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New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1883.

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 thirtieth day of December, 1882, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

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

“ In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue of the Act, intituled ‘*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*’ as assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled ‘*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*’—I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of Business, shall commence and be holden on Wednesday, the third day of January next, at 12 o'clock, at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in the forty-sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

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

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a List, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned; and further Certificates by His Excellency that no return has yet been made in the cases of the Writs for the Electoral Districts of Bourke and Wentworth; and that in the case of the Writ for the Electoral District of Mudgee, the Election of the Members returned for that Electoral District has been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding the delay in the taking of the Poll.

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Abbott, Joseph Palmer	Gunnedah.
Abigail, Francis	West Sydney.
Allen, Sir George Wigram	The Glebe.
Badgery, Henry Septimus	Monaro.
Barbour, Robert... ..	The Murray.
Barton, Edmund... ..	East Sydney.
Brown, Herbert Harington	Durham.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Buchanan, David	Mudgee.
Burns, John Fitzgerald... ..	The Hunter.

Butcher,

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Butcher, Robert ...	Paddington.
Cameron, Angus ...	West Sydney.
Campbell, George ...	Carcoar.
Campbell, William Robert ...	The Gwydir.
Cass, George Edwin ...	The Bogan.
Clarke, Henry ...	Eden.
Clarke, William ...	Orange.
Cohen, Henry Emanuel ...	West Maitland.
Combes, Edward ...	East Macquarie.
Coonan, Walter Thomas ...	Forbes.
Copeland, Henry ...	Newtown.
Cramsie, John ...	Balranald.
Dalton, Thomas ...	Orange.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons ...	The Namoi.
Day, George ...	Albury.
De Salis, George Fane ...	Queanbeyan.
Dibbs, George Richard ...	St. Leonards.
Ellis, James Coles ...	Newcastle.
Farnell, James Squire ...	New England.
Ferguson, David Alexander ...	Wellington.
Fergusson, William John ...	Glen Innes.
Fletcher, James ...	Newcastle.
Fremlin, A. R. ...	Redfern.
Gannon, John Thomas ...	Argyle.
Garrard, Jacob ...	Balmain.
Garrett, Thomas ...	Camden.
Garvan, James Patrick ...	Eden.
Gibbes, Fredrick Jameison ...	Newtown.
Gill, John ...	Tamworth.
Gorrick, Joseph Albert ...	Wollombi.
Gould, Albert John ...	Patrick's Plains.
Gray, Samuel William ...	The Richmond.
Griffiths, George Neville ...	East Sydney.
Harris, John ...	South Sydney.
Hellyer, Thomas Henry ...	West Macquarie.
Heydon, Louis Francis ...	Yass Plains.
Holborrow, William Hellyer ...	Argyle.
Holtermann, Bernard Otto ...	St. Leonards.
Humphery, Frederick Thomas ...	Shoalhaven.
Hutchinson, William Alston ...	Balmain.
Jennings, Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G. ...	The Bogan.
Jones, Auber George ...	The Murrumbidgee.
Lackey, The Hon. John ...	Central Cumberland.
Levien, Robert Henry ...	Tamworth.
Levin, Leyser ...	The Hume.
Loughnan, George Cumberlege ...	The Murrumbidgee.
Lynch, Andrew ...	Carcoar.
Lyne, William John ...	The Hume.
MacCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junior ...	Central Cumberland.
MacKinnon, James Archibald ...	Young.
McCourt, William ...	Camden.
McElhone, John ...	East Sydney.
McElhone, John ...	The Upper Hunter.
McLaughlin, John ...	The Upper Hunter.
McQuade, Henry Michael Hale ...	The Hawkesbury.
Melville, Nenan ...	Northumberland.
Merriman, George ...	West Sydney.
Moses, Henry ...	Canterbury.
Murray, Richard Lennon ...	Inverell.
O'Connor, Daniel ...	West Sydney.
Olliffe, Joseph Benjamin ...	South Sydney.
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom ...	Tumut.
Parkes, Sir Henry ...	Tenterfield.
Pigott, William Hilson ...	Canterbury.
Poole, William Thomas ...	South Sydney.
Proctor, William Consett ...	New England.
Purves, John Mitchell ...	The Clarence.
Roid, George Houstoun ...	East Sydney.
Roberts, Charles James ...	Hastings and Manning.
Robertson, Sir John ...	Mudgee.
Ross, Andrew ...	Molong.
Ryrie, Alexander ...	Braidwood.
See, John ...	Grafton.
Slattery, Thomas Michael ...	Boorowa.
Smith, Arthur Bruce ...	Gundagai.
Smith, Robert Burdett ...	The Macleay.
Smith, Sydney ...	East Macquarie.

