls of every species ”

and by adding thereto the words—

“ King Parrots	Aprosmictus and Ptistes ”
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“ Ibis	Geronticus and Threskiornis ”
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“ The bird commonly known as ‘the happy family,’ or the ‘Twelve Apostles,’ ”—

in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The various omissions from or additions to the several Schedules are made, having due regard to the habits, typical character, or comparative rarity or abundance of the birds omitted or added.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd May, 1893.

Question put and passed.

12. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from J. M. Main, Chairman of a public meeting of the residents in the Borough of Alexandria, submitting a resolution unanimously passed by the meeting in favour of this Bill, and praying the House to take the resolution into its favourable consideration.

Petition received.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the inconvenience and “danger to the public interests by longer delay in the settlement of the matter relating to the “Whaling Road, North Sydney, as reported by a Select Committee of this House.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

14. CURRENT ACCOUNT DEPOSITORS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor,

Administering the Government.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act the Lieutenant-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 facilitate and legalise the obtaining of advances upon current accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; to enable the Government to guarantee repayment of such advances, and to issue Treasury Bills in connection therewith; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.

Government House,

Sydney, 23rd May, 1893.

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

15. LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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16. LEE AND BRADY SETTLEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Thursday next.
17. SUNDAY CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Neild, 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 secure the more effectual closing of public-houses on Sundays during prohibited hours.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

18. CURRENT ACCOUNT DEPOSITORS BILL:—
 (1.) Sir George Dibbs 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 facilitate and legalise the obtaining of advances upon certain accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; to enable the Government to guarantee repayment of such advances, and to issue Treasury Bills in connection therewith; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to facilitate and legalise the obtaining of advances upon certain accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; to enable the Government to guarantee repayment of such advances, and to issue Treasury Bills in connection therewith; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.
 On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (3.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to facilitate and legalise the obtaining of advances upon certain Accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; to enable the Government to guarantee repayment of such advances, and to issue Treasury Bills in connection therewith; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects,”—which was read a first time.
 Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY, 1893, A.M.

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

Question put and negatived.

Question,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time;—put and passed.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. See,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Langwell,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Bayister,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Brunker,	Tellers,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Campbell,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Garrard,
Tellers,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Rae.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(5.)

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(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, passed.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the making by the Colonial Treasurer of Advances upon Current Accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; for the issue and payment of Treasury Notes in connection therewith, and for making such Notes a legal tender; for the repayment of those Advances; for regulating Trust Accounts in the said Banks; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs 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 provide for the making by the Colonial Treasurer of Advances upon Current Accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; for the issue and payment of Treasury Notes in connection therewith, and for making such Notes a legal tender; for the repayment of those Advances; for regulating Trust Accounts in the said Banks; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 24th May, 1893, a.m.*

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. BAY ROAD RAILWAY STATION 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 authorise the opening of certain new roads and streets adjoining the Bay Road Railway Station, within the Borough of North Sydney, rendered necessary by reason of the construction of the Milson's Point Railway Extension, in lieu of certain portions of other roads and streets rendered unnecessary thereby; and to permanently close such unnecessary portions, and vest the sites thereof in the owners of the adjoining lands, in full compensation for the lands taken for the new roads and streets.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 23rd May, 1893.*JOHN LACKEY,
President.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes before Six o'clock a.m., until *Thursday next at Four o'clock.*

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 1893.

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

LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1893:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
*Lieutenant-Governor,
Administering the Government.*

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1893, proposed to be provided for by loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1893.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pharmacy Board:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Pharmacy Board examine the candidates for registration, or do the Pharmaceutical Council; and if the Pharmacy Board examine them, why do the Pharmaceutical Society collect the fees and keep them?

(2.) Did the Pharmaceutical Society collect the sum of £102 18s. for examination fees, and should not that sum be credited to the Pharmacy Board; will the Government see that it is refunded, as well as that collected in previous years?

(3.) Has the Pharmaceutical Society any legal position; and, if so, under what Act?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Pharmaceutical Society occupy rooms in Phillip-street, for which the Government pay £250 for the Pharmacy and Medical Boards, and have the Society had the sanction of the Government to use them; and, if so, do they pay any rent?

(5.) Does the Pharmacy Board issue a balance-sheet?

(6.) Have the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales the right to register chemists?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I must refer my honorable friend to the reply given to a number of Questions asked by him on the 19th instant, wherein it is stated that if a return is moved for the information shall be supplied with the least possible delay.

(2.) "Year Book of Australia":—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The total amount paid to the proprietor of the "Year Book of Australia" for advertisements, copies of books, &c., since the first publication of the book to present date?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Will the Honorable Member be good enough to move for a return?

(3.) Estates assigned by Members of Legislative Council:—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any members of the Legislative Council assigned their estates recently?

(2.) If so, are they entitled to retain their seats in the Legislative Council?

(3.) If the Answer to Question 1 is "Yes" and to Question 2 "No," will action be taken by the Government to compel them to resign?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Answer to No. 2 relieves me of the necessity of answering No. 3.

(4.)

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- (4.) Steam Communication between Australia and Vancouver's Island:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit to the House resolutions approving of a sum of money to be paid yearly as a subsidy to Messrs. Huddart, Parker, & Co., to open up steam communication between this Colony and Vancouver's Island?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Government, but no final decision has yet been arrived at.

- (5.) Glen Innes-Inverell Railway:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit, this Session, the proposed railway to connect Inverell with the Great Northern railway at Glen Innes, which has been approved by the Public Works Committee by a large majority; if so, when; if not, for what reasons?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No; solely because no funds are available.

- (6.) Accident to an Electric Street Lamp Repairer:—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that a man named Melville was recently seriously injured while repairing one of the electric street lamps on the Circular Quay?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have some sort of guard fixed on so that the work of putting in the new carbon can be done with safety?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The accident arose through Melville's neglect to use the cast-iron platform provided for the men when repairing the electric street lamps on the Circular Quay. A guard is not required if this is used.

- (7.) Note Issue:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the issue of legal tender notes permitted in the case of each Bank?

(2.) What steps, if any, have the Government taken to check such issue?

Mr. See answered,—A return giving the information sought will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

- (8.) Barrack-street Savings Bank Deposits:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—If it is a fact that over £1,000,000 of the Barrack-street Savings Bank deposits are now invested with banking corporations, some of which are in a state of suspension?

Mr. See answered,—The Annual Report of the Savings Bank of New South Wales was published in the *Government Gazette* of 6th February last. This report gives the information asked for by the Honorable Member, and to which he is referred.

- (9.) Gold Issue:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Do the Government, as guarantors of the Banks, intend to make any provision to meet the demand for gold that may follow the expiration of the period during which notes are a legal tender?

Mr. See answered,—The Government are satisfied that, when the time comes for taking up the legal tender notes, the gold required for the purpose will be forthcoming.

- (10.) Proprietary Mine, Broken Hill:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is there any truth in the rumour that large masses of rich golden ore have been discovered in Proprietary Mine, Broken Hill?

(2.) If so, does he intend to proclaim it a gold-field?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No information has reached the Department concerning any find of large masses of rich golden ore.

(2.) A gold-field, including Broken Hill, was proclaimed about ten years since.

- (11.) Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Deposits:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—If the Government intend to take steps to compel the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to refund the cash received by them on the day before they ceased payment, and manifestly at a time when suspension prior to reconstruction had been decided on?

Mr. See answered,—This Question refers to a matter which concerns the Bank and its customers, not the Government.

- (12.) Solvent Banks:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) On what evidence has the Government proclaimed the City and other Banks solvent?

(2.) Will he place upon the Table a copy of such evidence, if any?

(3.) Do the Government intend to make an official valuation of all the items now placed on the balance-sheets of the banking institutions as assets?

(4.) If so, will such valuations be placed on values now prevalent instead of those current during boom times?

Mr. See answered,—The papers in connection with the matters referred to in Questions 1 and 2 have already been promised, and will be laid before Parliament when they are completed. It is not the intention of the Government to undertake any such duties as Questions 3 and 4 contemplate. The Honorable Member should, in my opinion, have a better appreciation of the responsibility of his position as a Member of the Legislature than he appears to have from the tenor of his Questions, which have a tendency to discredit institutions which are doing their utmost to uphold the credit of the Colony during a very trying period.

- (13.) Football in the Domain:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is there any objection to representative clubs to whom other grounds are not convenient, and who are willing to make damage good, playing football in the Domain?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Director of Botanic Gardens that football playing has not been allowed hitherto in the Domain, for the reason that danger might arise therefrom to pedestrians and persons in vehicles. (14.)

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- (14.) Fees to Bailiffs of District Court:—Mr. Davis asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is he aware that the persons holding positions as Bailiffs to the District Court draw certain fees that in the aggregate amount to a sum sufficient to increase their wages from £140 to £300 per annum?
 (2.) If not, will he cause inquiries to be made as to the amount of fees received per annum by aforesaid persons?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) District Court Bailiffs are entitled to receive fees according to a fixed scale, but no information is available as to the amounts drawn by the various Bailiffs from this source.
 (2.) This will necessitate a reference to a large number of Court officials, but inquiry will be made as soon as practicable.

- (15.) Books for Libraries at Bourke, Brewarrina, and Condobolin:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the money for books ordered by the Member for Bourke, Mr. Willis, for libraries at Bourke, Brewarrina, and Condobolin, actually been paid?
 (2.) If not, will he defer payment till the House has an opportunity of dealing with it under the Appropriation Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This money has already been paid.

- (16.) Visit of the Premier to England and America:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With respect to the payment of £1,000 to the Treasury to make good the amount paid to Sir George Dibbs for expenses on his tour to Europe, will he state, first, from whom he received the money as stated by the Premier, and, secondly, in what form was the money paid?

Mr. See answered,—The money has been paid into the Treasury, and duly credited to the public account, as the Honorable Member has already been informed, and beyond this the Honorable Member has no right to further information, but it may be of some interest to the public to know that no portion of it was paid by the Member for Mudgee, Mr. J. Haynes.

- (17.) Members of Permanent Artillery Force and Volunteer Artillerymen:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he has given permission to members of the Permanent Artillery Force to engage themselves to the lessees of the Lyceum Theatre for the production of a play called "Human Nature"?
 (2.) Is he aware that a large number of Volunteer Artillerymen who are equally capable of filling the parts allotted to the members of the Permanent Force, are at present unemployed and in necessitous circumstances?
 (3.) Will he consider the advisableness of withdrawing the permission given to members of the Permanent Force?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

- (2.) I am not aware.

3. LEE AND BRADY SETTLEMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of a certain settlement made by William Lee and Maria Brady, and dated the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to effect sales, mortgages, leases, and exchanges of the lands and hereditaments comprised in or subject to the trusts of the said settlement.*"

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 trustees for the time being of a certain settlement made by William Lee and Maria Brady, and dated the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to effect sales, mortgages, leases, and exchanges of the lands and hereditaments comprised in or subject to the trusts of the said settlement.*"—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, 25th May, 1893.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Balranald Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.
 (2.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lees, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until To-morrow.
 (3.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Friday, 2nd June.
 (4.) Trust Property Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Tuesday next.
 (5.) Appointment of Justices of the Peace; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. D. Clark, "That, in the opinion of this House,
 “(1.) The present system of appointing Justices of the Peace is opposed to the spirit of
 “democracy.
 “(2.) In future all such appointments should be made by popular ballot";—until Tuesday, 6th June.
 (6.) Sunday Closing Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effectual closing of public-houses on Sundays during prohibited hours;—until Friday, 9th June.

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5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the Rev. F. B. Boyce, Chairman of a public meeting of the citizens of Sydney, held in the Temperance Hall, submitting a resolution unanimously passed by the meeting in favour of this Bill, and praying the House to take the resolution into its favourable consideration.
Petition received.

6. CITY OF SYDNEY LANES 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 empower the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Lanes as now formed and made in the City of Sydney,*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

CITY OF SYDNEY LANES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 25th May, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 12. After “*Sydney*” insert “on the approval of the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council”

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. NECROPOLIS (ADDITIONAL AREAS) 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 set apart certain land at Rookwood as a burial-ground; to apportion such land among the trustees of various denominations, and the trustees of the General Cemetery of the Necropolis; to extend the Acts 31 Victoria No. 14 and 47 Victoria No. 11 to such land, and to other land hereinafter set apart as a burial-ground at Rookwood; and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Chapman rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to a matter of urgent definite public importance, viz., the refusal ‘of the Committee of the Children’s Hospital, Glebe, to appoint a Lady Medical Attendant, who was recommended by the Government Medical Officer.’”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Chapman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Carruthers, referring to the Sessional Order adopted on 9th May, 1893, providing “That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence during the sitting on Thursday in each week,” submitted that it was not competent for the Honorable Member, Mr. Chapman, to interpose this Motion for adjournment, which, if permitted, would prevent Government Business being proceeded with.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said it was not inconsistent with the Sessional Order quoted to allow a Motion for adjournment to be discussed before Government Business. Mr. Chapman was therefore in order.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. PAPER :—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Report of Board appointed to inquire into the prevalence and prevention of lead-poisoning at the Broken Hill Silver-lead Mines.
Ordered to be printed.

10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council’s Message of 20th April, 1893, a.m., relative to the amendments made in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council’s amendments insisted upon by the Council, and agrees to the Council’s amendments, which amend its previous amendment, in clause 78, and in the new clause in lieu of clause 93,

Mr.

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Mr. Barton moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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 20th April, 1893, a.m., in reference to the Council's amendments in the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill,—does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments insisted upon by the Council, and agrees to the Council's amendments, which amend its previous amendment, in clause 78, and in the new clause in lieu of clause 93.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1893.*

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

- (1.) Current Account Depositors Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the making by the Colonial Treasurer of Advances upon Current Accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; for the issue and payment of Treasury Notes in connection therewith, and for making such Notes a legal tender; for the repayment of those Advances; for regulating Trust Accounts in the said Banks; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

- (2.) Birds Protection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated the 23rd May, 1893, in reference to the Birds Protection Bill, agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

- (3.) Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church Land Sale 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 His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Patrick Ryan Larkin, John Flanagan, and John Seage, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situated in Castlereagh, Campbell, Elizabeth, and Hay Streets, in the City of Sydney, to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof."

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

12. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1893:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor,
Administering the Government.*

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1893.

*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1893.*

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

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 107.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 1893.

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT DEPOSITORS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to provide for the making by the Colonial Treasurer of Advances upon Current Accounts in Banks which have suspended payment; for the issue and payment of Treasury Notes in connection therewith, and for making such Notes a legal tender; for the repayment of those Advances; for regulating Trust Accounts in the said Banks; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency being satisfied that an urgent necessity exists requiring that this Bill be brought into immediate operation, 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, 26th May, 1893.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Maintenance of Public Wharfs at Port of Newcastle :—*Mr. Joseph Abbott*, for Mr. Molesworth, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What amount has been expended in the construction and maintenance of the public wharfs, cranes, staiths, and other improvements for the facilities of shipping at the port of Newcastle?
(2.) Is it a fact that, although the “Wharfage and Tonnage Act of 1880” (44 Vict. No. 8) provides that certain rates may be levied at all public wharfs in New South Wales, such rates are not charged or collected at the port of Newcastle?
(3.) By whose authority was this concession granted; how long has it been enjoyed; and what reason is assigned for it?
(4.) What is the estimated loss to the public revenue by reason thereof?
(5.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the interests of justice, to grant similar concessions to Sydney and other ports of the Colony?
(6.) If not, will he take steps, under the authority vested in him by the said Act, to reimpose the rates at Newcastle, and place all our ports on an equal footing as regards the operation of the said Act?

Mr. Barton answered.—

- (1.) £422,927 13s. 4d. to 18th May, 1893.
(2.) Wharfage rates are not charged at Newcastle.
(3.) By authority of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, under the powers conferred by clause 12 of “The Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1880,” since 1st June, 1882. The abolition of wharfage rates at Newcastle was decided upon by reason of the circumstance that the rates seriously interfered with the railway returns by the diversion of wool and other traffic to Morpeth. There are voluminous papers in the case, which the Honorable Member can inspect at the Treasury, if he desires to do so.
(4.) Exclusive of coal, about £8,000 per annum.
(5.) No.
(6.) It is intended to introduce a Bill, as soon as practicable, for the re-imposition of wharfage rates at Newcastle.
(2.)

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(2.) Civil Servants canvassing for Life Assurance :—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that officers of his Department canvass for life assurance ?
- (2.) Is he aware that such a course has been pursued in the Western District ?
- (3.) If any case is brought under his notice will he take immediate action ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

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

(3.) Inquest on Body of Woman named Annie Dredge :—*Mr. Cotton* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the circumstances connected with the inquest recently held on the body of a young woman named Annie Dredge, who died on the 29th of April last under suspicious circumstances in a house in Crown-street, Woolloomooloo ?

(2.) Was a person named Horace Perkins placed in the witness-box during the above inquiry ?

- (3.) Is it a fact that important evidence concerning the relations existing between Perkins and the deceased was shut out by direction of the Coroner ?

(4.) Will he ask the Inspector-General of Police to report upon the matter above alluded to ?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

- (1.) No.

(2.) The City Coroner informs me that Perkins appeared at the inquest referred to in custody as a supposed accessory before the fact, and that Mr. T. M. Slattery, who acted as attorney for Perkins, did not place him in the witness-box, and as he was in custody, the Coroner had no power to do so.

(3.) The City Coroner states that as the evidence did not disclose a case against the supposed principals, it was not considered necessary to go on with evidence against the supposed accessory.

(4.) Steps have already been taken in the direction indicated.

(4.) Employment of Man named Finucane at Rookwood Reformatory :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Finucane, who had been employed at the Rookwood Reformatory, as gardener's labourer, at 5s. per day, was put on to do other work, and told that he would receive 7s. per day ?

(2.) Is it a fact that this man was only paid at the rate of 5s. per day, though his claim to the extra 2s. was admitted, and he was told that the extra money would be paid when the Estimates were passed ?

(3.) Is it a fact that Finucane and other gardeners' labourers have since been discharged, and a jockey, a type-writer, and a harness-maker put on in their places at 7s. per day ?

(4.) Why was the 7s. per day refused to Finucane and paid to the new men ?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1 and 4.) Finucane was employed as a general labourer at 30s. per week, and not 7s. per day as stated by him.

(2 and 3.) No.

(5.) Case of Stephen *v.* Erwin :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at the inquiry before the Master in Equity, *re* Stephen *v.* Erwin, the plaintiff abandoned such inquiry, having reference to the properties comprised in settlement of 4th December, 1875, which were sold by the donee ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the first sale took place 5th September, 1877, to William Gardiner by the donee ?

(3.) Is it a fact that the plaintiff and Master in Equity approved of the donee's title on 24th June, 1887, comprised therein, to William Gardiner ?

(4.) Were the deeds of the 5th and 16th August, 1876, any part of such proceeds ?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that this is a matter in which private interests only are affected, and the information required is quite open to the parties concerned if asked for in the proper way ; that it does not come within the scope of the Minister's duties to inquire into this matter ; and that similar Questions upon this subject have on several previous occasions been answered in a similar way.

(6.) Mr. Thomas Midleton, late Locomotive Engineer, Railway Department :—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers and documents relative to the appointment and removal of Mr. Thomas Midleton, late Locomotive Engineer, Railway Department, from 1st January, 1888, to present time only ?

(2.) If not, when will he do so ?

Mr. Barton answered,—These papers are bulky and voluminous, and would cost a large sum to print. The honorable gentleman can peruse the papers at any time he desires upon application at the Treasury.

(7.) Money in Savings Banks :—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What proportion of the Post Office Savings Bank funds are deposited in other Banks ?

(2.) What proportion of the Barrack-street Bank moneys are thus deposited ?

(3.) What proportion of Government moneys are thus deposited ?

(4.) What rate of interest is received in each case ?

(5.) What amount in each case bears interest ?

Mr. Barton answered,—A return giving the desired information will be laid upon the Table as soon as the same can be prepared. (8.)

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(8.) Issue of Bank Notes:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the probable depletion of gold coin, caused by the legalisation of paper money, has he any intention, while in Melbourne, of endeavouring to induce the other colonies to adopt for the time a similar basis of financial circulation?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed that when the Premier returns from Melbourne he will have much pleasure in informing the Honorable Member and the House of the result of the Conference.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

- (1.) Masters and Servants Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Workmens Combination Laws Declaration Bill; second reading.

4. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Edden 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. Edden, 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. Edden, the report was adopted.

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

5. MUNICIPAL WHARVES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

6. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Dowel moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

7. WAVERLEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 7 for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lees, for the second reading of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill, postponed (after Debate) to follow after the Order of the Day No. 8, in reference to the Council's amendment in the City of Sydney Lanes Bill.

9. CITY OF SYDNEY LANES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lees, 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. Lees, 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 empower the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Lanes as now formed and made in the City of Sydney.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th May, 1893.*

10. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lees, "That this Bill be now read "a second time."

And the Question being again proposed,—

Mr. Neild moved,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate

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Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild submitted that, as clause 43 of the Bill gave power to the Council to supply electricity outside the limits of the City of Sydney, and as this power was not included in the order of leave, the Bill was out of order.

Mr. Speaker quoted a ruling by Mr. Speaker Young on a similar Point of Order, on 2nd September, 1890, and said that the objection now taken was fatal to this Bill, as it was to the Bill in the case referred to.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

11. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Willis moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Johnston,	Tellers,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Lees,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Schey.
Tellers,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Rae.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 MAY, 1893.

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Right Honorable Sir Robert William Duff has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by a Commission under Her Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at Windsor, the 4th day of March, 1893, to appoint him to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New South Wales and its dependencies, and that on the 29th of May instant he assumed the Government of the Colony accordingly.

