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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 DECEMBER, 1913.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the sixteenth day of December, 1913, of which a copy was read by Mr. Richard Aldous Arnold, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

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

“ IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor aforesaid, by virtue of
“ an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh,
“ being ‘An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution’: I do hereby proclaim that
“ a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the State of New South Wales,
“ for the despatch of business, shall commence and be holden on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of
“ December instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council
“ Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and Members of the said Legislative
“ Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at
“ the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this sixteenth day of December, in the year of
“ our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and in the fourth year of His
“ Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command;

“ W. A. HOLMAN.

“ GOD SAVE THE KING ! ”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a correct list, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the several persons returned for the Electoral Districts set against such names respectively, at the General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales which was held in the month of December, 1913; and further certifying that the several Writs of Election, being eighty-five in number, were duly returned on or before the day on which they were legally returnable.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Abbott, Macartney	Upper Hunter.
Arthur, Richard	Middle Harbour.
Ashford, William George	Liverpool Plains.
Badgery, Francis Arthur	Wollondilly.
Bagnall, William Roy Clifford	St. George.
Ball, Richard Thomas	Corowa.
Black, George	Namoi.
Boston, Walter James	Wagga Wagga.
Braund, George Frederick	Armidale.
Brown, Thomas	Lachlan.
Brown, William	Durham.

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Names of Members returned.	Electoral District for which returned.
Burgess, George Arthur	Burrangong.
Cann, John Henry	Sturt.
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell	Leichhardt.
Cochran, John Patrick	Darling Harbour.
Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement	St. Leonards.
Cohen, John Jacob	Petersham.
Colquhoun, Percy Breerton	Mosman.
Crane, John Thomas	Gwydir.
Crawford, Thomas Simpson	Marrickville.
Dooley, James	Hartley.
Dunn, William Fraser	Mudgee.
Durack, Ernest	Bathurst.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Estell, John	Wallsend.
Fallick, James	Singleton.
Fern, Charles Stuart	Cobar.
Fingleton, James	Waverley.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Orange.
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland	Newcastle.
Grahame, William Calman	Wickham.
Griffith, Arthur Hill	Annandale.
Grimm, Arthur Hetherington	Ashburnham.
Hall, Brinsley	Hawkesbury.
Hall, David Robert	Enmore.
Henley, Thomas	Burwood.
Hickey, Simon	Alexandria.
Hollis, Robert	Newtown.
Holman, William Arthur	Cootamundra.
Hoskins, Tom James	Dulwich Hill.
Hoyle, Henry Clement	Surry Hills.
Hunt, John Charles	Camden.
James, Augustus George Frederic	Goulburn.
Kearsley, William	Cessnock.
Keegan, Thomas	Glebe.
Lang, John Thomas	Granville.
Larkin, Edward Rennix	Willoughby.
Latimer, William Fleming	Woollahra.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Levy, Daniel	Darlinghurst.
McFarlane, John	Clarence.
McGarry, Patrick	Murrumbidgee.
McGirr, John Joseph Gregory	Yass.
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor	Redfern.
Meagher, Richard Denis	Phillip.
Mercer, James Ballantine	Rozelle.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Monaro.
Minahan, Patrick Joseph	Belmore.
Morrish, James John	King.
Morton, Henry Douglas	Hastings and Macleay.
Morton, Mark Fairles	Allowrie.
Moxham, Thomas Robert	Parramatta.
Nesbitt, George	Lismore.
Nicholson, Charles Edward	Maitland.
Nicholson, John Barnes	Wollongong.
Onslow, James William Macarthur	Bondi.
Osborne, John Percy	Paddington.
Page, Frederick Joseph	Botany.
Perry, John	Byron.
Peters, Henry John Frederick	Canterbury.
Price, Richard Atkinson	Gloucester.
Richards, George Allen	Drummoyne.
Robson, William Elliott Veitch	Ashfield.
Scobie, Robert	Murray.
Storey, David	Randwick.
Storey, John	Balmain.
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James	Camperdown.
Thomas, Follet Johns	Gough.
Thompson, William	Ryde.
Thrower, Thomas Henry	Macquarie.
Toombs, Samuel	Hurstville.
Treffé, John Louis	Castlereagh.
Waddell, Thomas	Lyndhurst.
Wade, Charles Gregory	Gordon.
Wright, Jabez	Willyama.

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

The House went, and the President said:—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
 "His Excellency the Governor, not deeming it fit to be personally present this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor in the name and on the part of His Majesty the King, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the Governor of the State, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, to deliver a Message to the Legislative Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."