} Signed the Roll for both
Electoral Districts.

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Smith, Thomas Richard, J.P.	The Nepean.
Spring, Gerald	Young.
Stephen, Septimus Alfred	Cantorbury.
Stokes, Alfred	Forbes.
Stuart, Alexander	Illawarra.
Sutherland, John	Redfern.
Suttor, The Honorable Francis Bathurst	Bathurst.
Targett, Walter Scott	Hartley.
Tarrant, Harman John	Kiama.
Taylor, Adolphus George	Mudgee.
Taylor, Hugh	Parramatta.
Teece, William	Goulburn.
Tighe, Atkinson Alfred Patrick	Northumberland.
Tooth, Robert Lucas	Monaro.
Trickett, William Joseph	Paddington.
Vaughn, Robert Mattison	Grenfell.
White, Robert Hoddle Driberg	Gloucester.
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss	Balranald.
Wilson, Alexander	The Murray.
Wisdom, The Honorable Robert	Morpeth.
Withers, George... ..	South Sydney.
Wright, Francis A.	Redfern.
Young, James Henry	Hastings and Manning.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that “The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read.” The House went, and the President said:—“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of this Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as is set forth more fully in the Commission itself, which will now be read.”

Whereupon the Acting Clerk of the Parliaments read the said Commission, as follows:—

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

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the thirteenth day of December instant, His Excellency The Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight, Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Wednesday, the third day of January next: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Alexander Campbell, Postmaster-General, and the Honorable Joseph Docker, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Hay, Alexander Campbell, and Joseph Docker, 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 third day of January, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Sir John Hay, Alexander Campbell, and Joseph Docker, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

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

“AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

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

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

The President said,—

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

And the House having returned,—

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

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

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorize the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, the Honorable Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., Secretary for Lands, and the Honorable John Lackey, Esquire, Secretary for Public Works, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in the forty-sixth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

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

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—Sir Henry Parkes took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable Sir John Robertson, and the Honorable John Lackey, 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.:—Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire. Francis Abigail, Esquire. Sir George Wigram Allen, Knight. Henry Septimus Badgery, Esquire. Robert Barbour, Esquire. Edmund Barton, Esquire. Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire. James Nixon Brunker, Esquire. David Buchanan, Esquire. John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire. Robert Butcher, Esquire. Angus Cameron, Esquire. George Campbell, Esquire. William Robert Campbell, Esquire. George Edwin Cass, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. William Clarke, Esquire. Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire. Edward Combes, Esquire, C.M.G. Walter Thomas Coonan, Esquire. Henry Copeland, Esquire. Thomas Dalton, Esquire. Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire. George Day, Esquire. George Fane De Salis, Esquire. George Richard Dibbs, Esquire. James Coles Ellis, Esquire. James Squire Farnell, Esquire. William John Fergusson, Esquire. James Fletcher, Esquire. Alfred Reginald Fremlin, Esquire. John Thomas Gannon, Esquire. Jacob Garrard, Esquire. Thomas Garrett, Esquire. James Patrick Garvan, Esquire. Frederick Jamieson Gibbes, Esquire. John Gill, Esquire. Joseph Albert Gorrick, Esquire. Albert John Gould, Esquire. George Neville Griffiths, Esquire. John Harris, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hellyer, Esquire. Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire. William Hillier Holborow, Esquire. Bernard Otto Holtermann, Esquire. Frederick Thomas Humphrey, Esquire. William Alston Hutchinson, Esquire. Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G. Auber George Jones, Esquire. Robert Henry Leven, Esquire. Leyser Levin, Esquire. George Cumberlege Loughnan, Esquire. Andrew Lynch, Esquire. William John Lyne, Esquire. James Archibald Mackinnon, Esquire. William McCourt, Esquire. Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junr., Esquire. John McElhone, Esquire. John McLaughlin, Esquire. Henry Michael Hale McQuade, Esquire. Ninian Melville, Esquire. George Merriman, Esquire. Henry Moses, Esquire. Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire. Daniel O’Connor, Esquire. Joseph Benjamin Olliffe, Esquire. Thomas Chrysostom O’Mara, Esquire. William Hilson Pigott, Esquire. William Thomas Poole, Esquire. William Consett Proctor, Esquire. John Mitchell Purves, Esquire. George Houston Reid, Esquire. Charles James Roberts, Esquire, C.M.G. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. John See, Esquire. Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire. Arthur Bruce Smith, Esquire. Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire. Sydney Smith, Esquire. Thomas Richard Smith, Esquire. Gerald Spring, Esquire. Septimus Alfred Stephen, Esquire. Alfred Stokes, Esquire. Alexander Stuart, Esquire. John Sutherland, Esquire. The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor. Walter Scott Targett, Esquire. Harman John Tarrant, Esquire. Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire. Hugh Taylor, Esquire. William Teece, Esquire. Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire. Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire. William Joseph Trickett, Esquire. Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire. Robert Huddle Driberg White, Esquire. Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire. Alexander Wilson, Esquire. The Honorable Robert Wisdom. George Withers, Esquire. Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire. James Henry Young, Esquire.

6. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER:**—Mr. Burns, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir George Wigram Allen, and moved,—That Sir George Wigram Allen do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Mr. Henry Clarke.

Then Mr. Reid (addressing himself to the Clerk), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Edmund Barton, Esquire, and moved,—That Edmund Barton, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Mr. Garrett.

Sir George Wigram Allen and Mr. Barton having severally addressed themselves to the House,—Question proposed by the Clerk,—That Sir George Wigram Allen do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put by the Clerk,—That Sir George Wigram Allen do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Brunker,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Gannon,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Gibbs,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. Humphery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Young.
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. McQuade,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Murray,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	

Noes, 51.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. O'Mam,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Farnell,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. A. B. Smith,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Gorrick,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Hellyer,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Holtermann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Patrick Jennings,	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Loughnan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put by the Clerk,—That Edmund Barton, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which Question was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Reid and Mr. Garrett conducted Mr. Barton to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him, and then took his seat.

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

Sir Henry Parkes acquainted the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes said that, so far as the Government were enabled to interpret the decision of the electors of the Colony in the late General Election, it was that a substantial reform should be made in the Land Laws of this Colony, and that the present Ministers were not the persons to be charged with carrying out that reform, and that this reform ought to be carried out without delay. It therefore was the intention of the Government when the House adjourned to-day to tender to the Governor the resignation of their offices. And that the Governor had been advised to deliver a Message to Parliament, enabling it to transact business admitting of no delay, but that Parliament would not be opened by His Excellency in person until the day to which this House may eventually adjourn.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until Eleven o'clock To-morrow.

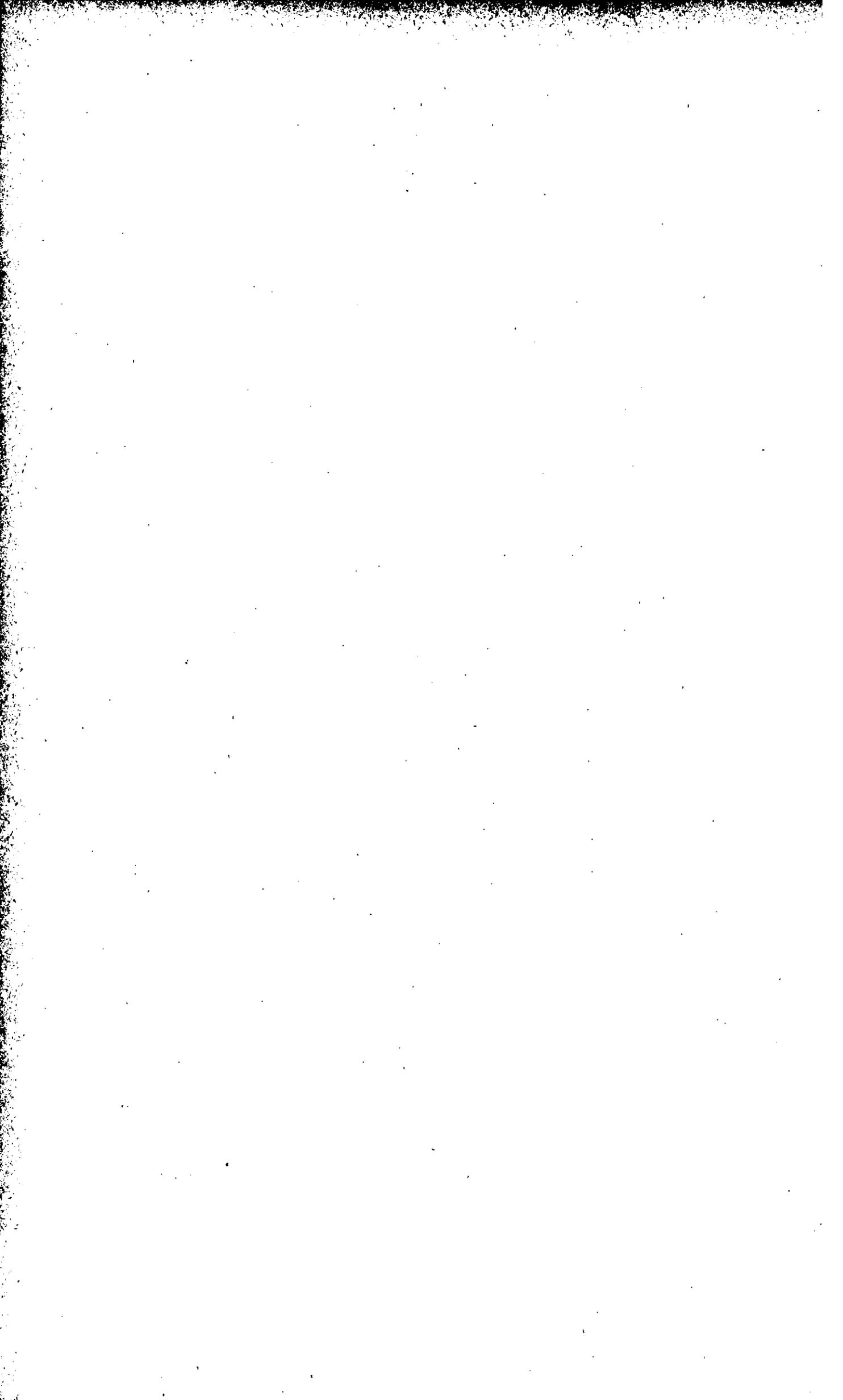
Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 4 JANUARY, 1883.