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Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration To-morrow.

2. PAPER:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Commission appointing the Right Honorable Sir Robert William Duff, P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Delay in the despatch of Goods from Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Black*, for Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that owing to the delays which occur in the despatch of timber and other materials from Darling Harbour (iron, wharf), bridge contractors and others are frequently occasioned serious inconvenience and expense, and the progress of public works retarded?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with the view to remedy the grievance complained of, and prevent a repetition of these delays?

(3.) Is it a fact that contractors and timber merchants are constantly impeded in their business by the neglect of the Department to provide the necessary trucks when required?

(4.) Will he direct immediate attention to this matter also?

Mr. See answered,—"I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are not aware that contractors and other are frequently occasioned serious inconvenience and expense by delay in despatching timber and other material from Darling Harbour, or that contractors and timber merchants are constantly impeded in their business transactions by want of trucks. The Railway Commissioners will be obliged if the contractors and timber merchants referred to will furnish them with details when they will be glad to make full inquiry."

(2.) Members of Permanent Artillery Force:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not contrary to the regulations of the Military Service for members of the Permanent Artillery Force to engage in private service?

(2.) Is it intended to allow those members of the Permanent Artillery Force who have been engaged to take part in the production of the play called "Human Nature," at the Lyceum Theatre, to wear the uniforms supplied by Government; if so, what consideration is the Government to receive for the use of such uniforms?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to Honorable Member's Question, I may state that the Major-General Commanding the Forces, informs me that there is no reason why members of the Permanent Force should not take part in military or theatrical displays, provided that they do not wear the uniform of their regiment or corps, and that the permission of their own Commanding Officer or himself be first obtained, and that this is the custom in the Imperial Service.

- (3.) Site for Floating Baths at Lavender Bay :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has an application been received by him from a Mr. F. Cavill for the lease of a site for floating baths at Lavender Bay?
 (2.) If so, is it intended to grant such lease?
 (3.) Is it a fact that this Mr. Cavill was paid £500 compensation for baths at Lavender Bay, resumed by the Public Works Department for railway purposes?
 (4.) Is this the same Mr. Cavill who is lessee of floating baths at Farm Cove?
 (5.) In dealing with this application, will he give due consideration to the fact that a similar application by the Borough Council of North Sydney was refused by the Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) No application has been received from Mr. F. Cavill for the lease of a site for floating baths at Lavender Bay, but an application has been received from a Mr. Charles Claude Cavill for a lease, which has not yet been reported on by the Local Land Board.
 (2.) The matter will be dealt with on its merits and in accordance with the practice in all such cases.

- (4.) Government Labour Bureau :—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a recent special audit of the books of the Government Labour Bureau has shown serious defalcations to have taken place?
 (2.) If such is the case, what is the total amount embezzled or misappropriated; were there more than one of the Bureau officials implicated; and, if so, how many?
 (3.) Is it true, as alleged, that the person or persons committing the alleged frauds have merely been dismissed, and no prosecution instituted, on condition that the sums embezzled were refunded within a specified time?
 (4.) In view of the grave public scandal likely to arise from any concealment of the true facts, will he cause a searching inquiry to be made, and the results published?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The facts, as reported to me by the Superintendent of the Labour Bureau, are as follows:—Previous to the audit taking place, an amount was found to have been misappropriated by two clerks. There has been no concealment in regard to the matter; a full report of the circumstances was at once made to the Government, and a Treasury Inspector instructed to thoroughly investigate the accounts, with the result that there was shown to be £21 18s. 1d. misappropriated. This sum was immediately refunded and the clerks dismissed. It was not considered necessary to prosecute under the circumstances.

- (5.) Public Debt of the Colony :—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) The amount of the public debt at the present time?
 (2.) Will such amount provide the necessary funds for carrying out the railways and public works for which tenders have been accepted; and, if not, what additional amount will it be necessary to borrow for the purpose of completing such works?
 (3.) What additional sum will be required to carry out the railways and other public works which have been authorised by Parliament, but for which no tenders have been accepted, according to the Estimates of the Department of Public Works?
 (4.) Does such amount include the estimated cost of the land; and, if not, what is the estimated cost of the land which it is considered necessary to be taken?

Mr. See answered,—The amount of the public debt at the present time is £56,192,263. With respect to questions 2, 3, and 4, I will obtain the information from the Honorable the Minister for Works, and lay it upon the Table at the earliest opportunity.

- (6.) Motor-driver Volk :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has he yet replied, as promised, to a letter of Mr. Schey, dated 12th April last, on the subject of the legal aspects of the removal of motor-driver Volk from the tramway service?
 (2.) Has he yet, also as promised, submitted the letter in question to the Crown Law officers?
 (3.) Can he indicate, even approximately, when such reply will be prepared and may be expected by Mr. Schey?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have not yet received a reply to the letter which referred the subject to the Crown Law officers, probably owing to the pressure of other and more urgent business upon their time. The reply will be laid upon the Table as soon as received, which I hope will be before the close of the Session.

- (7.) Seizure of a Barge at Wentworth by the Customs :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Referring to the seizure by the Customs officer at Wentworth of a barge containing dutiable liquor transhipped from the Mildura Wharf, Murray River, is it true that the supposed owner of the liquor (on payment of double the duty) has been allowed to sell the same in bond?
 (2.) If so, on whose recommendation or report, and under what law or regulation, was this allowed?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The beer in question is detained by the Sub-Collector of Customs at Wentworth.
 (2.) Duty has not been paid, and no arrangement has been sanctioned by the Customs for sale of the beer.

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4. MUNICIPAL WHARVES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Clark then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867'; to enable Municipalities to lease and acquire Lands, and to erect Wharves thereon; and for other purposes.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867'; to enable Municipalities to lease and acquire Lands, and to erect Wharves thereon; and for other purposes'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th May, 1893.

5. WAVERLEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan, the Reverend Patrick Leonard Dunne, John Bede Barlow, and Michael Hagerty, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situate at Waverley, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan, the Reverend Patrick Leonard Dunne, John Bede Barlow, and Michael Hagerty, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situate at Waverley, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Australasian Rights Purchase Bill postponed until To-morrow.

7. CROWN LAND ASSOCIATED SETTLEMENTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Copeland, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

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 and regulate the granting and renewal of settlement leases of Crown lands to Settlement Associations, with right of purchase under certain conditions; for the granting and repayment of loans in connection therewith; for the amendment of the law so far as is necessary to fully effectuate the above objects; and for the doing of all things necessary or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 30th May, 1893.

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

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs explained to the House what business the Government proposed to attend to before the close of this Session.

Mr. Barton also addressed the House, and expressed his regret that failing health would prevent further progress on his part, during the present Session, with the important subject of Australasian Federation.

9. VINE DISEASES 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 relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate a certain disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 30th May, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY.
President.

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VINE DISEASES BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th May, 1893.*ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title, lines 3 to 5. *Omit "or any insect or other pest or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard"*
- Page 1, Title, lines 7 and 8. *Omit "to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vine, vineyard, package, or implement"*
- Page 1, Title, line 9. *Omit "a Central and other"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 14. *Omit "Central Board and"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 14. *Omit "respectively"*
- Page 2, clause 3, lines 14 and 15. *Omit "the Central Vine Diseases Board or"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 20. *After "contact" insert "with any vines or parts of vines, or any grapes, package, implement, matter, or thing likely to convey infection"*
- Page 2, clause 3. *After line 32 insert "'Quarantine' to isolate in any prescribed manner"*
- Page 2, clause 4. *After line 48 insert "Dissolve any Board"*
- Page 2, clause 4, line 56. *After "thing" insert "likely to convey disease"*
- Page 3, clause 4, line 1. *Omit "vessel"*
- Page 3, clause 4, line 3. *After "been" omit remainder of clause.*
- Page 3, clause 5. *Omit clause 5.*
- Page 3, clause 7, line 23. *Omit "nominate and" insert "appoint subject to the approval of"*
- Page 3, clause 7, line 24. *Omit "may appoint"*
- Page 3, clause 7, line 26. *Omit "such" insert "an"*
- Page 3, clause 7, line 26. *Omit "s" from "inspectors"*
- Page 3, clause 8, lines 27 and 28. *Omit "on the production of his authority"*
- Page 3, clause 8, lines 33 to 36. *Omit "forthwith destroy or cause to be destroyed any diseased vines, or parts of vines or grapes, and any package containing, or which may have contained or come in contact with any such vine, part of vine, or grapes or may"*
- Page 3, clause 8, lines 40 and 41. *Omit "at all reasonable hours in the day time"*
- Page 3, clause 8, line 47. *Omit "Central Board whether" insert "Minister when"*
- Page 3, clause 8, line 52. *After "upon" insert "an"*
- Page 3, clause 8, line 52. *Omit "s" from "Inspectors"*
- Page 3, clause 8, line 52. *After "Inspectors" insert "by subsections (a) and (b)"*
- Page 3, clause 9, line 55. *Omit "s" from "signs"*
- Page 3, clause 9, line 56. *Omit "or are"*
- Page 3, clause 9, line 56. *After "district" insert "or within a vine district pending the appointment of a district inspector for such district"*
- Page 4, clause 9. *After line 11 omit remainder of clause insert "The Minister shall upon proof that no disease exists in the vineyard mentioned in such report immediately release such vineyard from Quarantine"*
- Page 4. *After clause 9 insert the following new clause:—*
10. Upon the election or appointment of any Board, all the powers conferred by the last preceding section upon the Governor and the Minister are hereby *mutatis mutandis* conferred upon such Board for the district for which such Board was elected or appointed. And such Board shall exercise all the said powers within the said district.
- Page 4, clause 10, line 24. *Omit "its election" insert "it"*
- Page 4, clause 10, line 25. *Omit "annulled" insert "dissolved"*
- Page 4, clause 10, line 25. *Omit "as the case may be"*
- Page 4, clause 10, line 27. *After "recommend" insert "to the Governor"*
- Page 4, clause 10, line 27. *Omit "the election of"*
- Page 4, clause 10, line 27. *Omit "annulled" insert "dissolved"*
- Page 4, clause 10, line 28. *Omit "as the case may be" insert "and the Governor may dissolve such Board and dismiss such officers accordingly"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 29. *Omit "eight" insert "nine"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 32. *Omit "ceases" insert "having ceased"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 33. *Omit "he"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 34. *After "inspector" insert "or district inspector omit to"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 34. *Omit "at his own expense"*
- Page 4, clause 11, lines 34 and 35. *Omit "If he fail to do so"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 35. *Omit "Central" insert "Minister"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 35. *Omit "as the case may be"*
- Page 4, clause 12, line 40. *Before "The" insert "If within any vineyard any sign shall appear which may reasonably be suspected to be caused by disease"*
- Page 4, clause 12, line 40. *Omit "of any vineyard" insert "thereof"*
- Page 4, clause 12, line 41. *Omit "on the first appearance therein of the disease"*
- Page 4, clause 12, line 42. *Omit "of such appearance"*
- Page 4, clause 12, line 43. *Omit "as the case may be"*
- Page 4, clause 12, line 44. *Omit "whosoever"*
- Page 4, clause 13, lines 54 and 55. *Omit "are diseased and which has" insert "shall have"*
- Page 4, clause 13, line 55. *After "up" insert "on account of being diseased"*
- Page 4, clause 13, line 57. *Omit "claimed or"*
- Page 5, clause 14, line 10. *Omit "allowable as aforesaid"*
- Page 5, clause 14. *Omit subsection (iii)*
- Page 5, clause 15, line 20. *Omit "as the case may be"*
- Page 5, clause 15, line 24. *Omit "Central Board" insert "Minister"*
- Page 5, clause 15, line 28. *Omit "Central Board" insert "Minister"*

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- Page 5, clause 15, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "in the usual way," *insert* "according to the provisions of the Acts for the time being in force, for the settlement of disputes by arbitration"
- Page 5, clause 15, line 31. *Omit* "Central Board" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 5, clause 15, line 32. *Omit* "as the case may be"
- Page 5, clause 15, line 35. *Omit* "Central Board" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 5, clause 16, line 38. *Omit* "of the Central Board nor"
- Page 5, clause 16, line 39. *Before* "interested" *insert* "and no inspector or district inspector"
- Page 5, clause 16. *Omit* subsection (II)
- Page 5, clause 17, line 53. *Omit* "Central Board" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 5, clause 17, line 54. *Omit* "as the case may be"
- Page 5, clause 18, line 57. *Omit* "Central Board" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 6, clause 19. *Omit* clause 19 *insert* the following new clause:—
"The Minister may cause to be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in any year to any ^{payment of} Board by way of subsidy such sum of money as may in his opinion be necessary for carrying out ^{subsidy.} the provisions of this Act, not exceeding in amount the sum collected as rates by such Board during such year."
- Page 6, clause 20, line 8. *Omit* "or be permitted to grow either"
- Page 6, clause 20, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "or in any land within a radius of one mile thereof"
- Page 6, clause 20, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "or be imprisoned for any term not exceeding six months"
- Page 6, clause 20, line 14. *Omit* "or growing in or"
- Page 6, clause 26, line 55. *After* "writing" *insert* "signed by two or more vine-growers on the roll"
- Page 7, clause 26, line 15. *Omit* "has to be" *insert* "is"
- Page 7, clause 27, line 29. *Omit* "the election" *insert* "such Board"
- Page 7, clause 27, line 29. *Omit* "annulled" *insert* "dissolved"
- Page 7, clause 27, line 37. *Omit* "four" *insert* "three"
- Page 7, clause 28, line 50. *Omit* "the election of"
- Page 7, clause 28, line 50. *Omit* "annulled" *insert* "dissolved"
- Page 8, clause 29, line 2. *Omit* "two" *insert* "six"
- Page 8, clause 30, line 6. *Omit* "seven" *insert* "five"
- Page 8, clause 31, line 18. *Omit* "nominate and" *insert* "subject to the approval of"
- Page 8, clause 31, line 18. *After* "Governor" *omit* "may"
- Page 8, clause 31, line 19. *Omit* "or more"
- Page 8, clause 31, line 19. *Omit* "s" from "inspectors"
- Page 8, clause 31, line 20. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"
- Page 8, clause 31, line 21. *Omit* "such" *insert* "all"
- Page 8, clause 31, lines 21 and 22. *Omit* "as it may think fit but" *insert* "of such district inspector and other officers and"
- Page 8, clause 31, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "beyond a fee of one pound for every meeting which he attends"
- Page 8, clause 34, line 49. *After* "roll" *insert* "Provided that if necessary to liquidate claims for compensation or to meet other liabilities, the Board shall within any year, levy a rate to the full amount of one pound per centum, or two or more equal rates amounting in the aggregate to one pound per centum"
- Page 8, clause 34, line 53. *After* "revision" *insert* "and consideration of any appeal from such rating"
- Page 9, clause 37, line 17. *After* "become due" *omit* remainder of clause
- Page 10, clause 48. *Omit* clause 48.
- Page 10, clause 49, lines 44 to 46. *Omit* "any vineyard, ship, boat, shop, store, or other building, premises, or place, or any vine, part of vine, grapes, case, box, barrel, or other receptacle or package" *insert* "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 To-morrow.

10. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 17th May, 1893,—"Village and Industrial Settlements."
(2.) Return to an Order made on 19th April, 1893,—"Staff Colour-Sergeant William Jiffkins, Volunteer Permanent Staff."
(3.) Return to an Order made on 17th May, 1893,—"Cartage and horse hire in connection with the Easter Encampments."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Regulation in connection with receipts for telegrams.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report of the University of Sydney for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

11. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL:—Mr. Bowes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th April, 1893, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bowes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

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12. 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 Standing Order No. 15. respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, “on a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, to call attention to the “action of the Railway Commissioners with respect to the engine-drivers, firemen, and cleaners “who signed the recent memorial to them with regard to certain grievances.” 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.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

13. SESSIONAL ORDER FOR LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional Order preventing the taking of new business after 11 o'clock p.m. be suspended for the remainder of the present Session.

*Point of Order:—*Mr. Garrard invited Mr. Speaker's attention to the action of the House on the 18th January last, and inquired whether the present Motion, which was substantially the same Question, could be put.
Mr. Speaker said that the terms of the two Motions were different—the first being to rescind and this to suspend the Sessional Order referred to. He thought there was sufficient difference to constitute this a new Question.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. ADDITIONAL LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1893:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor,

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimate of the expenditure of the Government on account of public works and other services for the year 1893, proposed to be provided for by loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th May, 1893.*

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

15. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given.

*Point of Order:—*The Chairman stated that the Additional Estimates for 1893 were under consideration, and when the Vote of £720 under the head Executive and Legislative was proposed, Mr. Crick, the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, contended that the items making up the sum of £720, being “in adjustment of salaries” already settled by Vote this Session, could not be again discussed. He (the Chairman) considered that as the sum proposed was referred by the House, and recommended by a new Message from the Governor, and was neither identical with nor substantially the same as the sum on which the vote had been taken, the proposal was perfectly regular. The Committee however dissented, and directed him to report the Point of Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that items reduced or omitted in Committee of Supply had frequently in the past been restored or voted when re-submitted on an Additional Estimate, covered by a new Message from the Governor. In this case there was nothing unusual, and he must therefore rule in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1892 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1890 and Previous Years.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,291 1s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head “Services of 1890 and previous years.”

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Services of 1891.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175,820 17s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1891."

Services of 1892.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £231,166 3s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1892."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1893.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,175 for the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1893.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,178, for Executive Council, for the year 1893.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,512, for Legislative Council, for the year 1893.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,125, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1893.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,126, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1893.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,998, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1893.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,206, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1893.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,177, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1893.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,995, for Department of Audit, for the year 1893.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,622, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1893.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, for Department of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1893.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,350, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1893.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,285, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Military Secretary, for the year 1893.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,210, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Permanent Forces, for the year 1893.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £155, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Military Instructors, for the year 1893.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,715, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Artillery Forces, for the year 1893.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,567, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Commanding Engineer, for the year 1893.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,365, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Military and Defence Works, for the year 1893.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,642, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Permanent Submarine Miners, for the year 1893.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,183, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Permanent Medical Staff Corps, for the year 1893.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,290, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Permanent Staff (unattached), for the year 1893.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,459, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Mounted Regiment, for the year 1893.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,606, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Artillery, for the year 1893.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Partially-paid Artillery Reserves, for the year 1893.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,774, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Engineers, for the year 1893.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,742, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Submarine Miners, for the year 1893.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,250, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Infantry, for the year 1893.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,500, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Infantry Reserves, for the year 1893.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,629, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Medical Staff Corps, for the year 1893.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £725 for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, Transport Corps, for the year 1893.

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- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,079, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Force, General Contingencies, for the year 1893.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,340 for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Expenses in connection with the reduction and disbandment of Reserve Rifle Companies, &c., for the year 1893.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,754, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Ordnance and Barrack Department, Military Branch, for the year 1893.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,792, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Naval Brigade, for the year 1893.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,380, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1893.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,322, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Torpedo Defence, for the year 1893.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, for Pension to Major-General Richardson, for the year 1893.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Warlike Stores, for the year 1893.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £324,639, for Police, for the year 1893.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,122, for Lunacy, for the year 1893.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,680, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1893.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Medical Board, for the year 1893.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34,271, for Department of Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1893.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,691, for Department of Government Statistician, for the year 1893.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,664, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1893.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Immigration, for the year 1893.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £310, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1893.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £62,590, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1893.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1893.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,227, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1893.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1893.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,897, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1893.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £860, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1893.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,063, for Government Domains, for the year 1893.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,100, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1893.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,898, for Centennial Park, for the year 1893.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,250, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1893.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,465, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.

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

- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,395, for the Department of the Treasury, for the year 1893.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,468, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1893.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70,228, for Customs Department, for the year 1893.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1893.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1893.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,409, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1893.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,275, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1893.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,957, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, Civil and Magazine Branch, for the year 1893.

(77.)

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- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,596, for Board of Health, for the year 1893.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1893.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,945, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1893.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,953, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1893.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,953, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1893.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats, for the year 1893.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,932, for Public Wharfs, for the year 1893.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £185,634, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,175,751, for Railways and Tramways, Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1893.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,500, for Railways and Tramways—Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.

No. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,262, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1893.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,075, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsmen, for the year 1893.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,599, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1893.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,056, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1893.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,668, for Trades Disputes Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration, for the year 1893.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,971, for Department of Lands, for the year 1893.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,600, for Minor Roads, for the year 1893.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,826, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1893.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,269, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1893.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,527, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £218,386, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1893.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,649, for Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony, for the year 1893.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,247, for Special Service—Detail Surveys of Cities, Towns, and Suburbs, for the year 1893.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,434, for Department of Public Works—Establishment, for the year 1893.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,183, for Dock Establishment, for the year 1893.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,142, for Dredge Service, for the year 1893.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £674,514, for Public Works and Services—Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply, Architect, Sewerage and Local Government Endowment, for the year 1893.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,683, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1893.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,007, for Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1893.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,947, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1893.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.

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No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,964, for Department of Justice, for the year 1893.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,477, for Department of Master-in-Equity, for the year 1893.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,711, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1893.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £216, for Divorce Court, for the year 1893.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,515, for Department of Curator, for the year 1893.
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,738, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1893.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,733, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1893.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,880, for Probate Office, for the year 1893.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,380, for District Courts, for the year 1893.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,563, for Coroners, for the year 1893.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85,890, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1893.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £118,840, for Prisons, for the year 1893.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £965, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1893.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,501, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1893.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,154, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £723,733, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1893.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,992, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1893.
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,988, for Observatory, for the year 1893.
- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,257, for Museum for the year 1893.
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,654, for Free Public Library, for the year 1893.
- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,026, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1893.
- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,800, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1893.
- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,234, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79,969, for Department of Mines, for the year 1893.
- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,901, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1893.
- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,834, for Imported Stock, for the year 1893.
- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,992, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1893.
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1893.
- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,740, for Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring, for the year 1893.
- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Agricultural Department, for the year 1893.
- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,199, for Department of Forestry, for the year 1893.
- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1893.
- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,050, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.