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

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

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

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

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

"Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and in the fourth year of our reign.

"G. STRICKLAND,

"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"FRED. FLOWERS."

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

The President said,—

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—We have it in command from the Governor to let you know that, it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your own Chamber, and there, after Members shall have been sworn, proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker.

"We are further commanded to acquaint you that His Excellency desires that such measures may be taken by you as may be deemed expedient to meet the exigencies of the Public Service."

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4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the State, authorising the Honorable William Arthur Holman, Colonial Secretary and Attorney-General, the Honorable John Henry Cann, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable John Louis Treflé, Secretary for Lands and Minister of Agriculture, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission the Clerk read, as follows:—

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

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting:

“IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable William Arthur Holman, Colonial Secretary and Attorney-General, the Honorable John Henry Cann, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable John Louis Treflé, Secretary for Lands and Minister of Agriculture, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

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

“G. STRICKLAND,
“ Governor.

“By His Excellency's Command,
“ FRED. FLOWERS.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honorable William Arthur Holman took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable John Henry Cann, and the Honorable John Louis Treflé, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—

Macartney Abbott, Esquire; Richard Arthur, Esquire, M.D.; William George Ashford, Esquire; Francis Arthur Badgery, Esquire; Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire; George Black, Esquire; Walter James Boston, Esquire; Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Braund, V.D.; the Honorable Thomas Brown; William Brown, Esquire; George Arthur Burgess, Esquire; the Honorable Ambrose Campbell Carmichael; Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, Esquire; John Jacob Cohen, Esquire; Percy Brereton Colquhoun, Esquire; John Thomas Crane, Esquire; Thomas Simpson Crawford, Esquire; James Dooley, Esquire; William Fraser Dunn, Esquire; Ernest Durack, Esquire; the Honorable Alfred Edden; John Estell, Esquire; James Fallick, Esquire; Charles Stuart Fern, Esquire; James Fingleton, Esquire; John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire; Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire; William Calman Grahame, Esquire; the Honorable Arthur Hill Griffith; Arthur Hetherington Grimm, Esquire; Brinsley Hall, Esquire; the Honorable David Robert Hall; Thomas Henley, Esquire; Simon Hickey, Esquire; Robert Hollis, Esquire; Tom James Hoskins, Esquire; Henry Clement Hoyle, Esquire; John Charles Hunt, Esquire; Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire; William Kearsley, Esquire; Thomas Keegan, Esquire; John Thomas Lang, Esquire; Edward Rennix Larkin, Esquire; William Fleming Latimer, Esquire; the Honorable Charles Alfred Lee; Daniel Levy, Esquire; John McFarlane, Esquire; Patrick McGarry, Esquire; John Joseph Gregory McGirr, Esquire; the Honorable James Sinclair Taylor McGowen; Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire; James Ballantine Mercer, Esquire; Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire; Patrick Joseph Minahan, Esquire; James John Morrish, Esquire; the Honorable Henry Douglas Morton; Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire; Thomas Robert Moxham, Esquire; George Nesbitt, Esquire; John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire; Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow; John Percy Osborne, Esquire; Frederick Joseph Page, Esquire; the Honorable John Perry; Henry John Frederick Peters, Esquire; Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire; George Allen Richards, Esquire; William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire; David Storey, Esquire; John Storey, Esquire; Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire; Follet Johns Thomas, Esquire; William Thompson, Esquire; Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire; Captain Samuel Toombs; the Honorable Thomas Waddell; the Honorable Charles Gregory Wade; Jabez Wright, Esquire.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Gus. Miller, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, and moved,—“That Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Hoyle.

Debate ensued.

The House then calling Mr. Meagher to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Miller, and Mr. Hoyle, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker,—

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Mr. Holman, Mr. Wade, and Mr. H. D. Morton respectively congratulated the Speaker.

Mr. Holman then informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor would receive their Speaker at State Government Offices, Macquarie-street, at a quarter-past Three o'clock this afternoon.

7. PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER :—The House proceeded to the State Governor's Offices, Macquarie-street, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

And the House having returned,—Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to the State Governor's Offices, where he informed the Governor that, immediately after the opening of Parliament to-day, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him, and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker ;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations.—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in debate, to free access to His Excellency when occasion should require, and that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings ;—to all which His Excellency had readily assented.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

8. MEMBER SWORN :—Major C. E. Nicholson having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before the Honorable William Arthur Holman, a Commissioner, and signed the roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Maitland.