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



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 JANUARY, 1883.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

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

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

2. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—

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

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable Edmund Barton, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the said Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in
 “ New South Wales aforesaid, this third day of January, in the year of our Lord
 “ one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and in the forty-sixth year of the
 “ Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

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" 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."

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" *Greeting :*

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" In Testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

" Witness Our right trusty and Well-beloved Councillor SIR AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS (commonly called Lord Augustus Loftus), Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in Our said Colony, this second day of January, in the forty-sixth year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

" AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

" *By His Excellency's Command,*

" HENRY PARKES."

And the House having returned,—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended the Commissioners in the Legislative Council Chamber, where a fresh Commission for opening Parliament was read, and a Message to the Assembly delivered to him, which Message he read to the House as follows :—

" Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

" We have it further in command from His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you that, since the time when His Excellency called you together for the consideration of public business, the Advisers of the Crown have tendered the resignation of their offices, and the necessary steps are being taken to form a new Administration.

" 2. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that an opportunity may be given to issue Writs for supplying vacancies in the Legislative Assembly which the change of Administration may occasion, and that such measures may be taken by you as you may deem to be expedient to meet the exigencies of the Public Service, and that you assent to such adjournments of your Honorable House as may be necessary under existing circumstances.

" 3. When the Elections have been completed, His Excellency will attend in the Legislative Council and state the causes for calling Parliament together."

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that last evening he waited on His Excellency the Governor, and on behalf of himself and his colleagues tendered their resignations ; and that in accepting the resignations His Excellency was pleased to request them to hold office until their successors accepted office ;—that this morning he had received a letter from His Excellency stating that he had commissioned the Honorable Member for Illawarra (Mr. Stuart) to undertake the task of forming a new Administration ;—that he had had no intimation of what Mr. Stuart's wishes were as to the course to be adopted by the Assembly, and therefore he moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Question proposed,—That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY, 1883.

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

ELECTORATE OF WENTWORTH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Wentworth, together with a certificate under the hand of His Excellency the Governor that Edward Quin, Esquire, had been duly chosen the Member for the said Electoral District, and a further certificate that Mr. Quin's election had been declared valid notwithstanding delay in return of the Writ.

2. **NEW ADMINISTRATION:**—Sir Patrick Jennings informed the House that Mr. Stuart had formed a New Administration, consisting of,—

Mr. Alexander Stuart, as Colonial Secretary and Premier.

The Honorable W. B. Dalley, M.L.C., as Attorney-General and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council.

Mr. George Richard Dibbs, as Colonial Treasurer.

Mr. James Squire Farnell, as Secretary for Lands.

Mr. Henry Copeland, as Secretary for Public Works.

Mr. Henry Emanuel Cohen, as Minister of Justice.

Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott, as Secretary for Mines.

Mr. George Houstoun Reid, as Minister for Public Instruction.

Mr. Francis Augustus Wright, as Postmaster-General.

Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, as Vice-President of the Legislative Council, without portfolio.

Sir Patrick Jennings then read the following correspondence which had taken place between His Excellency the Governor and the late and the present Premier with reference to a proposal made by the out-going Administration to obtain certain Supplies:—

No. 1.

Dear Mr. Stuart,

Government House, Sydney, 4 January, 1883.

I have to inform you that I have been requested by Sir Henry Parkes to state to you that he will be happy to carry out your wishes in respect to any matter in the Legislative Assembly as far as he may have the power to do so.

Will you therefore kindly inform me what adjournment you may wish to enable you to complete your Ministerial arrangements, and also whether you would wish him to ask the House for temporary Supply.

I shall be happy to be the medium of communicating to Sir Henry Parkes your wishes in regard to these matters.

Believe me, dear Mr. Stuart,

Yours truly,

Alex. Stuart, Esq., M.L.A.

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

No. 2.

My dear Lord Augustus,

Sydney, 4 January, 1883.

Owing to the embarrassing position of affairs with reference to the absence of any constitutional provision for the maintenance of the Public Service, I feel myself compelled to decide at once what course I should pursue concerning an intimation made yesterday in the Assembly by Sir Henry Parkes, which may be interpreted to mean that he would with his late Colleagues endeavour to procure the necessary Supplies, and which intimation is confirmed in Your Excellency's note just received.

I have, without difficulty, come to the conclusion that, in absence of further information, I shall be unable to avail myself of such assistance; and I need hardly assure you that my determination is formed exclusively on what appears to me to be the true constitutional grounds of action in such an emergency as the present. The first business of the Session, according to modern constitutional practice, is the Speech of the Governor, in which the political course of action of Ministers in relation to the measures proposed to be submitted to Parliament is contained. It is

highly

highly objectionable, and, I believe, unprecedented that votes of Supply should be taken before this Speech is delivered; and I am strongly disinclined, however urgent the demands of the situation, or however embarrassing the question may prove to myself individually, to resort to an expedient which it would be dangerous to adopt, and as I conceive impossible to defend. Under the circumstances, I shall ask you to communicate to Your Excellency's late Advisers that I feel myself unable to avail myself of their assistance in procuring Supply until I shall have, with my Colleagues, agreed upon the Address which we shall submit for your consideration and sanction at the formal opening of Parliament.

This strict adherence to the constitutional course need not necessarily occasion much inconvenient delay, as the Ministerial Elections will, in all probability, be over within a few days of the time when the first demands upon the Treasury will arise, but whatever the inconvenience may be, it is safer to face and endure it than to introduce irregularities in a constitutional course of procedure.

I am, of course, unaware of the extent of the pressing liabilities of the Government, but I am justified in assuming that as one of the grounds of the late dissolution was that it could not possibly occasion any inconvenience to the efficient maintenance of the Public Service, I shall not encounter any insuperable difficulties in a strict adherence to correct Parliamentary procedure.

It would seriously affect my view of the matter, though it would not touch the principle involved, if the course I proposed to take imperilled the maintenance of the public faith, or postponed the settlement of legitimate and pressing claims against the Government. Of this I am unable to form an opinion. Perhaps it would be more satisfactory that I should be informed, if Your Excellency deems it advisable, what are the Services, if any, which require to be immediately provided for, so as to cover the necessary period which would elapse before the return of myself and Colleagues after our re-election, and what is the amount which it would be necessary to submit to Parliament for its vote.

I have the honor to remain,

My dear Lord Augustus,

Your faithful servant,

ALEX. STUART.

No. 3.

Dear Mr. Stuart,

Government House, Sydney, 4 January, 1883.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter I have addressed to Sir Henry Parkes in reply to his communication, of which I gave you the substance in my letter of to-day.

I am not aware whether you wished your letter to be communicated to Sir Henry Parkes *in extenso*, and for various reasons I judged it prudent not to do so.

I have requested, in the terms of your letter, to be informed of the Services, if any, which require to be immediately provided for, and the amount which it would be necessary to submit to Parliament for its vote.

Should you, however, wish your letter to be communicated to Sir Henry Parkes *in extenso*, I shall be willing to do so.

Alex. Stuart, Esq., M.L.A.

Believe me, yours truly,

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

Please inform me by the messenger whether you wish me to send Sir H. Parkes a full copy of your letter.—A.L.

No. 3A.