No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £506,029, for Post Office, for the year 1893.
- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,149, for Money Order and Savings Bank Branch, for the year 1893.

(144.)

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- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £198,180, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1893.
 (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,579, for Telephones, for the year 1893.
 (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,247, for Electric Lights, for the year 1893.
 (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,356, for Cable Subsidies, for the year 1893.
 (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £188, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1893.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1893.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £320, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council."
 (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Assembly."
 (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £290, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £132, to defray additional charge under the head "Military Secretary."
 (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Artillery."
 (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £219, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Commanding Engineer."
 (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £415, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Permanent Medical Staff."
 (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Volunteer Forces—Mounted Regiment."
 (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces—Naval Brigade."
 (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,180, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,265, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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

- (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £226, to defray additional charge under the head "Treasury."
 (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "Board of Health, Sydney."

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,773, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
 (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,882, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."

No. VIII.—MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

- (165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40, to defray additional charge under the head "Prisons."
 (166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IX.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,708, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Instruction under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23."
 (168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £92 16s. 5d., to defray additional charge under the head "Industrial Schools."
 (169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £605, to defray additional charge under the head "Museum."

No. XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,337, to defray additional charge under the head "Post Office."
 (171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraph Department."
 (172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Lights."

LOAN

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LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1893.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Military and Defence Works—for erection of and completion of Fortifications, and for Military Works generally.

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

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £8,000—for Marine Board—further sum for New Steamer for Pilot Service.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Railways: being £50,000 for completing Suburban Duplication Works, including Strathfield to Ryde—further sum; £50,000 to complete Improvement of Grades and Curves already in hand, and Lapstone Hill Deviation—further sum; £50,000 for Additions, Alterations, and Improvements to Roads, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes, including purchase of land required for extending works, also for providing safety appliances—further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £206,075, for Railway Construction Branch: being £21,000 for Cootamundra to Temora Railway—further sum; £42,000 for Nyngan to Cobar Railway—further sum; £4,550 for North Shore Railway, from Junction to near Crow's Nest—further sum; £50,000 for St. Leonards to Milson's Point Railway—further sum; £22,525 for Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum; £6,000 for Railway Trial Surveys; £80,000 towards completion of the Tramway from King-street to Ocean-street; £40,000, for Construction and Extension of Tramways—further sum.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £103,650, for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £2,500 towards construction of Jetties at foot of Erskine-street—further sum; £33,000 for Reclamation and Dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c.; £15,000 for Long Cove Reclamation and Dredging—further sum—including cost of resumption of land, &c.; £14,500 for New Jetty and Shed, Circular Quay, and extending old A.S.N. Co.'s Berth—further sum; £3,650 for New Dredge for Clarence River—further sum; £30,000 for Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum; £5,000 for Reclamation of Careening Cove and Neutral Bay, North Shore, including construction of necessary sea-walls and purchase of land—further sum.

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £88,357, for Government Architect's Branch: being £43,657 to complete the Sydney Hospital; £6,200 for new Public Offices—erection of, including cost of land—further sum; £8,500 for Grafton Gaol—erection and completion of—further sum; £15,000 for erection of additional accommodation for the Insane at Rydalmer; £15,000 for erection of accommodation for the Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn.

(179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £36,500, for Roads and Bridges Branch: being £3,200 for Iron Bridge over Lachlan River, at Forbes—further sum; £6,400 for Iron Bridge over Darling River, at Wentworth—further sum; £2,100 for Iron Bridge, Tighe's Hill (moiety of cost); £8,000 for Iron Bridge, Darling River, Wilcannia—further sum; £1,100 for Iron Bridge over the Hunter River, at Aberdeen—further sum; £3,700 for Iron Bridge, Cowra,—erection of—further sum; £12,000 for Bridge, iron base structure, Murrumbidgee River, at Wagga Wagga.

(180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £18,850, for Sewerage Branch: being £500 for resumption of land, Sutherland and Good-hope Streets, Paddington—further sum; £1,800 for resumption and temporary occupation of land at Paddington and Rose Bay Side Drainage; £5,000 for Darling Point Sewer—further sum; £1,850 for Euston Park, Balmain, Stormwater Channel; £9,700 for Ashfield Stormwater Channels—purchase of, from Borough Council.

(181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £60,000, for Water Supply and Sewerage: being £45,000 for extension of the Sydney Water Supply and other works in connection therewith, including cast-iron pipes, tanks, reservoirs, resumption of land, &c.; £15,000 for completion of new offices, including fittings and purchase of site—further sum.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £63,374, for Public Watering Places, &c., for construction of Public Watering Places, Appliances, Cottages, Fencing, &c., for Artesian Boring upon Stock Routes, and Expenditure incidental thereto.

No. XI.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Electric Telegraph Department—construction and extension of Lines generally.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

(184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £40,000, to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due 1st July, 1893, viz., Public Works—18 Vic., No. 35.

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ADDITIONAL LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1893.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(185.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1893, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for Harbours and Rivers Branch—Trial Bay Harbour Works—further sum.

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

16. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 To-morrow.

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

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

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

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the Year 1892 and previous years, the sum of £411,278 1s. 1½d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(10.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1893, the sum of £7,327,407 16s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(11.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £879,806 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. See, the Resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

17. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 9 and 10), 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 1893, and for the Year 1892 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. See 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 1893, and for the Year 1892 and previous years*,”—which was read a first time.

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

18. LOAN BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 11), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to vary the appropriation of moneys authorised to be raised by 55 Victoria No. 35; to authorise certain costs and expenses to be paid out of moneys raised under the Public Works Loan Acts of 1884 and 1888, and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to vary the appropriation of moneys authorised to be raised by 55 Victoria No. 35; to authorise certain costs and expenses to be paid out of moneys raised under the Public Works Loan Acts of 1884 and 1888, and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects*,”—which was read a first time.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Government Deposits:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer.—

(1.) What amount of money had the Government in the Commercial Bank of Sydney at the end of last year?

(2.) The amount in said Bank when it suspended?

(3.) Does the Government stand in the same position as private depositors in regard to their current account in said Bank; if not, in what position do they stand in reference to their current accounts?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) At the credit of the General Banking Account, £338,522 1s. 6d.

(2.) At credit of General Banking Account, £309,347 18s. 9d.; at credit of Departmental Public Officers and Trustee Accounts, £50,523 0s. 9d.

(3.) No; the Government has a prior claim. I may add that £300,000 of the balance at the credit of the General Banking Account at date of suspension has since been paid.

- (2.) Banking Business:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many of the Banks doing business in New South Wales have complied with the requirements of the forms gazetted 6th April, 1892?

(2.) If any, which were they?

Mr. See answered,—The Banks have all complied with the requirements of the notice referred to, and the returns have been published by the Government Statistician.

- (3.) Banks of Issue:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many of the Banks of Issue referred to in the proclamation of 15th May have complied with clauses 3 and 6 of the Bank Issue Act?

Mr. See answered,—All the Banks named in the proclamation.

- (4.) Government Clothing:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the frequent complaints as to the inferior quality and manufacture of the Government clothing, is it the intention of the Government to appoint a competent man to superintend and thoroughly investigate all Government clothing and matters connected therewith?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of complaints having been made. It is the duty of the Comptroller-General of Stores to inspect clothing, other than railway and military uniforms.

- (5.) Road from Milson's Point to Peat's Ferry:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the owner of Berry's Estate, St. Leonards, is now fencing land and including in same a portion of the main road from Milson's Point to Peat's Ferry?

(2.) Is the portion of road referred to part of Berry's Estate; and, if so, who was responsible for such a serious mistake as the deviation of the road on to private property?

(3.) How long has this road been in public use?

(4.) Have large sums of money been spent in forming, metalling, and maintaining the road, and the portion now being fenced?

(5.) In view of the inconvenience to traffic caused by this obstruction, will he take steps to have the fence removed, or the necessary deviation of the road made at once to its proper alignment?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The recent alignment shows that part of this-road is included in the Berry Estate. The road has been constructed upwards of twenty years, and it cannot be ascertained now who made the error in the first instance.

(3.) Since the proclamation in 1863.

(4.) Money has, of course, been spent on the portion of road referred to.

(5.) The matter is now under consideration.

(6.) Statuary for the Sydney Hospital and Water and Sewerage Board Office:—Mr. Eve asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Emile Leyselle, a sculptor, has been employed to carve a group of statuary for the Sydney Hospital?

(2.) Were designs called for, and competition invited?

(3.) Who was the sculptor who carved the statuary for the Water and Sewerage Board Office?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) Mr. Leyselle, on his own responsibility, submitted a design, but no decision has been arrived at.

(3.) Mr. White.

(7.) State Labour Farm:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did a deputation wait upon him in October, 1892, urging the establishment of a State labour farm and similar institutions for the benefit of the unemployed?

(2.) Has he yet replied to a letter numbered H. 92-195, of the 25th October, 1892, signed by several Members of this House and representatives of the unemployed and of the Australian Workers Union, in which definite and alternate propositions for the purposes previously put before him by the deputation above mentioned were put before him?

(3.) Has he several times been asked for a reply to same?

(4.) Is he in a position to say when a reply may be expected?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Bill which the Secretary of Lands is bringing in to-night will be a full answer to the Honorable Member's Question.

(8.) Reconstruction of Federal Bank:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the for-some-time-closed Federal Bank has posted notices of reconstruction?

(2.) Does this proceeding enable its current account depositors to come within the provisions of the later Banking Bill?

(3.) Has this corporation taken any steps to place itself on a similar footing to the other Banks who are now issuing legal tender notes?

(4.) Is it a fact that the provisional liquidator of the Federal Bank is the late Manager?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am not officially aware.

(2.) If the Bank mentioned has posted such notices as the Honorable Member indicates, the question whether the said proceeding would enable its current account depositors to come within the provisions of the "Current Account Depositors Act, 1893," would be decided by the Law Officer of the Crown.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) I believe so.

(9.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that large numbers of the unemployed are in the habit of sleeping in the parks and other places without any provision to shelter them from the weather?

(2.) If so, have any steps been taken to provide shelter for destitute persons during the winter months?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes; and steps are now being taken for providing them with shelter during the winter months.

(10.) Plans and Specifications of Yarrenbah Bridge:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a promise was made some time ago that when contracts were being let in the country districts plans and specifications would be exhibited locally?

(2.) If so, why were not plans and specifications of the proposed Yarrenbah Bridge exhibited at Angledool when tenders were recently called for the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; and this is generally done.

(2.) It is the usual practice to exhibit bridge plans at two of the most important towns in the district where the work is situate. In this case Walgett and Coonamble were selected. Had any application been made from Angledool, Collarindabri, or Goodooga, plans would also have been sent to these small townships.

(11.) Water Supply for Gold-mining at Billagoe:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a large number of men are now working at Billagoe, where most important gold discoveries have been made, and that very serious inconvenience is felt owing to the want of a water supply?

(2.) If so, will he take immediate steps to provide a supply of water for domestic purposes and for stock?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I understand that a number of miners are working at Billagoe, and that application has been made for a water supply.

(2.) This matter is being inquired into; but it will be readily understood that for the Department to expend moneys in providing water supplies for gold-fields in the manner suggested would involve the Government, in the absence of specific legislation, in a very large and unprofitable expenditure.

(12.) Bridge over Creek on Road from Yullundry to Loombah:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the reason that the erection of the bridge over the creek on the road from Yullundry to Loombah, and brought under his special notice by local residents, viz., Messrs. Grimson and Ryan, has been so long delayed, and when is the work likely to be proceeded with; is the crossing in a dangerous state from heavy floods?

(2.) Is it a fact that he has repeatedly informed Dr. Ross by letter that tenders would be invited, and the work proceeded with without delay; if so, why is this promise not being fulfilled and carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There being two gullies it was decided that to bridge them would be too costly. Money was, therefore, provided for stone causeways and metalled approaches. The contract for the approaches was let on the 10th April, and the work is in hand. Tenders for the causeways will be invited as soon as possible. The delay has occurred through an accident to the local officer.

(13.) Agricultural Gazette:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The cost of publishing the New South Wales *Agricultural Gazette* annually?

(2.) The number of copies published monthly, and the cost of the same?

(3.) The number of copies delivered free?

(4.) The number of subscribers or the number of copies sold monthly, and the amount received for the same?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A return will be prepared and laid upon the Table, giving the required information.

(14.) Bank Note Issue:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of legal tender bank notes that each Bank respectively is empowered to issue under the proclamation recently made in accordance with the Bank Issue Act?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(15.) Dairies Supervision Act:—Mr. Fuller asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the proposed amended Dairies Supervision Act been prepared?

(2.) If so, will he introduce the Bill this Session, in order to give the public an opportunity of considering the proposed amendments?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act has been prepared for some time, but, owing to matters of graver importance requiring my attention, I have not had time to consider its provisions, and I doubt whether there would be sufficient time to introduce such a measure during the present Session.

(16.) Coach Travelling between Forbes and Condobolin:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—Is he aware of the dangers (to the travelling public) attending the conveyance of the mail-coach between Forbes and Condobolin, owing to the impassable state of the roads in wet weather and floods; and will he see that steps are taken with the view to the said mail travelling in the day-time in place of, as at present, during the night, in order to avoid, if possible, the sacrifice of human life and property, especially during the winter months of the year?

Mr. Kidd answered,—At flood time, when the Lachlan River water is over the Forbes-Condobolin roads, the mails are not expected to travel at night; but when the roads are only wet after rain it is not perceived that there is any danger in night travelling, nor that there are any other reasons for discontinuing this, and thus delaying the mails some eight or ten hours.

(17.) Contracts for Lapstone and Dubbo Deviations:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When were the contracts for the Lapstone deviation and the Dubbo deviations entered into between the Railway Commissioners and Proudfoot & Co.?

(2.) When were the said works completed?

Mr. See answered,—These Questions refer to a case in which legal proceedings are pending, and therefore it is not desirable to afford the information sought.

2. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Edden, read a third time, and passed.Mr. Edden then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Recovery Act,’ 45th Victoria No. 27, so as to provide power to award payment of Judgment Debts by Instalments.*”

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 ‘Small Debts Recovery Act,’ 45th Victoria No. 27, so as to provide power to award payment of Judgment Debts by Instalments,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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3. CROWN LAND ASSOCIATED SETTLEMENTS BILL. (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir George Dibbs, for Mr. Copeland 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 and regulate the granting and renewal of settlement leases of Crown lands to Settlement Associations, with right of purchase under certain conditions; for the granting and repayment of loans in connection therewith; for the amendment of the law so far as is necessary to fully effectuate the above objects; and for the doing of all things necessary or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; third reading ;—until To-morrow.
 (2.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
 (3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—until To-morrow.
 (4.) Balranald Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday next.
 (5.) Trust Property Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments ;—until To-morrow.
5. PAPERS :—
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines and Agriculture.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Vessels arriving at and leaving Ports of New South Wales, for 1892.
Ordered to be printed.
6. BANKING LAWS :—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The public virtually receive no protection from the various Banking Acts now in force, which permit of temporary bank employees auditing accounts without the right of examining securities.
 (2.) The Government should as early as possible introduce a general Banking Act, providing (a) for the appointment of Bank Commissioners, vested with full powers to audit accounts and examine securities when deemed necessary; (b) for the encouragement of banks to invest 90 per cent. of their reserve funds in Government stock.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
7. RELEASE OF LEADERS OF BROKEN HILL STRIKE :—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in view of the fact that this House has already passed a Bill amending the law, and fixing the maximum penalty at three months for an offence upon which the Broken Hill strike leaders were convicted, this House is of opinion "that" the Broken Hill strike prisoners, Sleath, Ferguson, Hewett, and Polkinghorne, should be immediately released.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Walker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "that," in the third line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the assurance given by the Premier, that he will refer the matter to the Minister for Justice for his consideration, is satisfactory."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That His Excellency's Message, No. 1, be read.
Question put and passed.
And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the following Address, in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message, be adopted by this House, and presented to His Excellency :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a 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, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Message, informing us of your assumption of the Government of the Colony, in virtue of a Commission from Her Most Gracious Majesty, appointing you Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

We beg your Excellency to accept our cordial congratulations on your assuming the Government of New South Wales. The choice made by Her Majesty, in filling the high office of Her Representative in this Colony, affords a gratifying evidence that the welfare and best interests of Her Australian subjects are anxiously considered, and will, we feel assured, tend to strengthen the loyal attachment of all classes to Her Majesty's Throne and Person.

Question put and passed.

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9. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

(3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. See, passed.

Mr. See 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 1893, and for the Year 1892 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 1893, and for the Year 1892 and previous Years,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 1st June, 1893, a.m.*

10. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

(3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. See, passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to vary the appropriation of moneys authorised to be raised by 55 Victoria No. 35; to authorise certain costs and expenses to be paid out of moneys raised under the Public Works Loan Acts of 1884 and 1888; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to vary the appropriation of moneys authorised to be raised by 55 Victoria No. 35; to authorise certain costs and expenses to be paid out of moneys raised under the Public Loan Acts of 1884 and 1888; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY'S LAND REVESTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

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

12. VINE DISEASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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. Kidd, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines; or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate a certain disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central and other Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*”—including the amendments in the Title.

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13. NECROPOLIS (ADDITIONAL AREAS) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

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

(3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, *passed*.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to set apart certain land at Rookwood as a burial-ground; to apportion such land among the trustees of various denominations and the trustees of the General Cemetery of the Necropolis; to extend the Acts 31 Victoria No. 14 and 47 Victoria No. 11 to such land, and to other land hereinafter set apart as a burial-ground at Rookwood; and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to set apart certain land at Rookwood as a burial-ground; to apportion such land among the trustees of various denominations and the trustees of the General Cemetery of the Necropolis; to extend the Acts 31 Victoria No. 14 and 47 Victoria No. 11 to such land, and to other land hereinafter set apart as a burial-ground at Rookwood; and for other purposes,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st June, 1893, a.m.

14. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALLS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE, 1893.

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor the Address of congratulation adopted by the House in reply to His Excellency's Message No. 1, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I receive with much pride and gratification your complimentary Address on my appointment as Her Majesty's Representative in this Colony, and I desire to return you my sincere thanks for the flattering terms in which your congratulations are expressed.

I beg to assure you, Gentlemen, that, in the faithful discharge of my duties, it will be my continual and earnest endeavour to promote the welfare and happiness of this Colony, and to strengthen that loyal attachment to Her Majesty's Crown and Person which so nobly distinguishes the whole population of New South Wales.

Government House,
1st June, 1893.

R. W. DUFF.

- 2 BIRDS PROTECTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 1st June, 1893.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Separation of Mossman's Ward from North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 - (1.) When will the papers in connection with the separation of Mossman's Ward from North Sydney be laid upon the Table of the House, as ordered on the 26th April last?
 - (2.) Has his attention been directed to the decision of Mr. Justice Owen, in the case of the Attorney-General *v.* Borough of North Sydney, that any action of that Borough, under the authority from the Governor, to borrow money for municipal gasworks is now illegal, owing to the severance of a portion of the security by the establishment of a separate borough at Mossman's?
 - (3.) Were all the facts in connection with this and other loans of the Borough of North Sydney made known before such separation was granted?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that in the adjustment of liabilities in connection with this division only portion of the loans of the Borough of North Sydney was considered, and that no provisions were made for the adjustment of outstanding loans, amounting to over £30,000, incurred before the amalgamation of the Boroughs of St. Leonards, East St. Leonards, and Victoria?
 - (5.) If so, under what section of the Municipalities Act was such a course taken?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that the Borough of North Sydney lately borrowed £35,000 upon the security of rates, including those of Mossman's Ward, and that a protest against the severance of this security was made by one of the debenture holders of North Sydney, and that the separation was granted notwithstanding?

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(7.) Will he ascertain whether under section 19 of the Municipalities Act the Borough of North Sydney is entitled to representation of eighteen Aldermen, and under what section of that Act was the number reduced to fifteen?

(8.) Will he ascertain whether the Governor, the Colonial Secretary, or the Local Government Officer has any power to deal with adjustments as between the divisions of municipalities outside the provisions of the Municipalities Act?

(9.) Will he take the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the legality of proceedings in connection with the separation of Mossman's Ward from North Sydney?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—If the Honorable Member will be good enough to move for a return embodying the information he desires, it will be supplied with the least possible delay.

(2.) Contract for Steel Rails:—Mr. Scott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he consider the advisability of re-offering the recent contract for 175,000 tons of steel rails to be made locally from local raw materials, in view of the fact that it is stated that a powerful company is now in process of formation in London for the purpose of developing and working an extensive iron-field in this Colony?

(2.) If he does so offer the contract in question, will he prevent the framing of conditions to govern its execution of an obstructive and impracticable character?

(3.) In determining the price to be paid for rails under such contract, will he ascertain the average gross cost per ton for, say, the last twelve or fourteen years, and take that as a basis price, with a preference duty of, say, 10 or 15 per cent. added thereto?

(4.) Will he, if such contract is re-offered, allow a reasonable time, say, two years, for laying down and putting into full working order of the necessary plant, calculated from date of acceptance of tender?

(5.) What has been the percentage of gross cost over invoice price per ton for the fourteen years, 1878 to 1892, inclusive, of the following permanent-way materials imported for use on the Government railways, viz., rails, fishplates, bolts and nuts, spikes, and chairs; and what is the total weight of each of the above articles thus imported during the same period?

Mr. Lyne answered.—There is no necessity for reopening this matter in a formal way; if any offer is made at any time, it will be considered.