9. PAPERS :—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Final Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on Industrial Arbitration in New South Wales.
- (2.) Minutes of Evidence in connection with Interim Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry on Industrial Arbitration in New South Wales.
- (3.) Interim Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry as to Food Supplies and Prices, on the supply and distribution of Meat.
- (4.) Sectional Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry as to Food Supplies and Prices, on the supply and distribution of Milk.
- (5.) Sectional Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry as to Food Supplies and Prices, on the supply and distribution of Fruit and Vegetables.
- (6.) Sectional Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry as to Food Supplies and Prices, on the supply and distribution of Bread.
- (7.) Report of the Coast Hospital, Sydney, for 1911.
- (8.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for 1912.
Ordered to be printed.
- (9.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1913.
- (10.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 30th September, 1913.
- (11.) By-laws under the Fire Brigades Act, 1909.
- (12.) Regulations under Dentists Act, 1912.
- (13.) Regulations under Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, and Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
- (14.) Rules and Regulations, Taronga Zoological Park.

Mr. Cann laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Plan of the Sydney Harbour Trust's Wharfage Scheme, westward of Dawes' Point. (*In supplementation of the Commissioners' Thirteenth Annual Report, laid upon the Table on 30th September, 1913.*)
- (2.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1913.
- (3.) New and Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Regulations Nos. 280 and 281, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (5.) Regulation under the Navigation Act, 1901.
- (6.) Addition to Regulation No. 38, and Regulation No. 32A, under the Pharmacy Act, 1897.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Cootamundra.
- (8.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for duplication and deviation of the Great Southern Railway between Cullerin and Harden.
- (9.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for widening the railway line between Waratah and West Maitland, at Waratah.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Rockdale.
- (11.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Ballast Quarry near Binalong.
- (12.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for quadruplicating the Great Northern Railway between Waratah and West Maitland, at High-street.
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- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for establishing a Quarry at 285 miles 15 chains, Dubbo-Coonamble Railway line.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Redfern.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic near Tempe.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the extension of the Marshalling Sidings at Port Waratah.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, required for Railway Traffic at Stanmore.
- (18.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for deviating the railway line between Emu Plains and Blaxland.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School purposes at Caledonia, North Newtown, Parramatta (High), King's Vale, Kogarah, Coorabell, Wakool Crossing, and Mandamah West.

Mr. McGowen laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Gas Act, 1912.

Mr. Treffé laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Lands and Report of the Western Land Board for the year ended 30th June, 1913.
- (2.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1913.
- (3.) Report of the Forestry Department for the year ended 30th June, 1913.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Amended Regulation No. 366, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, Amended Regulation No. 28, and Amended Form No. 24 under the Closer Settlement Acts.
- (5.) Particulars of lands surrendered and allotted under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, from 11th August, 1913, to 5th December, 1913.
- (6.) Regulations Nos. 149 to 254 inclusive, under the Irrigation Act, 1912.
- (7.) Amended Regulation No. 25, under the Irrigation Act, 1912.
- (8.) Regulations Nos. 132 to 148, inclusive, under the Irrigation Act, 1912.
- (9.) Amended Regulation No. 5, under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases and Fruit Pests Act, 1912.
- (10.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (11.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (12.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (13.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for an addition to the Public Cemetery at Tingha.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Public Recreation Ground at Lorn.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1913; together with Diagrams and Plans.
- (2.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the question of the constitution of a Greater Sydney; together with copies of Commissions, Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendices.
- (3.) Balance-sheet, Profit and Loss Account, and Trading Account of the State Metal Quarries for the year ended 30 June, 1913.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Proclamation declaring Sulphur to be a "Mineral" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (5.) Proclamation declaring the following works, viz.:—Erecting or maintaining a Jetty, Laying Moorings, Laying-out Anchors and establishing Coal-tipping Appliances to be "Mining Purposes" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (6.) Regulations regarding the procedure of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works under the Public Works Act 1912.
- (7.) Sewerage Financial By-laws and Water Financial By-laws, made under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- (8.) By-laws of the Belongil Swamp Drainage Trust, and the Trustees of the Robb Drainage Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (9.) By-laws (Water Supply) made by the Council of the Municipalities of Gunnedah and Gundagai, and Sewerage By-laws made by the Council of the Municipality of Lithgow under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Government Stores Depot at Long Cove Canal, Leichhardt.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Night-soil Depot at Bega.