Dear Sir Henry,

Government House, Sydney,

4 January, 1883.

In reply to the communication which you requested me to make to the gentleman charged with the formation of a new Ministry (copy of which I herewith annex), I am requested by Mr. Stuart to reply that he is unable to avail himself of the proffered assistance in procuring Supply until he shall have agreed with his Colleagues on the Address which they shall submit for my consideration and sanction at the formal opening of Parliament.

As Mr. Stuart states that he is not aware of the extent of the pressing liabilities of the Government, I think it would be advisable that I should be enabled to inform him of the Services, if any, which require to be immediately provided for, so as to cover the necessary period which would elapse before the return of himself and his Colleagues after their re-election, and the amount which it would be necessary to submit to Parliament for its vote.

Believe me, &c.,

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

The Hon. Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G.

No. 4.

My dear Lord Augustus,

Sydney, 4 January, 1883.

I regret that I was absent when your messenger brought your letter. I think it would be desirable that my former letter should be communicated *in extenso* to Sir Henry Parkes.

I have the honor to be,

Your faithful servant,

ALEX. STUART.

No. 5.

Dear Mr. Stuart,

4 January, 1883.

By your desire, I sent your letter to Sir Henry Parkes, and I now enclose to you a copy of his reply.

Alex. Stuart, Esq., M.L.A.

Yours truly,

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

No. 5B.

Dear Lord Augustus,

Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 4 January, 1883.

I have consulted Sir John Robertson and Mr. Watson in reference to Mr. Stuart's letter of this date, which you have been so good as to allow me to read, and which I now return.

I learn that Mr. Stuart received personally from the Treasurer this morning the full particulars of the Supply which it is considered should be obtained before the Assembly adjourns for the Ministerial Elections, and that we know of no additional information which would be of value on the subject. It is not for us to urge upon Mr. Stuart any particular course; our duty so far is ended when we have informed him of our willingness to do anything that he may desire in the matter.

It appears to us that Mr. Stuart is mistaken in his views of constitutional law and practice, and that there is no principle such as he supposes involved in the House granting temporary Supply under the proper recommendation from the Crown at the present time. It is not in any sense correct to say that the first business of the Session according to modern constitutional practice is the Speech on behalf of the Crown declaring the causes for calling Parliament together. The latest example of the Imperial Parliament affords a refutation of the statement that the Speech is the first business. In 1880 the newly elected House of Commons met on the 29th of April, when the Speaker was elected, and a large number of Members sworn. On the 3rd of May a Message was delivered to the Commons by the Royal Commissioners in the House of Lords stating that vacancies having been occasioned by the acceptance of office by certain of the Members, it was necessary to order the issue of new Writs of Election, and to do other things, and

and that the important matters for the deliberation of Parliament would be laid before them at a subsequent period. The House met and transacted business on several other days during the next fortnight, but the Speech from the Throne was not delivered until the 20th of May, after the Ministerial Elections were completed.

If the objection is narrowed down to apply to the granting of Supply only, I think it will hardly be disputed that the House of Commons during the period referred to could have transacted any business justified by urgency.

I must be permitted to take exception to the accuracy of the statement that your Advisers ever put forth any grounds for the late dissolution in the language that it could not possibly occasion any inconvenience to the efficient maintenance of the Public Service. It was explained to Your Excellency, when advice was given to dissolve, that provision would not be required for the Public Service until the 1st February, and that the new Parliament could be called together sufficiently early to make that provision, which is exactly the thing which we now suggest should be done.

There are other slight inaccuracies in Mr. Stuart's letter which I do not feel disposed to pass over. We are not "Your Excellency's late Advisers" until effect is given to our resignation; we are still the only Advisers of the Crown. On the other hand, Mr. Stuart is not in a position to speak to Your Excellency of his "Colleagues," for the simple reason that at present he has no "Colleagues."

I regret that our desire to meet in good faith the convenience of our Successors appears to have been met in a spirit which, I think, it would have been better to have avoided.

His Excellency The Right Honorable Lord Augustus Loftus, G.C.B., &c., &c.

I remain, &c.,

HENRY PARKES.

No. 6.

My dear Lord Augustus,

Sydney, 5 January, 1883.

I have just received the copy of the letter of Sir Henry Parkes addressed to you, which you have been so good as to send for my information.