(3.) Baths at Lavender Bay:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. F. Cavill was paid £500 compensation for baths at Lavender Bay, resumed by the Public Works Department for railway purposes?

(2.) Is this the same Mr. Cavill who was granted a lease by the Secretary for Lands of a site for floating baths at Farm Cove?

(3.) Is it a fact that the baths at Lavender Bay, for which compensation was paid to Mr. Cavill, were erected by public subscription and Government subsidy, and for what was Mr. Cavill paid compensation?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This is a matter for the Lands Department.

(3.) The funds to defray the expense of enclosing the water were, I understand, raised by public subscription supplemented by the Government. Mr. Cavill was equitably entitled to the sum paid as compensation, on account of his having expended a large amount of his own money, not only in buildings and improvements on the land above high-water mark, but in constructing enclosed swimming baths between high and low-water marks.

(4.) Site for Baths at Lavender Bay:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to Answer given to Question, on Tuesday last, is it a fact that Mr. Charles Claude Cavill, the applicant for the lease of a site for floating baths at Lavender Bay, is a son of the lessee of floating baths at Farm Cove?

(2.) Is it a fact that this Mr. Charles Claude Cavill has been for some time engaged in the construction of floating baths upon Government property at Lavender Bay, although his application for a lease has not yet been reported upon by the Local Land Board or received the necessary consideration to entitle him to expect that a lease will be granted?

(3.) By what authority has he been allowed to enter upon Government property before the granting of his lease?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) It is not apparent from the official papers whether the present applicant, C. C. Cavill, is a son of the former lessee of the baths at Lavender Bay or otherwise.

(2.) I am not aware, but will cause inquiry to be made.

(3.) No authority has been given by this Department.

(5.) Light Railway from Coonong Siding to Urana:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has an estimate been made of the cost of constructing a tramway or light line of railway from Coonong siding to Urana; if so, what is the amount?

(2.) What action is it intended to take to have such a work carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No; but a survey from Coonong Siding to Hopefield, via Urana, is now being made.

(2.) The Honorable Member must be aware that it is impossible to carry out this work at present.

(6.) Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have alterations been made to the bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga, which will intercept the passage of drift timber down the stream when the river attains a height of 29 feet?

(2.) Is it probable that if such obstructions have been placed under the bridge, that during a fresh in the river the bridge is likely to be carried away?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—In the alterations referred to, certain wire ropes would intercept the drift timber at the height named, but provision has been made for temporarily removing these ropes in case of the flood rising to the height stated; therefore, the risk of damage by flood is removed.

(7.) Reception of the Governor:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that at the reception of the Governor on Monday last there were no field officers present in the 2nd Regiment, nor even the paid Adjutant?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding:—No field officers belonging to the 2nd Regiment were present at the parade on the occasion of the reception of His Excellency the Governor, and the Regiment was commanded by the senior Captain. The Adjutant was absent with leave from the Acting-Officer Commanding the troops. I do not consider that the absence of these officers in any way militated against the efficiency of the detachment of the 2nd Regiment present on parade upon the occasion in question.

(8.) Banks and Assurance Societies of the Colony:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of appointing competent auditors to examine accounts and inquire into the real position of the various Banks and Assurance Societies of this Colony, in order to safeguard the public against further loss?

Mr. See answered,—The Government have already given consideration to the matters referred to by the Honorable Member, and though there is no intention or necessity for appointing an official auditor, the promised Banking, Finance, and Insurance Bills will contain such provisions as will effectually safeguard the interests of the general public.

(9.) Refrigerating Depôt at Newcastle:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the great trade accruing by the export of frozen meat, will the Government consider the advisability of building, at Newcastle, a refrigerating depôt, and providing modern facilities for the carriage and shipment of frozen meat?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will invite the attention of my honorable colleague the Colonial Treasurer to this important matter.

(10.) Coal bought by the Government during 1892:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What quantity of coal was bought by the Government last year?
(2.) What amount was paid for same?

Mr. See answered,—It will take a considerable time to obtain this information, which, when complete, will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(11.) Interest due on Unpaid Balances for Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the present depression will the Government forego the interest due on all unpaid balances for conditional purchases?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Government have no present intention of resorting to any such course, which would have the effect of intensifying the depression in the Public Treasury to the detriment of the whole community. I would, however, refer the Honorable Member to my Answer, on the 4th ultimo, to a Question by the Member for the Namoi with reference to applications for extension of time for payments due to the Crown.

4. AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY'S LAND REVESTING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to vest certain land in the Australian Agricultural 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 vest certain land in the Australian Agricultural Company,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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5. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to vest certain land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Hall for the use of Friendly Societies, and also to vest certain other land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall.*”

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 land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Hall for the use of Friendly Societies, and also to vest certain other land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. RELEASE OF LEADERS OF BROKEN HILL STRIKE:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate on this subject discharged, on motion of Mr. Cann.

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7. CROWN LAND ASSOCIATED SETTLEMENTS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for and regulate the granting and renewal of settlement leases of Crown lands to Settlement Associations, with right of purchase under certain conditions; for the granting and repayment of loans in connection therewith; for the amendment of the law so far as is necessary to fully effectuate the above objects; and for the doing of all things necessary or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*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 and regulate the granting and renewal of settlement leases of Crown lands to Settlement Associations, with right of purchase under certain conditions; for the granting and repayment of loans in connection therewith; for the amendment of the law so far as is necessary to fully effectuate the above objects; and for the doing of all things necessary or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for and regulate the granting and renewal of settlement leases of Crown lands to Settlement Associations, with right of purchase under certain conditions; for the granting and repayment of loans in connection therewith; for the amendment of the law so far as is necessary to fully effectuate the above objects; and for the doing of all things necessary or incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.

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

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

(1.) Lee and Brady Settlement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of a certain settlement made by William Lee and Maria Brady, and dated the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to effect sales, mortgages, leases, and exchanges of the lands and hereditaments comprised in or subject to the trusts of the said settlement*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Supreme Court Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to proceedings in the Supreme Court*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st June, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Dr. Cullen, read a first time.

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

(3.) Public Works Committee Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend Part I of the ‘Public Works Act of 1888,’ the ‘Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889,’ and the ‘Public Works (Committees Remuneration) Act of 1889*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st June, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

9. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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10. 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 1893, and for the Year 1892 and previous Years,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker be authorised to present the Appropriation Bill to the Governor, at Government House, for the Royal Assent, without delay.
Question put and passed.

11. LUNACY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Insane, and to further amend the ‘Lunacy Act of 1878,’ and to validate certain certificates.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Insane, and to further amend the ‘Lunacy Act of 1878,’ and to validate certain certificates,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 2nd June, 1893, a.m.*

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—

(1.) Sir George Dibbs moved, That the remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business be postponed until To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Tuesday next:—

(1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill: third reading.

(2.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) second reading.

(3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

(4.) Trust Property Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Colonel Spalding:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of money has been paid to, or charged by, Colonel Spalding for cab hire during the three months ending April, 1893?

(2.) Is it a fact that any men of the Permanent Force have at any time been engaged working at the private residence of Colonel Spalding, on the Southern line?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £28 4s. 6d.

(2.) No.

- (2.) Permits issued to mine for Coal under Crown Lands:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many permits or leases to mine for coal under Government or Crown lands have been granted?

(2.) How many are now being worked?

(3.) What amount of royalty was received from the same last year?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Leases granted, 264; permits granted, 379.

(2.) This information cannot be given without an inspection of each lease and permit in force; but 149 leases and 322 permits have been cancelled.

(3.) Royalty received to date on leases for 1892, £8,012 14s. 6d.; royalty received to date on authorities, section 28, for 1892, £1,211 7s. 3d.—total, £9,224 1s. 9d.

- (3.) Issue of Mining Permits to Members of Miners' Union:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Taking into his consideration that strikes amongst coal-miners greatly interfere with the working of the railways, and inasmuch as the Government purchase large quantities of coal taken from under their own reserves, will he in future give a preference to any application for a mining permit or lease made on behalf of a miners' union?

Mr. Kidd answered,—All applications for permits or leases are dealt with as required by law, in the order of priority, without regard to the class to which the applicants belong.

- (4.) Inquest on Body of Annie Dredge:—Mr. Hindle, for Mr. Cotton asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he received a report from the Inspector-General of Police on the subject of the alleged suppression of evidence at the inquest held recently upon the body of Annie Dredge, who died under suspicious circumstances in a house at Woolloomooloo?

(2.) Has he any objection to lay the same upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the Inspector-General of Police has not yet reported upon the case referred to.

(5.)

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- (5.) Retrenchment in the Civil Service:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to carry out a further scheme of retrenchment during recess ?
 (2.) Has any definite plan of reduction been carried out with regard to the allowances, incidentals, &c., of Civil Servants ; if so, what is the nature of that plan ; if not, will the Government consider the desirableness of adopting such a plan during the recess ?

(3.) Do the Government intend carrying out the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government during the recess will in a general way do their utmost to economise in the expenditure requisite for the Public Service.

- (6.) Amount paid Messrs. Tabner & Co. for binding Books for Free Public Library:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What amount of money has been paid to Messrs. Tabner & Co., of London, publishers, or other firms in the book trade, for binding or mounting books, pamphlets, or other papers, for the Free Public Library for the last five years ?

(2.) What are the names of the trustees who manage or control the Free Public Library ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Not known. All books ordered from the trustees' London agents are sent out bound. The agents select their own binders, and include their charges in the cost of books.

(2.) The Honorable James Norton, LL.D., M.L.C. (President), the Honorable Edmund Barton, M.L.A., the Honorable J. F. Burns, the Honorable Edward Greville, M.L.C., the Honorable Sir J. George L. Innes, Kt., Alexander Oliver, Esq., M.A., the Honorable John Stewart, M.L.C., the Honorable Sir William Windeyer, M.A., LL.D., Professor M. W. MacCallum, M.A., the Honorable Philip Gidley King, M.L.C.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

(1.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

(2.) Parramatta Street Watering Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

3. PAPER :—*Mr. Kidd* laid upon the Table,—Annual Progress Report of the State Forest Administration in New South Wales for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION 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 Tuesday next.

5. WORKING OF THE GOVERNMENT LABOUR BUREAU :—*Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald*, 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 26th April, 1893, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION 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. Neild*, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

7. LAW PRACTITIONERS 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. Neild*, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

8. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Wright* 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. Wright*, *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. Wright*, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

9. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Neild* moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Want 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, "it is the opinion of this House, after perusal of the Report of the Select Committee on Simpson's Railway Bill, that the railway, the construction whereof the Bill is intended to sanction, should, if constructed, be constructed by the Government, and that with a view to such construction it is, in the further opinion of this House, necessary that the existing Rosehill railway, running from the Clyde Station to the waters of the Parramatta River, should be resumed by the Government under the powers in that behalf conferred upon them by Bennett's Railway Act."

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

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

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. McCredie,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,

Mr. Donald,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Tellers,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garrard,

Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Tellers,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hollis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garrard,

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Murphy,
Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McCredie.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dickens.

Tellers,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

10. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Melville moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Melville then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to enable the directors and shareholders of the 'Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)' to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said 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 directors and shareholders of the 'Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)' to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1893.*

11. LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to regulate the admission of persons to practise in Courts of Law."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to regulate the admission of persons to practise in Courts of Law,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 2nd June, 1893.

12. **BALRANALD IRRIGATION 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. R. B. Wilkinson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. **SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Melville 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. Melville, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Melville, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

14. **SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Neild, passed.
Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise and enable the ‘Land Company of Australasia (Limited)’ to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segehoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqueen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands to establish Irrigation Works; to authorise the Sale and Supply of Water for Irrigation and Domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook, and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise and enable the ‘Land Company of Australasia (Limited)’ to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segehoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqueen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands to establish Irrigation Works; to authorise the Sale and Supply of Water for Irrigation and Domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook, and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1893, a.m.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1893.

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 George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Appropriation Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

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 1893, and for the Year 1892 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, 2nd June, 1893.

- (2.) City of Sydney Lanes Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to empower the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain Lanes as now formed and made 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, 5th June, 1893.

- (3.) Bay Road Railway Station Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the opening of certain new roads and streets adjoining the Bay Road Railway Station, within the Borough of North Sydney, rendered necessary by reason of the construction of the Milson's Point Railway Extension, in lieu of certain portions of other roads and streets rendered unnecessary thereby; and to permanently close such unnecessary portions, and vest the sites thereof in the owners of the adjoining lands, in full compensation for the lands taken for the new roads and streets,*”—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, 1893.

(4.)

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(4.) Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Patrick Ryan Larkin, John Flanagan, and John Seage, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situated in Castlereagh, Campbell, Elizabeth, and Hay Streets, in the City of Sydney, to sell the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th June, 1898.

(5.) Waverley Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable His Eminence the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan, the Reverend Patrick Leonard Dunne, John Bede Barlow, and Michael Hagerty, or other the trustees for the time being of certain lands situate at Waverley, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th June, 1898.

2. ELECTORATE OF THE MACLEAY :—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 5th May, 1893, a.m., declaring the seat of Otho Orde Dangar, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Dangar, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Francis Clarke, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of The Macleay.

3. MEMBER SWORN :—Francis Clarke, 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. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public Buildings of the Colony :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the estimated amount expended in the erection of buildings, including value of land, for public purposes throughout the Colony ?
(2.) The total estimated rental value of all such buildings ?

Mr. See answered,—The total value of buildings (1892), exclusive of parks, under charge of the Government Architect's Branch, is £8,196,162. The above does not include value of the Public School buildings. The total estimated rental value of the above is £325,000.

(2.) Mining on Private Property :—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the reservations contained in many of the old grants enable the Government to permit mining on private property without passing a Bill ?
(2.) If so, is it intended to issue regulations, fully conserving the rights of the owners of land, permitting miners to take up land in areas as prescribed under present regulations ?
(3.) If not, why not ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—This is a legal question, which has been referred to the Attorney-General to advise upon.

(3.) Printing-paper imported from America :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What number of reels of printing-paper have been imported from America during the present year ?
(2.) What are the names of the importers ?
(3.) What is the quantity and declared value received by each ?
(4.) The same with regard to the United Kingdom ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) From the United States of America—5,912 reels ; value, £23,134.
(2.) This information cannot readily be supplied.
(3.) Included in Questions 1 and 4.
(4.) From United Kingdom—5,501 reels ; value, £33,280.

(4.) Annual Statement of Commercial Bank :—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Did the Commercial Bank of Sydney, when supplying their last annual statement to the Government, include in their liabilities their paid-up capital and reserve amount ?
(2.) Is it a fact that the said Bank have included in their assets the advances made to their own branches ?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Government Statistician objected to the way in which this account had been kept ?

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Mr. See answered,—The provisions of the Act under which the banking returns are made do not require that annual statements should be furnished; but a copy of the last quarterly return furnished by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney is attached hereto for the information of the Honorable Member.

(5.) Money voted and expended from 1888 to 1892:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The amount of money voted during the last five years preceding 1893?
- (2.) The amount expended during the five years?
- (3.) If the amount expended does not equal the amount voted, will he cause the balance to be added to this year's vote for expenditure?

Mr. Kidd answered,—As the purpose for which the money referred to was voted is not stated, it is not possible to supply the information.

(6.) Assets and Liabilities of the Commercial Bank:—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the amount of assets (not including the balance due by their own branches) given by the Commercial Bank of Sydney in their last statement made to the Government?
- (2.) Of what did those assets consist?
- (3.) What was the amount of liabilities (including paid-up capital and reserve fund) given by the Commercial Bank of Sydney in their last sworn statement made to the Government?

Mr. See answered,—A copy of the last quarterly return furnished by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney is attached to reply to Question No. 4.

5. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various Banks. Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various Banks,*”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Simpson's Railway Bill; third reading;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) Railway Bill; third reading;—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Public Works Committee Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (4.) Labour Protection Bill; second reading;—until Friday next.

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from the Most Reverend William Saumarez Smith, D.D., Bishop of Sydney, President of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney, praying the House to take this Bill into favourable consideration, and to pass the same without delay. Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Darnley presented a Petition from certain Members of the National Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance of New South Wales, submitting a resolution unanimously passed in favour of this Bill, and praying the House to ensure its early passing, and thus enable the people in every locality to remove, if they will, a source of demoralisation and danger that has so long been the fruitful cause of crime, insanity, pauperism, and numerous other evils. Petition received.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Haynes* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, “for the purpose of calling attention to the following definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the present threatened serious dispute in the maritime trade.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Scott, relative to the Iron Industry of the Colony, postponed until To-morrow.

10. APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. D. Clark, “That, in the opinion of the House,—

“(1.) The present system of appointing Justices of the Peace is opposed to the spirit of democracy.

“(2.) In future all such appointments should be made by popular ballot,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said Debate.

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

Debate continued,

And

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

11. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haynes 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 19.”

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 73.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. See,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Molesworth,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Garrard,

Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey.

Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Donald.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Tonkin,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Nicholson.

Tellers,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of Postal Notes, and for the exemption of the same from Stamp Duty; 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 amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of Postal Notes, and for the exemption of the same from Stamp Duty; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th June, 1893.

12. CROWN LAND ASSOCIATED SETTLEMENTS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1893, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, 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.

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13. LOAN BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to vary the appropriation of moneys authorised to be raised by 55 Victoria, No. 35; to authorise certain costs and expenses to be paid out of moneys raised under the Public Works Loan Acts of 1884 and 1888; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects.*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th June, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

14. DISORDERLY CONDUCT SUPPRESSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

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

15. PROBATE ACT OF 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery 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. Slattery, 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. Slattery, the report was adopted.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1893.

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

STEAM SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND VANCOUVER.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Slattery, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
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 the granting of a subsidy towards the monthly steam service now being performed between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wages of Men employed on Dredge "Samson":—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that considerable inconvenience was caused to the men on the dredge "Samson" through not receiving their wages on the 3rd June?

(2.) Is it a fact that the men on all other dredges were paid on the 2nd June?

(3.) Why did not the captain of the dredge "Samson" take steps to have his men paid on the 2nd June?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have not been able to communicate with the captain of the "Samson" on this matter; but in any case it is a trivial one to bring before Parliament. The men are lucky to get good wages, and be paid as soon as they were, when so little work is going on, with so many others out of employment, and need not rush to Parliament even if a day's delay did occur.

(2.) Conditional Leases of Messrs. Davey, Watt, and Westcott:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the lands formerly held as conditional leases by Messrs. Davey, Watt, and Wescott, which were resumed from sale and lease for mining purposes, been added to the resumed area of Balderudgera, Parkes Land District; if so, under what section or Act do such lands revert to the resumed area of the run?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry into the case, not only as to the matter of rents, but also as to whether such lands are now required for mining purposes?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; under the 32nd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

(2.) Instructions have been issued for the appraisement of the annual rent to be paid for the improvements on the land, but if the lands are required for mining purposes they are still open for that purpose.

(3.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the requisite number and exact localities of the platforms in connection with the Molong-Parkes-Forbes railway been finally determined upon; if so, how many are there, and at what places will such be erected?

(2.) Will a platform be constructed in the vicinity of the Parkes race-course for the convenience of the residents of such locality and the public in general?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes; at the following places, viz., Gregra, Manildra, Meranburn, Bunbury, Moura, Bindo-gandri, Parkes, Tichborne, Daroolbalgie, and Forbes.

(2.) It is not intended to provide a platform at the place suggested.

(4.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that it is in contemplation to treat the Molong-Parkes-Forbes railway, now near completion, as a branch line instead of a main line?

(2.) Will higher rates be fixed for carriage of goods, &c.?

(3.) Will he cause a further inquiry before the fixing of a high scale of rates?

Mr. See answered,—It has not yet been decided whether local rates shall be charged on the branch line referred to.

(5.) Proudfoot & Co. v. Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that litigation is now pending between Proudfoot & Co. and the Railway Commissioners involving a sum of nearly a million pounds sterling?

(2.) Is it a fact that a private firm of solicitors are conducting the case for the Commissioners?

(3.) In the event of Proudfoot & Co. getting a verdict against the Commissioners, will the Government take the responsibility for the payment of the same?

(4.) If such is the case, will he make the fullest possible inquiries into the whole matter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Litigation is, as the Honorable Member appears to be aware, pending between Proudfoot & Co. and the Railway Commissioners, and *pendente lite* I think that is a sufficient reason for my declining to afford any information in the matter.

(6.) Members of Pharmacy Board:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is not the Pharmacy Board composed of thirteen members?

(2.) Will he give a return showing the exact qualification of each member of the Board?

(3.) Will he give the names of those registered as chemists in New South Wales who have passed the major examination of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain?

(4.) Under what clause have those 200 persons been registered whose names are down as members of the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales?

(5.) Under what clause are those persons registered who are placed on the register there on the qualification that they are members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain?

(6.) Under what clause are those persons registered who are down as from New Zealand and Victoria?

(7.) Under what clause are those persons registered who are down as from Livonia and other countries?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing this information, I shall endeavour to obtain it.

(7.) Dr. Ashburton Thompson's Report on Factories at Rockdale:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to laying upon the Table of the House a copy of Dr. Ashburton Thompson's report upon certain factories and establishments at Rockdale?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have no objection, provided it is moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Village Settlements:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having regard to the many persons who have invested their savings in the form of fixed deposits or have placed them at current account in any of the Banks now under reconstruction, and with the object of enabling them to settle upon the lands of the Colony, will he endeavour, during the recess, to provide a means whereby such persons may be so assisted in their object, that, when making application to Crown Lands Agents in the usual way, the tender of a certificate of a reconstructing Bank for the required amount of deposit shall be accepted by the agent as equivalent to cash?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Question asked by the Honorable Member is rather more important than can be answered in the ordinary way. There is a great deal involved in any answer which may be given; but I promise the Honorable Member that I will give the matter my best consideration during the recess, and I anticipate that by the time the House meets again I shall see my way clear to give the relief asked for.