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- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Drainage Area at Hurstville.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Government Workshops and Garage at Wentworth Park, Glebe.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack.
- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Hornsby Sewerage Treatment Works.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Fire Station at Hunter's Hill.
- (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Conabarabran Railway.
- (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply from Umberumberka Creek for Broken Hill.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Galong to Burrowa Railway.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Forbes to Stockingbingal Railway.
- (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Forbes to Stockingbingal Railway.
- (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack.
10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. John Storey, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) *Railway, Crookwell to Cowra.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Crookwell to Cowra.
 - (2.) *Railway, Grenfell to Warraderry.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Grenfell to Warraderry.
 - (3.) *Railway, Tarana, via Oberon, to Burruga.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Tarana, via Oberon, to Burruga.
 - (4.) *Railway, Combaning to Methuel.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Combaning to Methuel.
 - (5.) *Railway, Richmond to Kurrajong.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Richmond to Kurrajong.
 - (6.) *Railway, Manilla to Boggabri.*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Manilla to Boggabri.
- Ordered to be printed.
11. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—
- “ By His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of the Most
 “ Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South
 “ Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
- “ To all to whom these presents shall come,—
- “ Greeting:
- “ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count
 “ della Catena, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable
 “ Richard Denis Meagher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, to administer from
 “ time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same
 “ shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His
 “ Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member
 “ before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.
- “ Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales
 “ aforesaid, this twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine
 “ hundred and thirteen, and in the fourth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George
 “ the Fifth.”
- “ G. STRICKLAND,
 “ Governor.
- “ By His Excellency's Command,
 “ FRED. FLOWERS.”
12. MEMBER SWORN:—John Patrick Cochran, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Darling Harbour.

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13. ASSENT TO BILLS :—Mr. Speaker reported that, since the last meeting of Parliament, Messages from His Excellency the Governor, assenting to the following Bills, had been received :—

(1.) Deserted Wives and Children Amending Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the performance by prisoners committed under the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, or under the Infant Protection Act, 1904, of certain work in prison; to amend the said Acts, the Prisons Act, 1899, and the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, 1905; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(2.) Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Act Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the synod of the Diocese of Newcastle from time to time to increase the number of trustees constituting The Trustees of Church Property for the Diocese of Newcastle; to enable the said synod from time to time to decrease the number of such trustees; 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(3.) Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Enabling Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest in Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Limited, for an estate in fee-simple, portion of a certain street or road known as William-avenue, Woolwich, and in exchange therefor to dedicate to the Council of the Municipality of Hunter's Hill, a certain piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 24½ perches or thereabouts, situate at Woolwich, in the parish of Hunter's Hill, county of Cumberland, and State of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Newcastle Hospital Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a new general hospital on the site of the existing hospital at Newcastle; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Newcastle Floating Dock Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

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

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(6.) Coff's Harbour Improvement Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain breakwaters and jetties, and the carrying out of certain dredging at Coff's Harbour ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(7.) Campbell's Arthursleigh Subdivision Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the subdivision of a leasehold area of thirteen thousand two hundred and eighty-two acres two roods, forming part of the Arthursleigh Estate, situate in the counties of Argyle and Camden, in the State of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(8.) Coonabarabran to Burren Junction Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Coonabarabran to Burren Junction ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(9.) Abattoir (Sale-yards) Construction Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of yards on the abattoir area at Homebush for the disposition and sale of live stock ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Sydenham to Botany Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Sydenham to Botany ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(11.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912 ; to bring certain persons under the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for

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

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(12.) Government Savings Bank Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

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

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(13.) Public Trustee Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute a public trustee ; to prescribe his powers and duties ; to amend the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898, the Administration (Validating) Act, 1900, and the Administration Amending Act, 1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(14.) Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Dubbo to Werris Creek ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(15.) Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

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

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(16.) Loan (Railways) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a loan for railway purposes ; to amend the Audit Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(17.) Vale of Clwydd Coal and Brick Company's Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the title of the Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining Company (Limited)*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 30th October, 1913.

14. DEATH OF EDMUND LONSDALE, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR ARMIDALE—NON-ISSUE OF WRIT FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ARMIDALE:—Mr. Speaker reported that, since the last meeting of Parliament, a certified Copy of the Certificate of death, which took place on 4th October, 1913, of Edmund Lonsdale, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as Member for the Electoral District of Armidale, was received from the Deputy Registrar-General. A Writ did not issue to fill the vacancy for the following reason :—That if the Writ had been immediately issued and the shortest reasonable periods allowed between the issue of the Writ and the nomination, and between the nomination and the polling, the dissolution or effluxion by time of the last Parliament would have been imminent or have taken place before the new Member could have been elected.