It is the fact, as Sir Henry Parkes informs you, that I learned yesterday, immediately after I left you at Government House—in an informal and quite unofficial way—through the courtesy of Mr. Watson, the particulars of the Supply which your Advisers considered should be obtained before the Assembly adjourned for the Ministerial Elections; but I deemed it essential in a matter of such grave importance that I should be authoritatively furnished with information that I might use, if necessary, in any public statement which I might deem it desirable to make in vindication of my public conduct. My purpose is answered by the letter of Sir Henry Parkes, which enables me to refer to the information which I received from Mr. Watson, and from that information I find that the following sums will be required:—

To replace amount drawn from the Treasurer's Advance Account for 1882	£100,000
For Railway Service of 1882	150,000
	<u>£250,000</u>
For Railway wages for January and February, 1883	100,000
Advances to Contractors	3,000
For Harbours and Rivers, wages for January and February	10,000
Treasurer's Advance Account	100,000
	<u>"IN ANTICIPATION OF LOAN VOTES."</u>
For alterations and additions to Railway Stations and Sidings	100,000
Trial Surveys	20,000
	<u>£583,000</u>
For salaries of Public Services and other necessary demands for the month of January	408,000
	<u>£991,000</u>

Large portions of these amounts, I was given to understand, were urgently required to meet payments due to contractors and others, and a considerable sum will be required for the wages of Railway and other Public Servants in the middle of January.

Before offering a few observations upon Sir Henry Parkes's letter to you, I desire to say that, looking to the largeness of the whole sum required, and to the delay which would in my opinion be certain to follow the proposal to the Assembly to grant such a sum of money before the ordinary, and, as I believe, constitutional course of the Governor's Speech being made to Parliament, I have come to the conclusion that the better course, and that which would involve the least delay to the most pressing claims, is, that I, and those whose names I am prepared to submit to Your Excellency as my Colleagues, should at once be sworn in, and be in our places in Parliament after our re-election, before submitting these large requirements in the ordinary way.

I regret that I am unable to concur in the view of constitutional law and practice which Sir Henry Parkes has taken in his reference to that portion of my letter to you which affirmed that according to modern constitutional practice the first business of the Session is the Speech on behalf of the Crown declaring the causes for calling Parliament together; and I fail to perceive in his letter any refutation whatever of my statement. I am, of course, aware that in a newly elected House the Members must be sworn in, and the Speaker elected before the Speech is delivered. Nor is the question in the least degree affected by the transmission of such a message as that delivered to the Commons by the Royal Commissioners in the House of Lords, to which Sir Henry Parkes refers. A reference to *Hansard* will show that no business was transacted on the days that intervened between the meeting of Parliament and the 20th of May, the date of the delivery of the Speech from the Throne, but such business as had exclusive reference to the election of the Speaker, the issue of new Writs for the re-election of Ministers, and to the claim of Mr. Bradlaugh, one of the Members for the Borough of Northampton, to be allowed to make a solemn affirmation or declaration instead of taking the Oath. These were the only transactions which occupied the attention of the House of Commons on various days between the 3rd and the 11th of May, upon which last day the House was adjourned to the 20th of May, when the Royal Speech was delivered. I do not think that it would be easy to controvert the propriety of my course by the production of any constitutional precedent for the granting of Supply before the Speech from the Throne has been made, nor that the House of Commons would have transacted any such business on the plea of urgency.

With regard to the alleged inaccuracy of the statement as to one of the grounds for the late dissolution being that it would occasion no inconvenience to the efficient maintenance of the Public Service, I am content to accept the correction that what was really affirmed was that provision would not be required for the Public Service until the 1st February; but I may be permitted to point out, that as I am now informed, large sums are at this time urgently required to meet the public liabilities, and that large sums will be required in the middle of this month to pay the wages of the Railway employes.

It is unnecessary to advert to a paragraph which has reference to alleged inaccuracies of expression, which are of the least possible significance; but I desire emphatically to disclaim that I am animated by any other motive in declining to avail myself of the services which I have no doubt were offered in good faith than the single one—that I felt unable to accept them on the grounds that I have endeavoured to convey in this and my former letter.

His Excellency Lord Augustus Loftus, G.C.B., &c., &c.

I have the honor to be,

My dear Lord Augustus,

Your faithful servant,

ALEX. STUART.

3. VACANT SEATS :—

Sir Patrick Jennings moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of Alexander Stuart, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Illawarra.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of West Maitland.

Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of James Squire Farnell, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of New England.

Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of Henry Copeland, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown.

Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Gunnedah.

Question put and passed.

(8.) That the Seat of Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster-General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Redfern.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Correspondence and Opinion of the Attorney General respecting the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of £20,000 on account of Railways "Chargeable to Collections."

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, at twenty-three minutes before Six o'clock, until Wednesday, the 17th day of January instant, at Twelve o'clock, noon.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales:

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1883.