(9.) Government Steam Yachts:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that on last Sunday two steam yachts belonging to the Government were in the service of private people, steaming about Port Hacking on a pleasure excursion?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware.

(10.) Appointment of Mr. Seage in Works Department:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a person of the name of Seage been recently appointed to any position in the Works Department?

(2.) If so, is he the same person who was acting with the Member for Redfern, Mr. Hoyle, in the prosecution of the charges against the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) A person named Seage was appointed some months ago to the position of cleaner in the Public Works Department, at £98 per annum, on the resignation of the previous occupant of the position.

(2.) I am not aware, nor do I think it is my place to inquire.

(11.) Volunteer Corps at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—When are the arrears of fees due for the last two years to members of the Volunteer Corps at Molong, and which were incurred during the tenure of office of the late Captain, likely to be paid?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The question of fees due in this case is under reference to the Military authorities, who have been requested to expedite the matter.

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- (12.) Professor Selman:—Mr. Darnley asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Has he arrived at any decision in connection with the report against Professor Selman?
 (2.) How long has the report been in his hands?
 (3.) Does he intend to settle this case before the end of the Session, so that the House may be made acquainted with the facts?

Mr. Suttor answered.—I cannot admit that any report against Professor Selman has been made to me. Some time since Professor Selman wrote to me, suggesting certain alterations in the mode of conducting the work in connection with the Technological College. The report has been some few weeks in my hands, but I intend to get further information before finally dealing with it. I fear that the matter will not be decided before the prorogation of Parliament.

- (13.) Bull-headed Steel Rails:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that large numbers of 80 lb. to the yard bull-headed steel rails are being removed from the permanent-way, and replaced by steel T rails of $71\frac{1}{2}$ lb. to the yard; if so, for what reason; and to what use is it intended to put the 80-lb. rails so removed?
 (2.) Are these 80-lb. rails those referred to on page 4 of the Railway Commissioners' report for 1891 as follows:—"It may be mentioned that the road now being laid down is of a much higher quality than that which is being taken up. The old road principally consists of 70 lb. to the yard iron rails, and where chairs have been used they were 25 lb. weight, whereas the new road consists of 80-lb. steel rails, and where chairs are used they weigh 40 lb. each"?
 (3.) Do any of the 80-lb. steel rails mentioned in Question 1 show any considerable signs of wear or deterioration after the short time they have been in use?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Nothing is known by the Railway Commissioners of what is referred to.
 (3.) The 80-lb. steel rails are wearing satisfactorily.

3. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The names of all officers in the Agricultural and Forestry Departments, at the present time, their occupations, recommendations, and remunerations.
 (2.) The names of all officers in same Departments retrenched within the past six months.
 Question put and passed,
4. YEAR BOOK OF AUSTRALIA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the total amounts paid by Government to the proprietors of the "Year Book of Australia," for purchase of books, and for advertisements in such books, from first year of publication to present date.
 Question put and passed.

5. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Neild, read a third time, and passed.
 Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to authorise the construction of an extension of the railway commonly known as the Roschill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Roschill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the Districts of Rydalmer, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural."
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the construction of an extension of the railway commonly known as the Roschill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Roschill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the Districts of Rydalmer, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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6. SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Melville, read a third time, and passed.
 Mr. Melville then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to enable a Company, called the 'Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited)', to construct a railway from their Durham Colliery, in the parish of Kambah, to communicate with 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 a Company, called the 'Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited)', to construct a railway from their Durham Colliery, in the parish of Kambah, to communicate with 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.

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7. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
 (1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; third reading.
 (2.) Menindie Irrigation Bill (*Council Bill*) (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 (3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 (4.) Trust Property Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
 (5.) Balranald Irrigation Bill; third reading.
8. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:**—
 (1.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from George Toyer, Chairman of a public meeting held in the Domain, Sydney, representing that such meeting desires to express its emphatic approval of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and to endorse the action of the House in expunging the principle of compensation which was formerly added to the order of leave, and praying the House to speedily pass the said Bill.
 Petition received.
 (2.) Mr. Cann presented a petition from P. McDearmaid Boyle and John Ison, Chief Templar and Secretary of the United Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, at Redfern, praying that the House will pass the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill (without compensation) before this Session closes.
 Petition received.
 (3.) Mr. Lonsdale presented a petition from Peter Dean, Chairman of a public meeting of the residents of Armidale, expressing emphatic approval of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to speedily pass the measure into law.
 Petition received.
9. **PAPERS:**—
 Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report by Mr. George Lewis on working of Labour Bureau in New Zealand.
 (2.) Further Return respecting Engineer Corps and Volunteer Submarine Miners.
 (3.) Regulations under Public Works Act of 1888.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Copeland 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, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (4.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised 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 and section 41 of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (6.) Return to an Order made on 23th March, 1893,—“Alienation and Leasing of portions 17 and “13, parish of Mount Allen, county of Blaxland.”
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Annual Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884,—“Government “Printing Office.”
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Proclamations and notifications in connection with the transfer to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of certain completed sewerage works, viz., Waverley and Woollahra branch intercepting sewer; Glebe sub-main sewers; and Long Covo Creek storm-water channel.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 2nd March, 1893,—“Foreigners employed in the Public Works “Department.”
 Ordered to be printed.
10. **CASE OF JOHN DENIFF:**—Mr. Waddell 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 case of John Deniff, who was convicted on the 4th February last, at Dubbo, on a charge of stealing a sum of money from one Christie Cunningham, and was sentenced to two years imprisonment, but was subsequently released after a magisterial inquiry.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barton, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Perry, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Hayes, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
11. **CLAIM OF JAMES GUIHEN, OF BROGER'S CREEK:**—Mr. Morton 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 claim of James Guihen, of Broger's Creek, for compensation.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Colls, Mr. Jones, Mr. Donald, Mr. Fuller, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the papers in connection with the said claim, laid upon the Table on the 14th December, 1891, be referred to such Committee.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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12. ADVANCES TO ORIGINAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS :—Mr. Sheldon moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) It is desirable, with a view to encourage *bona-fide* settlement on the land, that a sum of money not exceeding (say) £50,000 should be set apart from the land revenue, or, if necessary, raised by loan, as a Special Land Loan Fund, for the purpose of making advances to original conditional purchasers, if conditions be unfulfilled, who may satisfy the Minister that such assistance is necessary.
 - (2.) The Minister, on proof of such, should authorise an advance equal to (say) one-half the value of any permanent beneficial improvements effected upon the land, such value to be determined by appraisement; but no such advance should be for a greater sum than £320, nor for a less sum than £10; the land with all improvements to be held as security for the loan.
 - (3.) All such advances should be for a period not exceeding ten years, repayable in twenty half-yearly instalments, with interest added, at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, or made repayable at any time within that period, at option of borrower.
- Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 2nd February, 1893.

13. STEAM SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND VANCOUVER :—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) That this House approves of a subsidy, at a rate not exceeding £10,000 per annum, being granted towards the monthly steam service now being performed between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Question put and passed.
14. PROBATE ACT OF 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
- Mr. Slattery moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
- Dr. Cullen 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 clauses 8 and 21.”
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate ensued.
- 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 clauses 8 and 21,—put and passed.
- On motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments.
- On motion of Mr. Slattery, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day.

15. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
- (3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. See, passed.
- Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various 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 indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various Banks,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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16. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL (changed from) CROWN LAND ASSOCIATED SETTLEMENTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Mr. Suttor moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1 and 2."

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 clauses 1 and 2,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments.

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

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

17. MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION 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 extend the powers of Municipal Councils to borrow moneys, and to validate certain loans,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 7th June, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

MUNICIPAL LOANS EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th June, 1893.

ANOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit "extend the powers of" insert "enable"

Page 1, Title. After "moneys" insert "for the repayment of loans"

Page 1, clause 1, line 5. After "Municipality" insert "from time to time"

Page 1, clause 1, lines 7 to 9. Omit "in pursuance of the provisions of the Acts mentioned in section three of this Act or any of them, or of the provisions of this Act whether borrowed"

Page 1, clause 1, line 10. After "Municipality" insert "Provided that the moneys borrowed under the authority of this Act shall not in any case exceed the amounts authorised by the Act or Acts under which the moneys were first borrowed"

Page 1. After clause 1 insert the following new clause:—

It shall be lawful for the Council of any Municipality to apply the proceeds of any loan heretofore or hereafter borrowed towards the payment of any moneys advanced to such Council prior to the obtaining of such loan and used for the same purposes as those for which such loan was obtained.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 3 and 4. Omit "within the limit authorised by law"

Page 2, clause 2, line 5. After "been" insert "to the amount authorised by the Act or Acts under which the moneys were first borrowed"

Page 2, clause 2, line 7. Before "Act" insert "said"

Page 2, clause 2, line 7. After "Acts" omit remainder of clause.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that this Message from the Legislative Council be forthwith taken into consideration.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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 Sir George Dibbs, 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 extend the powers of Municipal Councils to borrow moneys, and to validate certain loans,*"—including the amendments in the Title.

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18. PROBATE ACT OF 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Slattery then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Probate Act of 1890’; and to give greater facilities for the issue of Probate and Letters of Administration in small estates.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Probate Act of 1890,’ and to give greater facilities for the issue of Probate and Letters of Administration in small estates,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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PROBATE ACT OF 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 8th June, 1893, a.m.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 8. *Omit clause 8.*Page 2. *After clause 10 insert the following new clause:—*

11. The provisions of the “Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886” shall not apply to stamp duties estates of deceased persons shown not to exceed two hundred pounds gross value. *Act not to apply.*

Page 4, clause 20, line 21. *After “executor” insert “or administrator”*

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,

Chairman of Committees.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE, 1893.

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 George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Lunacy Act Further Amendment Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Insane, and to further amend the Lunacy Act of 1878, and to validate certain certificates,*”—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.

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Sydney, 8th June, 1893.*

- (2.) Vine Diseases Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, and to eradicate a certain disease affecting grapes, grape vines, or vineyards; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint Boards; to make assessments and levy rates; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 7th June, 1893.*

- (3.) Lee and Brady Settlement Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of a certain settlement made by William Lee and Maria Brady, and dated the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, to effect sales, mortgages, leases, and exchanges of the lands and hereditaments comprised in or subject to the trusts of the said settlement,*”—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, 7th June, 1893.*

5th June, 1893.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Visit of the Premier to England and America:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the current rate of interest added to the £1,000 recently paid into the Treasury to cover the cost of his foreign tour?

(2.) If not, to what fund will the loss be charged?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I decline to give any more information upon a matter which does not concern the Honorable Member, and I consider it a piece of gross impertinence on his part to make the inquiry.

(2.) Steam Service between Sydney and Vancouver:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Union Steam Company have offered to extend the existing mail service between this Colony and San Francisco to Vancouver, Canada, thus saving a fresh subsidy?

(2.) If so, will the Government delay any negotiations with Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Company in reference to the proposed subsidy to be given to them?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter will be brought before the House to-night.

(3.) Carriages Licensing Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he see that some steps are taken with the view of amending the Carriages Licensing Act, 6 William IV No. 2, sections 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16; so that the amount of fine may be left to the discretion of the Magistrates in place of, as at present, being a fixed penalty in each case?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that he will consider this matter when time permits.

(4.) Public School at Carinda:—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has a public school been established at Carinda?

(2.) If not, is it his intention to establish a school in that township?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No; as a sufficient average attendance of pupils could not be maintained.

(2.) The Minister has offered to establish house-to-house schools on the usual conditions.

(5.) Plans and Specifications of Proposed Public Works:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that in future the plans and specifications of proposed public works are exhibited at the nearest post office to where the work has to be done?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This will be done as far as practicable.

(6.) Roads in Country Districts:—Mr. Bowes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the bad state of the country roads, and the small amount at his disposal for their repair, will he ask Parliament for a further sum to be expended during this year?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I do not think there will be any necessity for this, as I hope the funds at my disposal will be sufficient for all requirements.

(7.) Shareholders of the Commercial and New South Wales Banks:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that the Government have become responsible in a measure for some of the Banks of this Colony, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a list of the shareholders in the Commercial Bank of Sydney, and the Bank of New South Wales, for the information of those affected by said Banks?

Mr. See answered,—It would involve considerable expense to print the names of all the shareholders in the Banks mentioned, but I shall presently hand a list of such shareholders to the Honorable Member.

(8.) Bull-headed Steel Rails:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Reports of 1890 and 1891 show that the country has been put to an expense of more than £33,000 for 80-lb. bull-headed steel rails, the particulars abstracted from those reports being as follows:—

Year Imported.	Weight.	Mean Invoice Price, per ton.	Mean Gross Cost, per ton.	Total Cost to the Country.	Remarks.
	Tons cwt. qrs. lb.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1889.....	1,735 18 3 12	4 17 3	5 14 6½	10,280 11 5	From report of 1890.
1890.....	3,492 15 3 4	5 13 6	6 10 4½	22,772 19 2	,, , and 1891.
	Tons 5,278 14 2 16	.....	.....	£ 33,053 10 7	

(2.) Upon whose recommendation were these rails ordered?

(3.) Is he aware that this kind of rail has been condemned by the highest railway authorities as being incompatible with the public safety?

Mr. See answered,—Yes; the rails were ordered under the authority of the Railway Commissioners, and they are not aware of the condemnation referred to, and would be glad to have the names of the railway authorities alluded to.

(9.) Customs Duties on Building Materials:—Mr. Cotton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether in view of the depression in the building trade, and in order to give the owners of suburban allotments encouragement to build, he will suspend the present duties upon building materials, or else introduce a Bill this Session for their abolition?

Mr. See answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to deal with the Tariff this Session.

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- (10.) Letter-carriers and Letter-sorters in the General Post Office :—Mr. Kelly asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the overtime of letter-carriers has been reduced one-half?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that the overtime of letter-sorters has been reduced one-third?
- (3.) Why is the overtime of letter-carriers reduced more than that of letter-sorters?
- (4.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of making the reduction of the overtime of the letter-carriers the same as that of the letter-sorters?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The overtime of letter-sorters (with the exception of those employed in the delivery room, who receive about 11d. an hour) has been reduced by one-third.
- (3.) In comparison with sorters and others, it is considered that the previous payment to the letter-carriers was out of proportion—the former having been paid at an average of 1s. 9d. per hour, whilst the latter received at the rate of 2s. 6d. per hour.
- (4.) I think the present arrangement is an equitable one.

- (11.) Appointment of J. W. M'Cutcheon as Post and Telegraph Master at Bega :—*Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Postmaster-General,*—

- (1.) Was a person named J. W. M'Cutcheon advanced to the position of Post and Telegraph Master at Bega over the heads of fifty not less competent officers?
- (2.) Was this officer's advancement the result of special merit, or of strong recommendations from persons in or connected with the Bourke constituency?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Mr. M'Cutcheon's transfer to the position of Post and Telegraph Master, Bega, did not involve his passing over the head of any officer, his position in the classification remaining unaltered.
- (2.) He received the appointment solely on the ground of his being the senior of the applicants, at £240 per annum, which it was thought was the highest salary that the business justified.

3. BALRANALD IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands to establish works for conserving and utilizing Water for irrigation; to lease such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands to establish works for conserving and utilizing Water for irrigation; to lease such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 8th June, 1893.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Trust Property Act Amendment Bill, postponed until To-morrow.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 26th April, 1893,—“Erection of Wharves for the Borough of Hunter's Hill.”

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Williams rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the unjust charges for alleged improvements made by pastoral lessees upon lands taken up by selectors.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY'S LAND REVESTING 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 revest certain land in the Australian Agricultural Company,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 8th June, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President

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8. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the directors and shareholders of the ‘Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)’ to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company;*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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President.

9. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of Postal Notes, and for the exemption of the same from Stamp Duty; and for other purposes in connection 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, 8th June, 1893.***JOHN LACKEY,**
President.

POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th June, 1893.***ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,**

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 10. *After “Governor” insert “in-Council”*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 1. *Omit “in great part” insert “principally”*
 Page 2, clause 7, line 43. *After “Governor” insert “in-Council”*
 Page 4, clause 15, line 10. *After “Governor” insert “in-Council”*
 Page 4, clause 16, line 21. *After “Governor” insert “in-Council”*
 Page 4, clause 16, line 26. *After “Governor” insert “in-Council”*
 Page 5, clause 21, lines 33 and 34. *Omit “notwithstanding the provisions of section twelve of
“the Principal Act”*
 Page 5, clause 21, line 34. *Omit “redirected” insert “readdressed before delivery”*
 Page 5, clause 21, line 35. *After “post” omit remainder of clause.*
 Page 5, clause 22, line 38. *After “Governor” insert “in-Council”*
 Page 5, clause 22. *At end of clause add “and may impose a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds
“for the breach of any regulation under this Act, which penalty may be recovered by
“summary procedure before any Stipendiary or Police Magistrate”*
 Page 5, clause 23. *Omit clause 23.*

Examined,—**ARCHD. H. JACOB,**

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Kidd, 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. Kidd, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of Postal Notes, and for the exemption of the same from Stamp Duty; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*”

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Sydney, 8th June, 1893.*

10. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the Bill be recommitted “for the reconsideration of clauses 5 and 9.”

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 clauses 5 and 9,—put and passed.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with a further amendment. On motion of Mr. Copeland, the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. Copeland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to establish and regulate Labour Settlements on Crown Lands."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to establish and regulate Labour Settlements on Crown Lands,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th June, 1893.*

11. STEAM SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND VANCOUVER:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Kidd moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That this House approves of a subsidy, at a rate not exceeding £10,000 per annum, being granted towards the monthly steam service now being performed between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 68.	Noes, 8.
Mr. See,	Mr. Jones,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Buxister,
Mr. Young,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. J. M. Clark,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Donahay,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.
Mr. Bowes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Darley,
	Mr. Dowel,
	Mr. Houghton.

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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to 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:—

Resolved,—

(1.) That this House approves of a subsidy, at a rate not exceeding £10,000 per annum, being granted towards the monthly steam service now being performed between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.

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

On motion of Mr. Kidd, the Resolutions were read a second time.

Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Resolutions be now agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Vaughn,

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Melville,
Tellers,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Rose.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Durnley,
Mr. Bawister,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Williams,

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Rae,
Tellers,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Langwell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. PROBATE ACT OF 1890 AMENDMENT 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 amend the ‘Probate Act of 1890’; and to give greater facilities for the issue of probate and letters of administration in small estates.*”

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th June, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

13. MUNICIPAL WHARVES 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 ‘Municipalities Act of 1867’, to enable Municipalities to lease and acquire Lands, and to erect Wharves thereon; 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, 8th June, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY.
President.

MUNICIPAL WHARVES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th June, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 44. After “interest” insert “of the said Municipality”

Page 2, clause 4, line 47. Add “s” to “power”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s amendments.

Mr. Clark then moved, That the report be now adopted.

Point of Order:—Mr. Wall requested Mr. Speaker to decide whether this business should be proceeded with, the Sessional Order requiring that Government Business only should be dealt with after seven o’clock p.m. on every sitting day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Honorable Member’s interpretation of the Sessional Order was correct, and General Business could not now be taken; but that as this business had been commenced without objection, it should not be interrupted.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Act of 1867’, to enable Municipalities to lease and acquire Lands and to erect Wharves thereon; and for other purposes.*”

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prudential and Benefit Assurance Society:—Mr. Barbour asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) Referring to Questions put to him on 23rd March, 1892—(a) has he yet considered the matter of the Prudential and Benefit Assurance Society therein referred to; (b) if not, will he take an early opportunity of doing so?
(2.) Is he aware that the proprietor of the Society is still conducting business at the address given in the previous Questions?
(3.) Does he not think that steps should be taken to ensure Government supervision over assurance societies such as this?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) (a) Not fully; (b) Yes.
(2.) I was not aware.
(3.) Yes, and the matter referred to in this branch of the Question had had consideration, and will be decided during the recess.

- (2.) Inspector of Weights and Measures:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,

- (1.) What is the salary of the Inspector of Weights and Measures?
(2.) Does he get quarters and light in addition?
(3.) Does he also receive all the fees and half the fines; if so, what is the annual profit to him approximately?
(4.) Is it a fact that the business of scale-making and weight-adjusting in Sydney has been almost suspended since last January in consequence of the dilatory proceedings of the Board inquiring into the working of this Department?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice upon whom this matter properly devolves, as follows:—A large portion of the information asked in these Questions was furnished in a return, tabled in the Assembly on 2nd February last.

- (1.) £300 per annum.
(2.) The Inspector of Weights and Measures uses three rooms at his office for the purpose of carrying out his official duties; he is allowed to occupy privately two ground floor and three attic rooms in the same building; he is allowed lighting.
(3.) The practice is to award half the fines imposed, but no definite information is available as to the exact amount of his annual income.
(4.) No representations have been made on this point, and no blame is attributable to the Board of Inquiry, the members of which completed their labours when they presented their report, which has not yet been fully considered by the Minister.

- (3.) Permanent-way Material:—*Mr. Schey*, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House a return showing the quantity, the invoice price per ton, and the actual gross cost per ton of each article comprised under the heading of Permanent-way Material for the fourteen years 1878 to 1892 inclusive, imported by the Railway Department during each of those years, as also the total quantity, the mean invoice price, and the mean gross cost of each article for the whole period, in sufficient time before proposing any amendment of the present tariff?

Mr. Slattery answered,—This information should be moved for in the usual way.