15. *Pro Formâ* BILL.—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. Holman presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—and moved, That this Bill be read a first time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a first time.

16. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer the nominations of—

Mr. George Black,
Mr. Thomas Simpson Crawford,
Mr. William Calman Grahame,
Mr. Mark Fairles Morton, and
Mr. David Storey,

for election and appointment as Members of the Public Accounts Committee constituted under that Act, and stated that it would be his duty to submit these names, one by one, in alphabetical order, to the House for decision by open voting, which he would do after formal business had been disposed of To-morrow.

17. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Commissioners in the Legislative Council Chamber, where a Commission for opening Parliament was read, and a Message to the Assembly delivered, which Message he read to the House as follows :—

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

"1. We have it in command from the Governor to let you know that, it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your own Chamber, and there, after Members shall have been sworn, proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker.

"2. We are further commanded to acquaint you that His Excellency desires that such measures may be taken by you as may be deemed expedient to meet the exigencies of the Public Service."

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

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the services of the year 1913-1914, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

20. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Cann (*by consent*) proceeding to move, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the appointment forthwith of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, and the passing of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1913-1914, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter*"

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“ 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, 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.

Point of Order.—Mr. Price submitted that this procedure was not in conformance with the Standing Orders which provided a special course to be taken in urgent cases—the urgency having to be first affirmed by the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said from a technical point of view the House should go step by step and decide the question of urgency first, as provided in Standing Order No. 395.

21. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. Cann moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means be forthwith appointed, and that a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1913–1914, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,”—be passed through all its stages in one day, and that the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, be received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cann moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the appointment forthwith of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, and the passing of a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1913–1914, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,”—through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

22. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY :—Mr. Cann moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

23. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Cann moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed.

24. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, 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 His Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,628,500 ; being £1,152,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of January, February, and March, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1914, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1913, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1913–14 ; and

£2,348,750, payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz. :—

£1,844,000 for Railways and Tramways—Working expenses ;

£125,000 for Minister for Public Works—For Expenditure on Main Roads ;

£366,000 for Public Instruction—Salaries and Contingencies ;

£13,750 for Agriculture—Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, viz. :—Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas—Canal Maintenance, Water Distribution, Agistment Expenses—Salaries, £1,250 ; Contingencies, £4,650 ; Artesian Bores, Water Conservation and Irrigation Investigation—Salaries, £2,250 ; Contingencies, £5,600 ;

£57,500 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes, viz. :—

£36,500 for Colonial Secretary—Hospitals, viz. :—Metropolitan, Suburban, and Country Hospitals—Grants under the provisions of the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906, £10,000 ; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital—Nurses' Home—further sum, £2,500 ; Newcastle Hospital—Additions, £4,000 ; Broken Hill Hospital—Additions, £3,000 ; Institutions for the Insane generally, £5,000 ; State Hospitals and Asylums—Coast Hospital—Additions, £1,000 ; Waterfall—Erection, £500 ; Newington—Additions, £500 ; Rookwood—Additions, £500 ; Liverpool—Additions, &c., £500 ; Miscellaneous—Police Buildings—Erection, Additions, and Cost of Land, £5,000 ; Zoological Gardens—Towards establishing New Zoological Gardens at Toronga Park, £4,000 ;

£7,500 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes ;

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£12,000 for Minister for Public Works—Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works Generally, Lining and Strengthening Upper Canal; also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled;

£1,500 for Department of Agriculture—Botanic Gardens and Outer Domain—Improvements;

£2,070,250 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes, viz. :—

£5,000 for Colonial Secretary—Distributing Depot and Meat Market, Pymont;

£109,500 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port—further sum;

£1,022,000 for Railways and Tramways, viz. :—Railways—Rolling-stock to meet additional traffic requirements and Equipment of New Lines, £382,000; Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes, £120,000; Duplication of portion of the main trunk lines of Railway, and other works in connection therewith, £300,000; Towards construction of Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell-road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways, £25,000; Tramways—Additions to Lines, Workshops and Buildings, Duplication of Lines, and for other purposes, £50,000; Rolling-stock to meet Expansion of Traffic, and Equipment of New Lines, £75,000; Additional Power-house to meet Expansion of Traffic, £70,000;

£766,250 for Minister for Public Works, viz. :—Railway Construction—Cooma to Bombala, £7,000; Dubbo to Werris Creek, £10,000; North Coast Railway, further sum, £140,000; Parkes to Peak Hill, further sum, £24,000; Galong to Burrowa (towards) £13,000; Dunedoo to Coonabarabran, further sum, £24,000; Wagga to Tumbarumba, further sum, £29,000; Forbes to Stockinbingal, further sum, £30,000; Morce to Mungindi, £36,000; Tramway Construction—Tramways generally, further sum, £40,000; Sewerage Construction—Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels, further sum, £3,000; Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels, further sum, £11,000; Long Bay Ocean Outfall Sewer, further sum, £30,000; Newcastle Sewerage, further sum, £7,000; Water Supplies—Country Towns Water Supplies generally, further sum, £100,000; Hunter District Water Supply—Additional Pumping Plant at Walka, £3,000; Harbours and Rivers—Port Kembla—Improvements, Wharfage and Shipping Appliances, £6,000; Miscellaneous—New Public Abattoir and other Works at Homebush Point, £20,000; Industrial Undertakings—Kiama No. 2, State Metal Quarry, £2,000; New Steamer for Blue Metal Trade, £5,000; Government Dockyard and Workshops—Newcastle Extension, £40,000; New Workshops and Timber Depot, £10,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes, £34,000; Sydney Water Supply—Amplification, £41,000; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewerage generally, £95,000; Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Water Supply—Extension of Reticulation, £5,000; Improvements and Other Works, £1,500; Sewerage—Extension and Reticulation, £750;

£62,500 for Public Instruction—Miscellaneous—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, and Other Buildings, School and Residence Sites, Additions, &c.;

£105,000 for Minister for Agriculture—Water Conservation—Construction Burrinjuck Dam, Murrumbidgee Canals, Purchase of Stock, &c.;

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

25. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, 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 His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1913–1914, the sum of £5,628,500 be granted, viz. :—£3,500,750 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £57,500 out of the Public Works Fund, and £2,070,250 out of the General Loan Account.

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

26. **SUPPLY BILL** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cann, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1913–1914, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1913–1914, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time:

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1913-1914, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1913-1914, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

27. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—DATE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES :—Pursuant to the requirement of the 9th section of the Public Works Act, 1912, Mr. Speaker appointed Tuesday, the thirtieth day of December, 1913, as the date up to and including which he would receive nominations of Members of the Legislative Assembly for Election and appointment as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works ; such nominations to be delivered to the Clerk, together with the written consent of the member nominated.

28. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS :—Mr. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to the Honorable Member for St. George, Mr. William Roy Clifford Bagnall, and the Honorable Member for Murray, Mr. Robert Scobie, in consequence of illness.

Point of Order : Mr. Cohen submitted that leave of absence could not be granted to an Honorable Member who had not yet been sworn in, and as the Members named had not been sworn in, the House had no power to grant leave of absence.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was clearly of opinion that the return of the Writ was sufficient notification of the election of a Member of this House, and he had no hesitation in over-ruling the Point of Order.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1913-1914, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

30. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until this day fortnight.

Question put and passed.

31. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday, 6th January, 1914.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker



PROCLAMATION.

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

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, SIR GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly, until Tuesday, the third day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this thirtieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and in the fourth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
 FRED. FLOWERS.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

1913.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION,
(PROROGUED 30 DECEMBER, 1913.)

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Public Accounts Committee; Election of Members.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Cann.*]
 2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Cann.*]
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15. **Sittings of the House:—**

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Second Session of 1913, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
1	23 December ...	Tuesday	12 noon.....	10:40 o'clock p.m.	h. m. 10 40	h. m. ...	31
Total					10 40	...	31

Average length of sitting daily, 10 hours 40 minutes.

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 30th December, 1913.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

1913.
 (SECOND SESSION.)
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 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
 NEW SOUTH WALES.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1913.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor, recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 st .	Read 2 ^d and Committed.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 ^d , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Assent reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Law of Evidence	Mr. Holman ..	1913.	1913.	1913.	1913. 23 Dec.	1913.	1913.	1913.	1913.	1913.	1913.	1913.	1913. ....	..	<i>Pro forma Bill.</i>
Supply	Mr. Cann	23 Dec.	....	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	....	....	*	21	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—23 December, 1913.

* Assent not reported during Session.

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 30th December, 1913.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.