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- (4.) Rate of Wages paid to M. Finucane :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Referring to the case of M. Finucane, who claims that he should be paid at the rate of 7s. per day for services at the Rookwood Reformatory, and has only been paid at the rate of 5s. per day, was Finucane appointed by Mr. John Sanderson, Superintendent of the Reformatory, to take the place of John Norman, deceased, who was paid 7s. per day?
 (2.) Did Mr. Hibble, the pay clerk, acknowledge that Finucane was to receive 7s. per day, and did he say the extra money could not be paid till the Estimates were passed?
 (3.) Did Walker and Morrison, the successors of Finucane, receive 7s. per day?
 (4.) Will he see that Finucane is paid the full amount per day that it appears he was promised?
 Sir George Dibbs answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given to a similar Question asked by him on the 26th ultimo, in which he will find that the amount stated to be due to the man was only at the rate of 5s. per day, at which rate he was engaged.
- (5.) Inspector of Weights and Measures :—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that within the last six weeks a distinct charge of bribery has been brought against the Inspector of Weights and Measures?
 (2.) Has any investigation been made into the above charge?
 (3.) If so, what was the result of the investigation?
 (4.) In view of the result of the recent inquiry into the Weights and Measures Department, is it his intention to take any immediate action to suspend the officer until the charges there made are cleared up?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the officer in charge of the Weights and Measures Department is still charging for testing and stamping weighing-machines and counter-scales?
 Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The Inspector was called upon for an explanation, which he has supplied.
 (3.) No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.
 (4.) The conduct of the officer will be considered when the whole matter is under consideration.
 (5.) The Inspector informs me that he does not charge for testing and stamping weighing-machines, but, pending any directions to the contrary, he charges schedule rates for testing, comparing, and stamping the weights of such machines; and that a fee of 6d. is charged for a comparison with the copies of the standards on counter-scales.
- (6.) Regent-street Branch of Sydney Hospital :—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What is the number of orders for out-door patients presented at the Regent-street branch of the Sydney Hospital from 1st January to 31st March, 1893?
 (2.) What was the average daily attendance at the same place in same period?
 Sir George Dibbs answered,—
 (1.) 1,230.
 (2.) 61.
- (7.) Appointment of Mr. G. V. Allen :—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that Mr. G. V. Allen, the gentleman appointed as reporter or secretary to the inquiry into the management of the charitable institutions, has recently been employed by the Director of Charities?
 Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes.
- (8.) Road-work near the Hawkesbury River :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has he lately sent a gang of workmen to a piece of road-work near the Hawkesbury River?
 (2.) Who were the men, and under what conditions were they sent to the work in question?
 (3.) What was the nature of the work, and what price or prices were offered to the men for the work?
 (4.) Who fixed such prices, and on what basis?
 (5.) How many men were sent, and how many have returned to Sydney declining to do the work at the prices offered?
 Mr. Slattery answered,—A number of men were offered piece road-work near Peat's Ferry, some undertook the work and are there still—others would not even go and look at it. The other Questions are of a nature I cannot this Session obtain information upon. The Honorable Member is taking a course, in asking such Questions, that will prevent labourers obtaining Departmental work at all.
- (9.) Post Office, George-street North :—Mr. Lees asked the Postmaster-General,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that certain premises in George-street North have been or are about to be rented for a Post and Telegraph Office; if so, has he any objection to stating the rental?
 (2.) Is there no Government land in the vicinity that would serve the purpose?
 Mr. Kidd answered,—
 (1.) It is a fact that the Department is negotiating for more commodious premises for the purpose of amalgamating the various stores of the Department, but nothing definite has yet been done.
 (2.) Yes; but there is no money available for the erection of buildings, and it is thought more economical to rent for some time to come.
2. BOILING-DOWN ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ROCKDALE (*Formal Motion*) :—
 Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of Dr. Ashburton Thompson's report, of the 6th May, on certain boiling-down establishments in the Municipal District of Rockdale.
 Question put and passed.

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3. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House meet at Four o'clock p.m. on Monday next, and that Government Business take precedence on that day.
Question put and passed.

4. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply discharged, on motion of Sir George Dibbs.

5. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means discharged, on motion of Sir George Dibbs.

6. PAPERS :—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting the *Agricultural Gazette*.
 - (2.) Blue Book for 1892.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 10th May, 1893—“Site of Public School Buildings at Naremburn.”

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Report of completion of works for Water Supply at Manly.
Ordered to be printed.

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL :—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from Thomas Kench, Honorary Secretary, and Charles E. Wiggell, Honorary Treasurer, of the Congregational Total Abstinence Association of New South Wales, representing that manifold and grave evils arise in this Colony through intoxicating drink; and praying that Electorates may have power conceded to them, without delay, to protect themselves by the passing of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, which will enable each Electorate to prevent the issue of new licenses; to reduce the number of new licenses; and to enact prohibition as each may please to decide.
Petition received.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Cook rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting Motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the immediate necessity of amending the ‘Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act’ so as to make it compulsory, because of its unsatisfactory operation in connection with recent industrial disputes.” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Cook moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Speaker said that his attention had been called to the fact that this matter had already been discussed in the current Session in the Debate upon the motion for the second reading of the “Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act Amendment Bill.” This Motion was therefore out of order.

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

(1.) Treasury Indemnity Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various Banks,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 9th June, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Scottish-Australian Mining Company (Limited) Railway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable a Company called the ‘Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited)’ to construct a railway from their Durham Colliery, in the parish of Kahibah, to communicate with the Great Northern Railway,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th June, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(3.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “An Act to authorise and enable the ‘Land Company of Australasia (Limited)’ to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqueen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane, and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands to establish Irrigation Works; to authorise the Sale and Supply of Water for Irrigation and Domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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10. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY 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 authorise the construction of an extension of the railway, commonly known as the Roschill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Roschill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the Districts of Rydalmerie, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 9th June, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 9, clause 37, line 44. After “worked” insert “as a railway for the conveyance of passengers

“and goods”

Page 9, clause 37, lines 45 and 46. Omit “and of the use thereof shall be permanently abandoned”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB.
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Neild, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

Mr. Neild then moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. See,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Willis,	Tellers,
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Neild.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Waddell,	Tellers,
Mr. Danahay,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Dawson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the construction of an extension of the railway, commonly known as the Roschill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Roschill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the Districts of Rydalmerie, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural,*”

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Sydney, 9th June, 1893.*

11. SUNDAY CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effectual closing of public-houses on Sundays during prohibited hours,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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12. LABOUR PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sheldon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Garrard stated that this House had, this Session, passed a Bill to repeal the Agreements Validating Act, and as the Labour Protection Bill contained a similar provision, he thought the Bill was out of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that if the Bill were proceeded with this Session the second clause must be omitted in Committee.

Mr. Edden moved, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

13. TRUST PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Cullen, 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, with an amendment.

On motion of Dr. Cullen, 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 11th April, 1893, requesting concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Trust Property Act Amendment Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendments in clause 1, and to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 1,—but proposes to amend such new clause by adding at the end thereof the words, "This section shall apply to appointments of new trustees made before as well as to those made after the passing of this Act, and whether there shall have been any person or persons nominated for the purpose of making such appointment in the deed, will, act, or other instrument creating the trust or not,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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Sydney, 9th June, 1893.

14. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dowel moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. See,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Wall
Mr. Cotton,	Tellers,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Dowel.
Mr. McCourt,	
Dr. Cullen,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Longwell,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Edden,
Tellers,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to authorise 'The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited),' a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the 'Companies Acts,' or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the City of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise 'The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited),' a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the 'Companies Acts,' or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the city of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 9th June, 1893.

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15. **MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Barbour, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

16. **TRUST PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT 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 9th June, 1893, in reference to the "Trust Property Act Amendment Bill," agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th June, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

17. **MENINDIE IRRIGATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barbour moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 10 JUNE, 1893, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

18. **MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barbour moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon,*"—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 June, 1893, a.m.*

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until *Monday next at Four o'clock.*

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 12 JUNE, 1893.

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 George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Loan Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to vary the appropriation of moneys authorised to be raised by 55 Victoria No. 35; to authorise certain costs and expenses to be paid out of moneys raised under the Public Works Loan Acts of 1884 and 1888; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above objects,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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 June, 1893.*

- (2.) Necropolis (Additional Areas) Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to set apart certain land at Rookwood as a burial-ground; to apportion such land among the Trustees of various denominations and the Trustees of the General Cemetery of the Necropolis; to extend the Acts 31 Victoria No. 14 and 47 Victoria No. 11 to such land, and to other land hereinafter set apart as a burial-ground at Rookwood; 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.

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Sydney, 12th June, 1893.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Accommodation for Police Force in Parliamentary Buildings:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of setting apart a room in the Parliamentary buildings for the use of the Police Force attending on duty during sittings of the House, for purposes of rest and refreshments?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Police engaged in the precincts of the House are under the control of the Inspector-General of Police.

(2.)

12th June, 1893.

- (2.) Woman Suffrage in Wyoming :—Mr. Cotton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware, and will he be good enough to state, whether any communication has been received by the Government of this Colony from the Governor of Wyoming, one of the United States of America, transmitting a resolution said to have been passed on the 16th February last, by the Legislature of Wyoming, and ordered to be forwarded to every elected Legislature in the world, relating to the results of the possession and exercise of the suffrage by the women of that State during the last twenty-five years?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No communication has been received at the Chief Secretary's Office relating to this matter.

- (3.) Proposed Tramway from Parramatta Railway Station to Castle Hill :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a survey to be made for the purpose of laying down a tram-line from the Parramatta railway station, and running through Toongabbie, Windsor Road, Seven Hills, Baulkham Hills, Kellyville, to Castle Hill, so as to enable a large number of persons to travel, and also to enable them to take a large quantity of produce to the metropolis, which cannot now be done, owing to the bad state of the roads in those districts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible for me to give a definite answer upon this Question as I have not yet considered it. I hope to be able to do so in the course of the next ten days.

- (4.) National and Local Works :—Mr. Hogan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the return relative to national and local works, asked for on the 24th January by the late senior Member for The Macleay, been compiled?

(2.) When will it be laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The return is now being compiled, but it will be some time yet before it is complete.

- (5.) Government Interpreter :—Mr. Neild asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Has he seen the Minister of Justice with reference to a recent Debate on the Estimates of the Justice Department respecting the position of the French interpreter?

(2.) Will the Minister of Justice ask the Chief Justice for a report on the two recent divorce suits, Michel v. Michel, in both of which Mrs. Michel was petitioner?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Government are paying the rental of two rooms in Kidman's buildings for the use of the Government interpreter?

(4.) Is it a fact that evidence was given at the recent divorce case that women were continually seen going into his rooms during the day and night time?

(5.) Has the Colonial Secretary's Department recommended to the Home authorities the appointment of Michel as Swiss Consul?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

(1, 2, and 4.) Before the Debate took place I had thoroughly inquired into this matter, and in view of the disagreement of the jury, and the contradictory evidence given at the trial, I did not feel justified in interfering with Mr. Michel's official position as interpreter.

(3.) Yes. It is, however, under consideration whether it would not be advisable to allow the Government interpreter to use a room in the new Central Police Office.

(5.) I am informed by the Colonial Secretary that such is the case.

- (6.) Postal Revenue from Consultation Sweeps :—Mr. Waddell asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has he made any estimate of the probable loss of revenue through the operations of the clause in the new Postal Act, prohibiting letters in connection with consultation sweeps being carried through the Post Office?

(2.) If so, what is the approximate amount of loss the revenue will sustain?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) I have attempted to do so, but it is most difficult to arrive at a reliable estimate.

(2.) On the many thousand letters to sweep promoters received from beyond the Colony, which we have the labour and expense of sorting and delivering, we get nothing unless they happen to be unregistered, in which case the registration fee of 3d. is charged. The only way to form a reliable estimate would be to specially count the number of letters posted within the Colony addressed to sweep promoters, which has never been done.

- (7.) Appointments to the Legislative Council :—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he during the recess appoint a sufficient number of liberal minded men to the Legislative Council to ensure the passage through that Chamber of the Mining on Private Property, Coal Mines Regulation, and other important Bills which have already received the assent of this House?

(2.) Will he take the necessary steps with a view to the abolition of that Chamber?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I feel disposed to ask the Honorable Member a question instead of answering those of which he has given notice. The first Question is, whether I will during the recess appoint a sufficient number of liberal minded men to the Legislative Council, and the second is whether I will take the necessary steps with a view to the abolition of that Chamber. If the Honorable Member will tell me to which Question he desires an answer I will endeavour to answer it.

- (8.) Parliamentary Elections Act :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the work of redistributing the electorates of the Colony in accordance with the provisions of the new Parliamentary Elections Act has already been commenced; if so, what are the names of the gentlemen who have been appointed to perform the work?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No.

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- (9.) **Bull-headed Steel Rails:**—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) How many miles of (a) single (b) double or (c) quadruple line have been laid with 80-lb. per yard bull-headed steel rails since the arrival of the first consignment of these articles on 9th December, 1889; and upon what portions of our railway system have they been laid down?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the 5,278 tons of these rails imported during 1889 and 1890 would barely suffice to lay 42 miles of single line?
 (3.) What is the cost of laying and maintaining in running order 1 mile of single line—(a) with 80-lb. per yard bull-headed steel rails; (b) with 71½-lb. per yard flat-bottomed steel T rails?
 (4.) On what dates were the bull-headed rails referred to ordered?
 (5.) What was the price ruling in the English market for steel rails of similar section and weight at the dates such orders were given?
 (6.) What was the reason for a reduction in price (if any) being made by the manufacturers of these rails in favour of our Railway Department?
- Mr. See answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for the required information to be given in the form of a return.
3. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (Formal Motion):**—*Mr. See*, for Sir George Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock a.m.
 Question put and passed.
4. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheldon, That the Labour Protection Bill be now read a second time, postponed until To-morrow.
5. **PAPERS:**—
Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Convictions made under the Sale and Use of Poisons Act, 1876.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. See* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Yass Tramway.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lyne* laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) New By-laws, Nos. 31 and 40, under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act.
 (2.) New Plumbers' Regulation, No. 18, under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act.
 (3.) Plumbers' Regulations, under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act.
 (4.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, Examiner of Public Works proposals, on the extension of Sheas Creek Canal.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:**—*Mr. Kelly* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, 'the necessity of suppressing the Chinese opium dens in the city.'"
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Point of Order:—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon* objected to the Motion on the ground that the subject had been discussed this Session on a motion for adjournment moved by *Mr. Joseph Abbott* on 15th March last.
Mr. Speaker upheld the objection.
7. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BILL:**—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Slattery* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Bill read a second time.
 On motion of *Mr. Slattery*, *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. Slattery*, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
 (3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of *Mr. Slattery*, passed.
Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law and Practice in the Matrimonial and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and to validate certain proceedings therein.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**—
 The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law and Practice in the Matrimonial and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and to validate certain proceedings therein,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*
Sydney, 12th June, 1893.
8. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT SUPPRESSION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Suttor*, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
 And the Question being again proposed,—
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Sir

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Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 70.

Mr. See,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Slattery,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ingles,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hogan.

Tellers,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Molesworth.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Cook,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Murphy.

Tellers,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rae.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question proposed,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Alfred Allen,

Mr. Donald,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ingles,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cruckshank,
Mr. Chapman,
Tellers,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Wall.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Davis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALLS 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 vest certain land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Hall for the use of Friendly Societies, and also to vest certain other land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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10. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS 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 establish and regulate Labour Settlements on Crown Lands*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL.

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ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 8. *After “described” insert “and not then under lease from the Crown”*
Page 2, clause 6, line 41. *After “shall” insert “subject to any regulations in that behalf”*
Page 2, clause 7, line 53. *Omit “thereafter”*
Page 3, clause 9, line 18. *After “settlement” insert “including the surrounding thereof with a substantial fence”*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Copeland, 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. Copeland, 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 establish and regulate Labour Settlements on Crown Lands*.”

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11. DEBTS RECOVERY BILL (*changed from*) SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDING 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 ‘Small Debts Recovery Act’ 45th Victoria No. 27, so as to provide power to award payment of Judgment Debts by Instalments*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th June, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit “‘Recovery Act,’ forty-fifth Victoria number twenty-seven, so as to provide power to award payment of Judgment Debts by Instalments” insert “‘Act’ tenth Victoria number ten, and the ‘Small Debts Recovery Act’”*

Page 1, Preamble, lines 1, 2, and 3. *Omit “Whereas it is expedient to amend the ‘Small Debts Recovery Act’ forty-fifth Victoria number twenty-seven, so as to provide power to award payment of judgment debts by instalments”*

Page 1, Preamble, line 4. *Omit “therefore”*

Page 1, clause 1. *Omit clause 1, insert the following new clauses:—*

1. A Court of Petty Sessions, whenever it shall make an order or decision for the payment of money under the provisions of the Act tenth Victoria number ten, or any Act amending the same, may direct such money to be paid at such times and by such instalments as the said Court may think fit; and in any case in which payment by instalments shall have been ordered, execution may be had for the whole amount remaining due upon the judgment if default shall be made in the payment of any one such instalment.

2. In any order for the payment of money by a garnishee made under the provisions of the “Small Debts Recovery Act” or upon an application at any time made by him, the Court may direct such payment to be made at such times and by such instalments as the said Court may think

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think fit, and if default be made in the payment of any one such instalment, execution may issue for so much of the amount then due by the garnishee as will satisfy the judgment debt remaining unpaid at the time of such default.

Page 1, clause 2, line 15. *Omit "Small"*

Page 1, clause 2, line 16. *Omit "Amending Act of"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Edden, 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. Edden, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Recovery Act,' 45th Victoria No. 27, so as to provide power to award payment of Judgment Debts by Instalments,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

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12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, and all the Notices of Motions of General Business, postponed to follow the Order of the Day of General Business for the further consideration in Committee of the Menindie Irrigation Bill.

13. BALRANALD IRRIGATION 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 vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands to establish works for conserving and utilizing Water for Irrigation; to lease such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of Irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,

President.

14. MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY 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 authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway, from a point on the Darling River, at or near the Town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the Town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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JOHN LACKEY,

President.

MENINDIE AND BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th June, 1893.

ANOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 7, clause 25, line 46. *After "chattels" insert "and all rights in relation to the same or any of them"*

Page 7, clause 25, line 46. *After "and" insert "all the estate or interest of the Promoter in the lease aforesaid and any other"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Barbour, 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.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Barbour, 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 authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the Town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the Town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon."

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15. MENINDIE IRRIGATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

(2.) Mr. Barbour then moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having, under the Standing Order No. 20, intimated to the Honorable Member for Bourke, Mr. Waddell, his opinion that the speech being delivered was of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having, under the Standing Order No. 20, intimated to the Honorable Member for Braidwood, Mr. Chapman, his opinion that the speech being delivered was of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.	Noes, 5.
Mr. See,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Barnes.
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Cook,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.) Bill read a third time.

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Bill do now pass.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cann,

Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. E. M. Clark.
Tellers,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Levien.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Chapman,
Tellers,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Waddell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable and authorise the Menindie Irrigation Settlement (Limited), a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts of 1874 and 1888, of the Colony of New South Wales, to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within the counties of Menindie, Tandora, and Yancowinna, in the said Colony; to acquire lands; to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Menindie Creek and Lake, and the other creeks mentioned herein, and to take water therefrom and from the river Darling; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.*"

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Sir George Gibbs,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Danahay,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Dowel,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Langwell,

Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Carrithers,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. E. M. Clark.
Tellers,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen.

Noes, 4.

Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Chapman,
Tellers,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 and authorise the Menindie Irrigation Settlement (Limited), a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts of 1874 and 1888, of the Colony of New South Wales, to establish a system of irrigation and water supply within the counties of Menindie, Tandora, and Yancowinna, in the said Colony; to acquire lands; to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Menindie Creek and Lake, and the other creeks mentioned herein, and to take water therefrom and from the river Darling; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto;*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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MENINDIE

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MENINDIE IRRIGATION BILL.

*Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 13th June, 1893, a.m.*F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

- Page 2, Preamble, lines 1 and 2. *Omit "on the application of the Promoters and"*
 Page 2, clause 2, line 18. *Omit "the valuation of property"*
 Page 2, clause 2, line 19. *Add at end of clause "for water."*
 Page 2, clause 3. *Omit clause 3.*
 Page 3, clause 4, lines 2, 3, and 4. *Omit "and all other lands which may hereafter be acquired by the Promoters under this Act."*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 29. *Omit "4" insert "3"*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 30. *Omit "and"*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 30. *After "duties" insert "and liabilities"*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 30. *Omit "5-46" insert "4-45"*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 33. *Omit "47-59" insert "46-57"*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 36. *Omit "60-65" insert "58-62"*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 38. *Omit "66-78" insert "63-75"*
 Page 3, clause 4, line 39. *Omit "79-92" insert "76-88"*
 Page 4, clause 5, line 2. *Omit "and"*
 Page 4, clause 5, line 2. *After "Duties" insert "and Liabilities"*
 Page 4, clause 5, line 8. *After "works" insert "for the purpose of conserving water in Lake Menindie"*
 Page 4, clause 5, lines 14, 15, 16, and 17. *Omit "such waters as may be necessary for irrigation and domestic use on the Irrigation Cultivation Area, or as may be necessary or expedient for carrying out any of the purposes of this Act, and to maintain and work the same" insert "water authorised by this Act to be taken and used"*
 Page 4, clause 5, line 29. *Omit "flow" insert "discharge"*
 Page 4, clause 5, line 29. *Omit "beyond" insert "below"*
 Page 4, clause 5, line 30. *Omit "mean discharge" insert "minimum"*
 Page 4, clause 5. *Add at end of clause "Provided that the natural supplies of water received under existing circumstances by Lake Speculation and Lake Cawndilla from the River Darling shall not be diminished or rendered less useful, and that the Promoters shall have no right to the waters stored in Lake Speculation and Lake Cawndilla."*
 Page 4, clause 6, line 52. *After "may" insert "on giving the Promoters six months' notice in writing of his intention so to do."*
 Page 4, clause 6, line 53. *After "whole" insert "or any part"*
 Page 4, clause 6. *Add at end of clause "and on publication of a notice in the Gazette, such lands, works, goods, chattels, and funds shall vest in the Crown. The claim of the Promoters to compensation and all proceedings consequent thereon, and the assessment of compensation shall be made and ascertained in the manner provided in the 'Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act,' and any Act amending or repealing it."*
 Page 5, clause 7. *Add at end of clause "but not exceeding one penny for every thousand cubic feet of water supplied by the Promoters to the Irrigation Cultivation Area, or elsewhere, from Lake Menindie or from any creek, channel, or water-course leading to or from that Lake, and not exceeding twopence for every thousand cubic feet of water supplied as aforesaid from the River Darling."*
 Page 5. *After clause 7, insert the following new clause:—*
 Any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf may at any time, except Sundays, between the hour of six in the morning and six at night, enter the lands of the Promoters and view and inspect the irrigation works thereon, and any irrigation works belonging to the Promoters, and may take such steps as he may deem necessary to gauge the discharge and flow of water at any part of the works, and the Promoters shall afford to such person every facility for making such inspection.
 Right of entry of person authorised by Minister to inspect works
 Page 5, clause 9, line 16. *After "channel" insert "and a detailed description of all irrigation works"*
 Page 5, clause 12, line 42. *After "drain" omit "or"*
 Page 5, clause 12, line 42. *After "tunnel" insert "or waterpipe"*
 Page 5, clause 12, line 43. *After "for" insert "the doing of"*
 Page 5, clause 12, line 45. *Omit "of" insert "or"*
 Page 5, clause 13, line 56. *After "may" insert "subject to the proviso contained in section four hereof."*
 Page 7, clause 21, line 23. *Omit "two shillings" insert "one shilling"*
 Page 7, clause 22, lines 31 and 32. *Omit "any such offence to a penalty not exceeding five pounds in addition to"*
 Page 7, clause 23. *Omit clause 23.*
 Page 8, clause 30, line 35. *After "any" insert "other"*
 Page 9, clause 35, lines 8 and 9. *Omit "or deface or destroy any sign, notice, or advertisement belonging to, or erected, or published by, the Promoters"*
 Page 9, clause 35, line 10. *Omit "guilty of felony, and shall be"*
 Page 9, clause 35, line 11. *Omit "ten" insert "four"*
 Page 9, clause 36, line 19. *Omit "of" insert "or"*
 Page 9, clause 36, line 43. *Omit "the passing of this Act" insert "entry on the lands"*
 Page 11, clause 47, line 42. *Omit "Minister" insert "Governor"*
 Page 11, clause 48, lines 49, 50, and 51. *Omit "the right of user of the water, in, over, or upon such Lake, Creeks, and Lands shall be vested in the Promoters in trust for the purposes of this Act" insert "the Promoters shall have the right to use for the purposes of this Act"*

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- "Act, the water in, over, or upon such Lake, Creeks, and Lands, but the Governor shall have the right to use or to authorise the use of the water in, over, or upon the said Lake, Creeks, and Lands; but if for irrigation purposes, subject to due provision being made for the proper irrigation of the Irrigation Cultivation Area: Provided also that nothing in this section contained shall interfere with any rights already existing"
- Pages 11 and 12, clause 49. *Omit clause 49.*
- Page 13, clause 59, line 49. *After "Irrigation" insert "Cultivation."*
- Page 14, clause 60, line 13. *Omit "Minister" insert "Governor."*
- Page 14, clause 61. *Omit clause 61.*
- Page 14, clause 62, line 29. *Omit "to the like extent"*
- Page 14, clause 62, lines 32 to 36. *Omit "and to vest the said land, to the extent aforesaid, in the Promoters, for the purposes mentioned, and for the estate mentioned in the last preceding section: Provided, however, that nothing in this section contained shall have any effect or operation unless the approval of the Governor shall first have been obtained with respect to the lands so required"*
- Page 14. *After clause 62 insert the following new clause:—*
- Promoters to be Crown lessees until grants issued.
- Promoters may sub-lease.
- Subject to the performance by them of the conditions specified in this Act, the Promoters shall, on the publication of the said notice, hold the lands described in the Second Schedule hereto, or the balance thereof from time to time, under the provisions of this Act, as lessees from the Crown, and shall pay to the Crown an annual sum in name of rent, at a rate to be fixed as provided by the existing Lands Acts, or any future amendment thereof. And the Promoters shall be entitled to a lease, the term of which shall be for a period of twenty-eight years, with the option to the lessees of a renewal of such lease for a further period of twenty-eight years, and such promoters shall be entitled to grant sub-leases of any part of the lands described in the Second Schedule hereto, or the balance thereof from time to time.
- Page 15, clause 63, line 4. *Omit "during the said period of twenty years"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 5. *Omit "sell, lease, or dispose of" insert "sub-lease"*
- Page 15, clause 63, lines 5 and 6. *Omit "granted, or to be granted to them in fee simple"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 7. *Omit "so sold"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 9. *Omit "sell, lease, or dispose of" insert "sub-lease"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 27. *After "resume" insert "without compensation except for buildings and other permanent improvements"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 28. *After "for" insert "Government"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 28. *Omit "and"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 28. *After "roads" insert "schools and other public purposes"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 33. *Omit "Auditor-General" insert "Minister"*
- Page 15, clause 63, line 37. *Omit "Auditor-General" insert "Minister"*
- Pages 15 and 16, clause 64. *Omit clause 64.*
- Page 16, clause 65. *Omit clause 65.*
- Page 17, clause 70, line 9. *After "to" insert "proceed to arbitration under the Arbitration Act of 1892, or"*
- Page 17, clause 73, line 52. *Omit "sixty-nine" insert "sixty-five"*
- Page 20, clause 80. *Add at end of clause "Provided that the recovery of such penalty shall not release the Promoters from such other consequences of such default as are imposed by this Act."*
- Page 20, clause 81. *Omit clause 81.*
- Page 21, clause 84, line 1. *After "any" insert "wilful"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 48. *Omit "purchaser" insert "sub-lessee"*
- Page 21, clause 88, lines 48 and 49. *Omit "at time of purchase"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 49. *Omit "a perpetual" insert "an"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 50. *Omit "purchased" insert "sub-leased"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 51. *Omit "purchaser" insert "sub-lessee"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 51. *After "assessment" insert "or by agreement"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 53. *Omit "purchaser" insert "sub-lessee"*
- Page 21, clause 88, lines 53 and 54. *Omit "deed of conveyance or in or upon the transfer" insert "sub-lease"*
- Page 21, clause 88, lines 54 to 57. *Omit "where the land is under the provisions of the Real Property Act, such water-right shall be noted by the Registrar-General upon the purchaser's certificate of title, and"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 57. *Omit "for all time" insert "during the term of the sub-lease"*
- Page 22, clause 88, line 1. *Omit "owner" insert "sub-lessee"*
- Page 22, clause 89, line 8. *Omit "having a"*
- Page 22, clause 89, line 8. *Omit "office" insert "and incorporated"*
- Page 22, clause 89, line 12. *Omit "purchased"*
- Page 22, clause 91, line 34. *Omit "Upon the application of the Promoters"*
- Page 22, clause 91, lines 35 to 42. *Omit "declare that the provisions of this Act, or any of them, shall be extended to lands within the Counties of Menindie, Tandora, and Yancowinna, other than those within the areas described in the First and Second Schedules hereto, and thereupon such lands, which shall in such proclamation be described, shall be included within the provisions of this Act, in the same manner and, so far as possible, to the same extent and effect, as if such lands had been part of the lands described in the First and Second Schedules to this Act originally" insert "alter the boundaries of the Irrigation Cultivation Area, but so that the extent thereof shall not be increased or decreased."*
- Page 22, clause 92, lines 43 to 46. *Omit "irrigation works and permanent improvements to the value of five thousand pounds be carried out upon or in connection with the Irrigation Cultivation Area within two years after the passing thereof" insert*
- "(a.) The construction of irrigation works be commenced by the Promoters within six months after the passing of this Act.

(b)

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- "(b.) The sum of two thousand five hundred pounds be expended upon or in connection with the irrigation works and permanent improvements contemplated in this Act within one year after the passing of the Act.
- "(c.) The sum of five thousand pounds be expended upon or in connection with the irrigation works and permanent improvements contemplated in this Act within two years after the passing of the Act.
- "Provided that the Minister shall have power to extend the time in each of the aforesaid cases for "a further period of six months if reasonable cause be shown by the Promoters."
- Page 22, First Schedule, line 50. *Omit* "those thirty-eight thousand six hundred and forty acres of" *insert* "that"
- Page 22, First Schedule, line 51. *Omit* "including" *insert* "being" Examined.—
- NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.
16. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- (1.) Probate Act of 1890 Amendment Bill (No. 2):—
- R. W. DUFF,
Governor.
- Message No. 16.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Probate Act of 1890,' and to give greater facilities for the issue of probate and letters of administration,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 13th June, 1893.
- (2.) Trust Property Act Amendment Bill:—
- R. W. DUFF,
Governor.
- Message No. 17.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Trust Property Act of 1862,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 13th June, 1893.
- (3.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill:—
- R. W. DUFF,
Governor.
- Message No. 18.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise and enable the 'Land Company of Australasia (Limited), to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqueen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the Counties of Durham and Brisbane, and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands to establish Irrigation Works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook; and to take and divert water therefrom, and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 13th June, 1893.
- (4.) Municipal Loans Extension Bill:—
- R. W. DUFF,
Governor.
- Message No. 19.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Municipal Councils to borrow moneys for the repayment of loans, and to validate certain loans,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 13th June, 1893.
- (5.) Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company's Bill:—
- R. W. DUFF,
Governor.
- Message No. 20.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the directors and shareholders of the 'Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)' to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
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(6.) Australian Agricultural Company's Land Revesting Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 21.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to revest certain land in the Australian Agricultural 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 13th June, 1893.

(7.) Municipal Wharves Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 22.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867'; to enable Municipalities to lease and acquire lands, and to erect wharves thereon; 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.

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(8.) Postage Acts Amendment Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 23.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Post Office; to provide for the issue of Postal Notes, and for the exemption of the same from Stamp Duty; 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.

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(9.) Treasury Indemnity Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 24.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other Public Officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited) Railway Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 25.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable a Company called the 'Scottish Australian Mining Company (Limited)' to construct a railway from their Durham Colliery, in the parish of Kahibah, to communicate with 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.

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(11.) Simpson's Railway Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 26.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the construction of an extension of the railway, commonly known as the Rosehill Railway, in three sections, from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Rosehill Station Platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the Districts of Rydalmer, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural,"—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.

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(12.) Debts Recovery Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 27.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act,' 10 Victoria No. 10, and the 'Small Debts Recovery 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.

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(13.) Matrimonial Causes Procedure Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 28.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the law and practice in the Matrimonial and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and to validate certain proceedings therein,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(14.) Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Halls Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 29.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to vest certain land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Hall for the use of Friendly Societies, and also to vest certain other land at Newcastle in trustees on trust for the erection of a Trades Hall,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(15.) Labour Settlements Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 30.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to establish and regulate Labour Settlements on Crown Lands,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 13th June, 1893.

(16.) Balranald Irrigation Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 31.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands to establish works for conserving and utilizing Water for Irrigation; to lease such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of Irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(17.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
*Governor.**Message No. 32.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise John Mitchell Purves, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point on the Darling River, at or near the Town of Menindie, in the Colony aforesaid, to a point at or near the Town of Willyama (Broken Hill), in the Colony aforesaid, and connecting with the Tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, ores, minerals, metals, coal, coke, timber, and other goods and materials, and live stock thereon,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.

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17. 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 presented to His Excellency, for the Royal Assent, a Bill, intituled:—"An Act for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such Districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects."

18. ASSENT TO BILL:—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe and declare his Assent, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bill presented by Mr. Speaker, viz.:—"An Act for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such Districts; for remodelling the franchise, and the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects."

19. PROROGATION:—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech:—

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

1. In relieving you for a time from the labour which has so long been imposed upon you by your Parliamentary duties, I am able to congratulate you upon having largely improved the laws of the country by important and beneficial legislation.

2. The Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, the passage of which has been one of the chief works of the Session, embodies most that is valuable among the many changes which have been advocated in different quarters. While it gives the suffrage to all free adult citizens, and provides for the purification of the Rolls and the effective and uncorrupted conduct of elections, it admits no qualification extraneous to the citizen himself. By constituting electorates as nearly as possible equal, each returning but one member, it secures to the electors equal effectiveness for their votes. It imposes on candidates no monetary qualification, puts an end to the useless and unsatisfactory proceedings involved in public nominations, and provides that all general elections are to be held on one and the same day. After the preparation of the first Rolls, the process of self-registration will take full effect, with, it is expected, beneficial results in enhancing the appreciation of the franchise and the realisation of the duties which attend its possession. The redistribution of electorates by a non-political Commission, the provisions for adjusting from time to time the representation to the fluctuations of population in different parts of the country, the reduction of the number of Members to one hundred and twenty-five, and the increase in the number of electorates, will, it is hoped, secure not only equality in the representation of electors and local interests, but also increased efficiency in the carrying on of Parliamentary business.

3. Resolutions were carried almost unanimously in both Houses approving of the main principles of the Commonwealth of Australia Bill, and affirming their willingness to consider the Draft Bill in Committee, so that the amendments desired by them and by the Legislative bodies of the other Colonies might be submitted to a second Convention. You will be invited early next session to the consideration of the Federal proposals in Committee. In the meantime it is gratifying to observe the growth of public opinion in favour of a Federal union of these great Colonies.

4. Australia has recently passed through a monetary crisis without parallel in her history, and which at one time threatened to result in widespread disaster. The sudden and causeless demand of gold for notes and for loans on deposit caused a drain on the currency which no banking system, however sound, could indefinitely resist, and Banks of unquestionable solvency and continuing prosperity were obliged to temporarily close their doors to protect securities of enormous value from a forced realisation for which nothing in the circumstances of the country had shown any necessity. My advisers, after careful deliberation, but with promptitude, proposed two measures successively to deal with the financial situation which received the support of large majorities in both Houses. It is most gratifying to me to be able to say that the Bank Issue Bill and the Current Account Depositors' Bill have produced most favourable results, and have been the main factors in reinforcing the circulation, dispelling unnecessary alarm, and restoring confidence in business relations, and with it the credit of the Colony.

5. To enable the Government to raise money, locally, for the carrying on of the various public works in progress, the Funded Stock Act was passed, authorising an issue, at par, of £3,000,000 of Inscribed Stock, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. The operation of the measure has been very satisfactory. Considerably over a million and a quarter of money has found investment in this channel, and the stock continues to be taken up with readiness.

6. The continued presence in the cities of large numbers of persons unable to find employment has impressed upon your Advisers the necessity of providing further facilities for the occupation of the Public Lands. To this end the Labour Settlements Act has been passed, which will enable such persons, through the medium of Associations constituted for that purpose, to acquire the use of Land suitable in area and quality on easy terms, together with small monetary assistance when necessary.

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7. A measure has been passed for the amendment of the Postal Laws, which will greatly facilitate the conduct of the business of the Post Office. Acts have been passed for the prevention and eradication of diseases in vines, for the better protection of Trade Marks against forgery and fraud, for enabling Municipalities to raise money for the repayment of loans; and among other useful enactments are the Lunacy Act Further Amendment Act, the Trades Hall and Literary Institutes Act, the Newcastle Trades Hall and Friendly Societies Act, the Royal Agricultural Society Enabling Act, and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act; while the Administration of Justice will be materially advanced by the Probate Acts Amendment Act and the Matrimonial Causes Procedure Act.

8. Besides these and other measures introduced by the Government, many useful enactments have been passed at the instance of private Members, as well as a number of Acts authorising extensive works, and promising to provide legitimate employment for labour.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. The provision, largely reduced in comparison with that of previous years, which you have made for the Public Service, is being administered with the strictest economy compatible with the public interests.

10. It is hoped that the negotiations which have been entered upon for subsidising a direct steamship service between Australia and British North America, having Sydney as its terminal port, will result in the establishment of commercial relations of mutual advantage to both countries.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

11. The commercial depression and the restriction of trade, which have been common all over the world, have been severely felt in the Colony, and in many places have been aggravated by disastrous floods. But the great producing interests have not been seriously affected, and it is to be hoped that the steady development of our material resources will, before long, produce a restoration of that confidence which is essential to prosperity.

12. In dismissing you to your ordinary avocations, I have to thank you for the unsparing industry which you have shown in the discharge of your high public duties, and I confidently hope that in the recess your influence will continue to be exercised for the promotion of the best interests of the country. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until the fourth day of July next.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 13 JUNE, 1893.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. BLACK to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is he aware that Chinese gambling is again spreading in Lower George-street?
 (2.) Does the Government intend to take any steps towards putting into practice the recommendations of the Chinese Gambling Commission?
2. MR. WALKER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is he aware of the method and the amount of the reductions being made in the wages of the men in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade?
 (2.) Is it not a fact that the force is undermanned and underpaid?
3. MR. HUGH MCKINNON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is a Court of Petty Sessions held at Sunny Corner?
 (2.) The names of the Magistrates who usually preside on the Bench at that place?
 (3.) Is it a fact that two of the recently appointed Justices of the Peace, one a local publican and the other a cordial manufacturer, had to adjourn the Court, owing to the incapacity of the Sergeant of Police?
4. MR. CAMPBELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is the Government aware that the fire insurance companies do not contribute their one-third portion towards the annual outlay of fire brigades in country municipalities, in accordance with the provisions of the 13th and 20th sections of the Fire Brigades Act of 1884, and that they refuse to do so?
 (2.) Can he state how long it is since those companies have assumed such attitude toward country fire brigades, and upon what legal ground they base their refusal?
 (3.) Do those companies contribute a third portion toward the support of the fire brigades within the Metropolitan District, in compliance with the terms of the said Act?
 (4.) In view of the fact that country fire brigades, as well as those of the Metropolitan District, are a great advantage to the fire insurance companies, by saving them from heavy losses by fire from time to time, will the Government endeavour to have a Bill passed early next Session to provide for the payment of subsidies by those companies alike to country and metropolitan fire brigades?
5. MR. BLACK to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Inspector of Weights and Measures has been making charges not authorised?
 (2.) When do the Government intend to adopt the suggestions of the Board of Inquiry?
6. MR. MOLESWORTH to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Will he, in his capacity as Minister for Railways, step in as mediator, and endeavour to effect a satisfactory settlement of the existing difficulty between the Railway Commissioners and a number of their employees?
7. MR. MOLESWORTH to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Will he bring in, early next Session, his long-promised Bill to reduce the excessive rates of Pilotage at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle?
8. MR. WADDELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is he aware that the Queensland Government purpose introducing legislation to impose an export duty on wool crossing the border to New South Wales?
 (2.) Will he enter into negotiations with that Government, with a view to arrange that in consideration of the New South Wales Government continuing to allow fat and store stock to cross the border free to New South Wales, that the Queensland Government will not impose an export duty on wool?

9. MR. LEES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER.—Is it true that the Railway Commissioners are quarrying and trucking blue metal at the Bombo quarries, Kiama, then hauling the same to the Blue Mountains, a distance of over 100 miles, when they have offered to them a metal as good, if not superior, delivered trucked at Emu Plains Station for 5s. 6d. per ton; if so, would it not be more economical to purchase at Emu Plains?
10. MR. HUGH MCKINNON to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all evidence and papers in connection with the cases of Paul v. Hackett, tried at the Supreme Court on the 6th April, and Thomas Hackett, afterwards acquitted at Darlinghurst on a charge of perjury?
 (2.) Does he intend to take any action against Kenedy Paul and sons for perjury?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill; second reading.
2. Supreme Court Fees Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal section 14 of the Act 10th Victoria, No. 10; and to enable the Judges of the Supreme Court to fix the fees to be demanded and paid in that Court and in the Circuit Courts.
3. Public Works Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Coroners Court Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barton, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Australasian Federation; consideration, in detail, in Committee of the Whole, of the proposals for a Federal Constitution.
6. Asiatic Races Restriction and Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. District Government Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir George Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Medical Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee.
9. Newcastle Harbour Trust Bill; second reading.
10. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
11. Water Conservation and Utilization Bill; second reading.
12. Summary Convictions Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
13. Sydney Harbour Trust Bill; second reading.
14. Board of Health Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to incorporate the Board of Health, and to make certain provision consequential thereto.
15. Quarantine Acts Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the laws relating to quarantine.
16. Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
17. Disorderly Conduct Suppression Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Suttor, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROSE to move,—
 (1.) That the Goulburn and Crookwell 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. Lyne, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Colls, Mr. Schey, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Davis, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.
2. MR. WADDELL 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 reports, depositions, &c., in the case *Regina v. John Deniff and Patrick McDermott*, tried at Dubbo on 4th February, 1892.
3. MR. G. D. CLARK 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 for the purpose of closing licensed public-houses; and for the prohibition of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary election days; for making it illegal to hold committee meetings, or meetings of election in or at licensed public-houses in connection with Parliamentary elections; and for other purposes connected therewith.
4. MR. HUGH MCKINNON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, in the interests of the general public, at once appoint two competent auditors, with power to examine the accounts of all the incorporated Banks of the Colony, with the view of ascertaining to what extent the directors have overdrawn their accounts, and on what security.
5. MR. SCHET to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of the coal contracts for the Railway Service for the years 1891 and 1892, showing—(a) the name of tenderer and price per ton in each separate contract; (b) the kind of coal specified for in each case, and the total weight of each supplied; (c) the dates and amounts of payments made for such coal.
6. MR. WALKER to move, That the following Address be adopted by this House and presented to His Excellency the Governor:—Your Excellency,—We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, respectfully desire to take the earliest opportunity of informing you that the sentiments and aspirations of this Colony tend strongly in the direction of republicanism and independence, and, without desiring to prejudice you in any future gubernatorial action, we are of opinion that you will best further the interest and welfare of the people by avoiding any complicity with movements intended to strengthen Imperialism as opposed to the national sentiment.
7. MR. J. D. FITZGERALD to move, That the Report from the Select Committee, on the "Working of the Government Labour Bureau," brought up on 2nd June, 1893, be now adopted.

8. **MR. WALKER** to move,—
 (1.) That in view of the present depressed state of the public finances, and the widespread distress and commercial stagnation which now exist, this House is of opinion,—
 (1.) That the annual contribution to the maintenance of the Naval Defences of the Colony, under the provisions of the Australasian Naval Force Act, is opposed to the best interests of the Colony, and should be discontinued.
 (2.) That the Defence Force, provided for under the above Act, is unnecessary; and, if necessary, is not calculated to be of practical use in the defence of our shores or in suppressing an invasion by foreign powers.
 (3.) That in view of the fact that the expenditure sanctioned under the Australasian Naval Force Act was authorised at a time of plenty and commercial prosperity, and was undertaken without having received consideration from, or having been in any way instigated by the tax-payers of the Colony, the Imperial Government should be asked to forego such contribution, as an act of justice to their Colonies, which are now labouring under such sore depression.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to forward the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
9. **MR. FRANK FARRELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed line of railway to Castle Hill and Dural should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report.
10. **MR. GRAHAME** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, in the Parish of Kahibah," brought up on 26th February, 1892, a.m., be now adopted.
11. **MR. WALKER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to establish a National Bank.
12. **MR. DARNLEY** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "William Stafford, " ex-Mounted Sergeant of Police," brought up on 12th May, 1893, be now adopted.
13. **MR. TONKIN** 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 Mr. Travers Jones to dig and search for gold on selected lands on the Adelong Creek proclaimed Gold-field, and the cause of operations being suspended on his alluvial mine, Adelong Creek.
 (2.) That such Committee consists of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Garrard, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Colls, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Vaughn, and the Mover.
14. **MR. WISE** 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 Ministers and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with reference to the Bank Issue Act.
15. **MR. DOWEL** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank," brought up on 16th May, 1893, be now adopted.
16. **MR. MORGAN** 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 F. Connally, of Parkes, consequent on the cancellation of a permit granted to him to mine on portion 423, parish of Currajong, county of Ashburton.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Gough, Mr. Wright, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Cann, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Wall, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Return to Order laid upon the Table on 23rd February, 1888, be referred to the Committee.
17. **MR. G. D. CLARK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The total number of persons employed in the various Departments of the State at the end of 1884.
 (2.) The total number of retirements under the provisions of the Superannuation Act since that time.
 (3.) The total number of persons in the Service at the present time.
18. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That the proposed construction of a tramway or light railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan be submitted to the Public Works Committee for their consideration and report.
19. **MR. SCOTT** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a duty of 25 per cent. should be placed on all cast-iron pipes and special castings imported into this Colony.
20. **MR. ROSE** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the regulations connected with the Redfern produce markets are directly opposed to the inland producers, and are carried out solely in favour of middle men.
 (2.) That arrangements should be at once made for storing unsold produce for fourteen days, free of charge.
 (3.) That auctioneers holding sales in the markets should be compelled to sell a reasonable portion of a truck of produce at the request of buyers.
 (4.) That every encouragement should be given in the markets to the cultivation of a retail as well as a wholesale trade.
21. **MR. G. D. CLARK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no further alienation of the public lands of the Colony should be made.
22. **MR. J. D. FITZGERALD** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that all uniforms used in the Government Service by Government officials, police, military, tramway employees, railway employees, attendants in lunatic asylums, "Vernon" boys, inmates of industrial schools, &c., &c., be manufactured in Government workshops, the ordinary Trades Union wages current in Sydney to be paid by the Government in such State workshops or manufactories.

23. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—
 (1.) That, pending the complete federation of the Australian Colonies, it is advisable that this Colony should enter into a reciprocal treaty with the Colony of Victoria for the unrestricted interchange of all products produced within the said Colonies.
 (2.) That the treaty be based upon similar lines to those in force between the Colonies in the year 1873.
 (3.) That the treaty apply only to products conveyed across the inland border, and not those introduced by sea.
 (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
24. **MR. NEILD** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the extension of the railway into the city and to the eastern suburbs should be forthwith proceeded with.
25. **MR. MORTON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, including applications, recommendations, reports, and minutes, relating to the positions of Inspectors of Agriculture, and appointments thereto.
26. **MR. BAVISTER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it would be only an act of simple justice that Honorable Members who are from time to time absent from the Sittings and Divisions of this Chamber (except on business specially ordered by vote of the House) should refund such an amount of their Parliamentary allowance as would be proportionately equal to such absences from the total number of Divisions and Sittings of the Session.
27. **MR. TONKIN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the enforced retirement of Mr. Benjamin Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McCourt, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Colls, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Neild, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.
28. **MR. McGOWEN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conduct of the Stipendiary Magistrate, C. Delohery, Esq., in adjudicating in the cases, W. Williamson against H. M'Namara and W. Williamson against Geo. Bryerley, and the mode of procedure.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Hassall, and the Mover.
29. **MR. REID** to move, That the Sessional Order adopted by this House on the 1st September last, with reference to the exclusion of strangers, be and is hereby rescinded, and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof:—If at any sitting of the House, or in Committee, any Member, supported by four other Honorable Members rising in their places, shall take notice that strangers are present, Mr. Speaker, or the Chairman (as the case may be), shall forthwith put the question—“That strangers be ordered to withdraw,” without permitting any debate or amendment: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of strangers from any part of the House.
30. **MR. NICOL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the collection of all public tolls and ferries should be abolished on and after the 31st December next.
31. **MR. YOUNG** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of persons appointed to the public service since the present Government came into office, such return to specify the department in which appointed, and the names and salaries of each appointee.
32. **MR. MCFARLANE** to move, That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a substantial import duty be placed upon bananas.
33. **MR. MORTON** 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 Mr. John Bartholomew Casey, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Agent for the sale of Crown Lands, &c., at Kempsey.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barnes, Mr. Cook, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Gould, Mr. Perry, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the petition of Mr. J. B. Casey, received by this House on 18th December, 1890, be referred to the Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Protection Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Sheldon, “That this Bill be now ‘read a second time’.”
2. Public Works Committee Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
3. Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
4. Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
5. Parramatta Street Watering Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
6. Attorneys Admission Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Agricultural Holdings Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
8. Homestead Protection Bill; second reading.
9. Law of Libel Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O’Sullivan, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
10. Masters and Servants Bill; second reading.
11. Workmens Combination Laws Declaration Bill; second reading.
12. Offenders Probation Bill; second reading.

13. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
15. Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
16. Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
17. Conspiracy and Protection of Property Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
18. Municipalities Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
19. Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.
20. Trade Union Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
21. Bills of Sale Bill (No. 2) (*Council Bill*); second reading.
22. Liquor Licensing Law Amendment Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel, and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.
23. Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
24. Racing Association Bill; second reading.
25. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
26. Iron Industry of the Colony; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Scott, "That, in the opinion of this House, the iron industry of this Colony should be encouraged in the following manner, viz., 'that' a bonus of not less than £10,000 per annum, for a period of not less than ten years, should be given to any firm or firms, company or companies, who will manufacture within this Colony not less than 5,000 tons of iron or steel blooms annually from the native ores of New South Wales, the said blooms to be manufactured with colonial fuel and flux." Upon which Mr. Walker had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the word "that," in line 3, be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "provision should be made upon the tariff of such a character as to establish the manufacture of iron in the Colony."
27. Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "'That' the Report of the Select Committee on 'Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.,' brought up on 21st March, 1892, be now adopted." Upon which Sir Henry Parkes had moved by way of amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the evidence brought up from the Select Committee on Mr. Black's application for a free railway pass reflects seriously on Mr. Black as a Member of this House." "(2.) That the evidence discloses facts which make it necessary for this House to express its opinion that no free pass should be issued to any person connected with Honorable Members other than the Member himself."
28. Parliamentary Refreshment Room; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. D. Clark, "That 'in the opinion of this House,' the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room is unnecessary, and should, therefore, be discontinued." Upon which Mr. Traill had moved, by way of amendment, to omit the words "in the opinion of this House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "it be referred to the Refreshment Committee to report whether"
29. The Legislative Council; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,— "(1.) 'That' the working of the nominee principle in the construction of the Legislative Council has fully confirmed the doubts entertained of its soundness and wisdom by the framers of the Constitution, who limited it in the first instance, as an experiment, to the period of five years. "(2.) That the power given by the Constitution to a few Members of this House, who may, for the time being, hold office as advisers of the Crown; to nominate persons to seats in the other House of Parliament for the term of their natural lives, is in flagrant conflict with the principle of manhood suffrage by which this House is elected for the short period of three years, and is repugnant to every sense of political justice and progress. "(3.) That the continued existence of the nominee principle in the construction of the Legislative Council is an insuperable obstacle to the national federation of Australia, while it remains a danger to the liberties of this Colony. "(4.) That a Bill ought to be introduced without delay to amend the Constitution by reconstituting the Legislative Council on a carefully considered basis of popular election. "(5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented to the Governor by Mr. Speaker with a request that His Excellency will immediately lay them before his advisers." Upon which Mr. Traill had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House having in view the urgent and pressing necessity for the passage into law, after the deplorable delays of the past, of legislative reforms of the gravest public importance, declines to engage at the present time in theoretical discussion as to the principles which should regulate the constitution of a second Chamber, or to record an opinion which might lead to the entire unsettlement of public affairs; and this House prefers to devote its attention to the amelioration of the condition of the people, and the advancement of immediate public interests."

30. Reduction of Civil Servants Salaries ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, "That
 "this 'House' disapproves of the proposed 5 per cent. reduction of Civil Servants' salaries."
 Upon which Mr. Cook had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the word
 'House,' be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "is of opinion that all
 "persons deriving an income of over £200 a year from Government should be included in the
 "proposed Civil Service retrenchment scheme."
31. Public Finances of the Colony ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Rose, " That, in
 "the opinion of this House,—
 "(1.) The financing of our public debt of £55,000,000, on the basis of a terminable number of
 "small stocks, maturing at different dates, without a sinking fund providing for redemption, indicates
 "a gross mismanagement of the public finances.
 "(2.) The compulsory renewal of expiring loans on terms dictated by London brokers is a source
 "of great danger to our financial interests, and demands immediate efforts to convert our small
 "and varied stocks into two large interminable stocks pledged against the railway and Crown lands
 "revenue of the Colony, and carrying the right of redeeming a percentage annually.
 "(3.) The Colony contains within itself all labour and capital requisite to develop our national
 "resources, which should be developed without saddling the taxpayers with the burden of interest.
 "(4.) The public works essential to our progress should be reproductive to the extent of guaran-
 "teeing 3 per cent. over working expenses on capital invested.
 "(5.) The possible loss arising from the administration of a public work should be provided against
 "by Government having first claim on the revenue of one or more shires or municipalities
 "interested.
 "(6.) The currency necessary for assisting in the construction of reproductive works should be
 "provided by Government in the form of notes that shall be accepted as a legal tender, such notes
 "to be redeemed annually to the extent of interest paid by the respective public works."
 Upon which Mr. Houghton had moved, by way of amendment, to omit paragraphs (2) to (6).
32. Appointment of Justices of the Peace; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. D. Clark,
 "That, in the opinion of this House,—
 "(1.) The present system of appointing Justices of the Peace is opposed to the spirit of
 "democracy.
 "(2.) In future all such appointments should be made by popular ballot."
 Upon which Mr. Garrard had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned."
33. Advances to Original Conditional Purchasers ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr.
 Sheldon, "That in the opinion of this House,—
 "(1.) It is desirable, with a view to encourage *bona-fide* settlement on the land, that a sum of
 "money not exceeding (say) £50,000 should be set apart from the land revenue, or, if necessary,
 "raised by loan, as a Special Land Loan Fund, for the purpose of making advances to original
 "conditional purchasers, if conditions be unfulfilled, who may satisfy the Minister that such assistance
 "is necessary.
 "(2.) The Minister, on proof of such, should authorise an advance equal to (say) one-half the value
 "of any permanent beneficial improvements effected upon the land, such value to be determined
 "by appraisement; but no such advance should be for a greater sum than £320, nor for a less
 "sum than £10; the land, with all improvements, to be held as security for the loan.
 "(3.) All such advances should be for a period not exceeding ten years, repayable in twenty half-
 "yearly instalments, with interest added, at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, or made repayable
 "at any time within that period, at option of borrower."

F. W. WEBB,
 Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 13th June, 1893.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1892-3.

		Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	...	57	47	.....	104
Abbott, The Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, Kt. (<i>Speaker</i>)	...	...	14	.....	14
A'Becket, William Channing, Esq. (<i>From 14 September, 1892</i>)	...	68	127	.....	185
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	...	75	93	.....	168
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	...	90	141	.....	231
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	...	74	149	.....	223
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq., Q.C.	...	84	179	.....	263
Bavister, Thomas, Esq.	...	112	250	.....	362
Black, George, Esq.	...	98	248	.....	346
Booth, Robert, Esq.	...	25	29	.....	54
Bowes, John Wesley, Esq.	...	91	162	.....	253
Brown, Edward George, Esq.	...	13	24	.....	37
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	...	28	39	.....	67
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	...	69	93	.....	162
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	...	33	35	.....	68
Campbell, Archibald, Esq.	...	53	145	.....	198
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	...	119	286	.....	385
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	...	71	82	.....	153
Chamfer, John Moore, Esq.	...	43	66	.....	109
Chapman, Austin, Esq.	...	85	147	.....	232
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	...	54	57	.....	111
Clark, George Daniel, Esq.	...	186	300	.....	436
Clarke, Francis, Esq. (<i>From 6 June, 1893</i>)	...	3	18	.....	21
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	...	70	98	.....	168
Collins, Charles, Esq.	...	53	98	.....	151
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	...	65	77	.....	142
Cook, Joseph, Esq.	...	113	278	.....	391
Copeland, The Hon. Henry, Esq.	...	112	217	.....	329
Cotton, Francis, Esq.	...	73	125	.....	198
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	...	35	53	.....	88
Cruickshank, George Alexander, Esq.	...	54	103	.....	157
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq.	...	63	58	.....	121
Cullen, William Portus, Esq., LL.D.	...	57	58	.....	115
Dale, David, Esq.	...	39	27	.....	66
Danahey, Cornelius James, Esq.	...	87	223	.....	310
Dangar, Otho Orde, Esq. (<i>Resigned, 5 May, 1893</i>)	...	62	62	.....	124
Durnley, Edward, Esq.	...	114	232	.....	346
Davis, Thomas Martin, Esq.	...	62	100	.....	162
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	...	85	126	.....	211
Dibbs, The Hon. Sir George Richard, K.C.M.G. (<i>Resigned, 23 March, 1893; re-elected, 30 March, 1893</i>)	...	87	181	.....	268
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Esq.	...	78	150	.....	228
Donald, George, Esq.	...	85	174	.....	259
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph, Esq.	...	45	60	.....	105
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	...	80	57	.....	137
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	...	126	276	.....	402
Eve, James, Esq.	...	61	63	.....	124
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	...	34	76	.....	110
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	...	81	107	.....	188
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	...	118	277	.....	395
FitzGerald, John Daniel, Esq.	...	88	162	.....	250
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	...	23	50	.....	73
Fuller, George Warburton, Esq.	...	45	57	.....	102
Gardiner, Albert, Esq.	...	91	214	.....	305
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	...	66	122	.....	188
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	...	38	37	.....	75
Gillies, John, Esq.	...	43	80	.....	123
Gormly, James, Esq.	...	69	78	.....	147
Gough, John George, Esq.	...	46	70	.....	116
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	...	60	96	.....	156
Grahanne, William, Esq.	...	55	117	.....	172
Hart, John Shadrach, Esq.	...	90	231	.....	321
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	...	110	198	.....	308
Hayes, James, Esq.	...	50	82	132
Haynes, John, Esq.	...	46	69	116
Hindle, John, Esq.	...	90	139	229

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Hogan, Patrick, Esq.	...	53	105	158
Hofborow, William Hillier, Esq.	...	77	146	223
Hollis, Leslie Thomas, Esq., M.B., Ch.M.	...	58	135	193
Houghton, Thomas John, Esq.	...	110	195	.....	305
Hoyle, Henry Clement, Esq.	...	71	148	.....	219
Hutchinson, George Fairhurst, Esq.	...	123	239	.....	362
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq.	...	86	118	.....	204
Inglis, James, Esq.	...	16	7	.....	23
Jeaneret, Charles Edward, Esq.	...	51	64	.....	115
Johnston, James, Esq.	...	97	182	.....	279
Jones, Robert, Esq.	...	67	113	.....	180
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	...	110	193	.....	303
Kidd, The Hon. John, Esq.	...	116	235	.....	351
Kirkpatrick, John, Esq.	...	74	50	.....	124
Langwell, Hugh, Esq.	...	103	211	.....	314
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	...	42	43	.....	85
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	...	82	136	.....	218
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	...	31	55	.....	86
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	...	55	180	.....	235
Lyne, The Hon. William John, Esq.	...	94	161	.....	255
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	...	11	28	.....	39
Manning, William Patrick, Esq. (<i>From 14 February, 1893</i>)	...	24	69	.....	93
Marks, James, Esq.	...	37	73	.....	110
Martin, James, Esq.	...	25	7	.....	32
McCourt, William, Esq.	...	91	212	.....	303
McCredie, George, Esq. (<i>From 9 May, 1893</i>)	...	10	58	.....	68
McFarlane, John, Esq.	...	90	118	.....	208
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	...	117	263	.....	380
McKinnon, Hugh, Esq.	...	78	106	.....	184
McMillan, William, Esq.	...	37	88	.....	125
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	...	112	.....	.....	112
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	...	94	224	.....	318
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	...	59	90	.....	149
Morgan, James, Esq.	...	91	155	.....	246
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	...	50	105	.....	155
Murphy, William Alfred, Esq.	...	85	108	.....	193
Neild, John Cash, Esq.	...	66	112	.....	178
Newman, Henry William, Esq.	...	42	93	.....	136
Newton, James, Esq.	...	51	127	.....	178
Nicholson John Barnes, Esq.	...	92	154	.....	246
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq.	...	61	75	.....	136
Nobbs, John, Esq. (<i>Resigned 26 April, 1893</i>)	...	60	58	.....	118
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	...	100	213	.....	313
Parkes, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G.	...	50	45	.....	95
Parkes, Varney, Esq.	...	64	71	.....	135
Perry, John, Esq.	...	84	117	.....	201
Rae, Arthur, Esq.	...	92	200	.....	301
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq.	...	61	64	.....	125
Rose, Thomas, Esq.	...	87	165	.....	252
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	...	65	76	.....	141
Schey, William Francis, Esq.	...	122	284	.....	406
Scobie, Robert, Esq.	...	94	155	.....	240
Scott, David, Esq.	...	83	126	.....	209
See, The Hon. John, Esq.	...	104	191	.....	295
Sharp, William Henry, Esq.	...	121	281	.....	402
Sheldon, Job, Esq.	...	95	173	.....	268
Slattery, The Hon. Thomas Michael, Esq.	...	94	228	.....	322
Smith, Bruce, Esq.	...	27	29	.....	56
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	...	68	121	.....	187
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	...	123	254	.....	377
Suttor, The Hon. Francis Bathurst, Esq.	...	96	203	.....	299
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	...	44	37	.....	81
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq.	...	81	111	.....	192
Toohoy, James Matthew, Esq. (<i>Resigned 31 January, 1893</i>)	...	9	4	.....	13
Torpy, James, Esq.	...	83	140	.....	223
Trulli, William Henry, Esq.	...	58	40	.....	98
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	...	77	116	.....	193
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	...	93	118	.....	211
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	...	76	121	.....	197
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	...	71	75	.....	146
Want, John Henry, Esq., Q.C.	...	38	40	.....	78
Wilkinson, John, Esq.	...	20	32	.....	52
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	...	29	13	.....	42
Williams, Thomas Henry, Esq.	...	59	96	.....	155
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	...	91	150	.....	241
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose, Esq.	...	23	35	.....	58
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	...	71	72	143
York, Thomas Henry, Esq.	...	45	52	97
Young, James Henry, Esq.	...	69	79	148

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1892-3.

1. New Writs issued ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
2. Select Committees :—													
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	...	...	11						
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	...	...	13						
							—						24
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—													
Originated in the Assembly—													
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	31						
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	65						
							—						96
Brought from the Council—													
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	7						
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	9						
							—						16
													112
5. Private Bills :—													
Originated in the Assembly—													
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	13						
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	6						
							—						19
Brought from the Council—													
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	5						
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	3						
							—						8
													27
6. Petitions received :—													
Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	240						
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	19						
							—						259
7. Divisions :—													
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	136						
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	...	...	300						
							—						436
8. Sittings :—													
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,096 h. 51 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	219 h. 34 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 h. 27 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—													
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	0						
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	0						
							—						0
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—													
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,896						
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,063						
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,737						
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,398						
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	53						
							—						20,647
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—													
By Message	...	...	...	...	...	...	35						
By Command	...	...	...	...	...	...	461						
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	87						
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	4						
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	21						
							—						608
Ordered to be Printed	583						
Not ordered to be Printed	25						
							—						608

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