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

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

Alexander Stuart, Esquire, Member for Illawarra.
 George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, a Member for St. Leonards.
 George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, a Member for East Sydney.
 Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire, Member for West Maitland.
 James Squire Farnell, Esquire, a Member for New England.
 Henry Copeland, Esquire, a Member for Newtown.
 Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, Member for Gunnedah.
 Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, a Member for Redfern.

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

Alexander Stuart, Esquire,—for Illawarra.
 George Richard Dibbs, Esquire,—for St. Leonards.
 George Houstoun Reid, Esquire,—for East Sydney.
 Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire,—for West Maitland.
 James Squire Farnell, Esquire,—for New England.
 Joseph Mitchell, Esquire,—for Newtown.
 Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire,—for Gunnedah.
 Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,—for Redfern.

2. ELECTORATE OF BOURKE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Bourke, together with a certificate under the hand of His Excellency the Governor that Russell Barton and Richard Randolph Machattie, Esquires, have been duly chosen the Members for the said Electoral District; and a further certificate that the election of the said Russell Barton and Richard Randolph Machattie, Esquires, had been declared valid, notwithstanding the delay in the taking of the Poll at one of the polling places for the said Electorate, and in the return of the said Writ.
3. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named :—

The Honorable Alexander Stuart,—for Illawarra.
 The Honorable George Richard Dibbs,—for St. Leonards.
 The Honorable George Houstoun Reid,—for East Sydney.
 The Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott,—for Gunnedah,
 The Honorable Francis Augustus Wright,—for Redfern.
 The Honorable James Squire Farnell,—for New England.
 The Honorable Henry Emanuel Cohen,—for West Maitland.
 Samuel William Gray, Esquire,—for The Richmond.
 Joseph Mitchell, Esquire,—for Newtown.
 Russell Barton, Esquire,—for Bourke.
 David Alexander Ferguson, Esquire,—for Wellington.

4. **KIAMA TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Tarrant presented a Petition from James Colley, Mayor of Kiama, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along and over certain Streets in the Borough of Kiama.
And Mr. Tarrant having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Kiama Independent*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Stuart, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

6. **VACANT SEAT**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from John McElhone, Esquire, returned as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney, and also as a Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter:—

“The Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
“of New South Wales.

“Sydney, 16th January, 1883.

“Sir,

“I have the honor herewith to tender you the resignation of my Seat as a Member
“for the Electorate of East Sydney.

“I have the honor to be,

“Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“JOHN McELHONE.”

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of John McElhone, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney, hath become and is now vacant, he having been returned to serve in this Parliament for the Electoral District of East Sydney, and also for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter, and having resigned his Seat for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

Question put and passed.

7. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

“By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
“of New South Wales.”

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

“Edward Combes, Esquire, C.M.G.,

“Henry Moses, Esquire,

“Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire,

“William Hilson Pigott, Esquire,

“John Mitchell Purves, Esquire,

“Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire,

“Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire,

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

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
“Sydney, this seventeenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one
“thousand eight hundred and eight-three.

“EDMUND BARTON,

“Speaker.”

8. **PAPER**:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute (No. 82/59) of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorizing the application of a certain Sum from one head of Service to supplement a vote for another Service;—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

9. **DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NAMES ENDORSED ON WRITS AND NAMES OF MEMBERS**:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House:—

(1.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Redfern is endorsed on the Writ as “A. R. Fremlin,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “Alfred Reginald Fremlin.”

(2.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Newtown is endorsed on the Writ as “Fredrick Jamcison Gibbes,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “Frederick Jamison Gibbes.”

(3.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Argyle is endorsed on the Writ as “William Hellyer Holborow,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “William Hillier Holborow.”

(4.) That whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of Goulburn is endorsed on the Writ as “William Tecco,” the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as the Member for Goulburn had signed his name in both documents as “William Tecco, junr.”

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Mr. Stuart moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Returns beforementioned by substituting the name "Alfred Reginald Fremlin" for that of "A. R. Fremlin"; by substituting the name "Frederick Jamison Gibbes" for that of "Fredrick Jameison Gibbes"; by substituting the name "William Hillier Holborow" for that of "William Hellyer Holborow"; and by substituting the name "William Teece, junr." for that of "William Teece."

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.

10. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on the Cable Tramway System.

(2.) Correspondence respecting the appointment to and removal from the Commission of the Peace of Mr. Charles Zirwiler, J.P.

(3.) Papers respecting Hospital Construction and Management, and Sanitary Subjects.

(4.) Despatch respecting the termination of the Egyptian War.

(5.) Report of the Master in Lunacy, for 1881.

(6.) Additional Regulation under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880.

(7.) Regulations for the Public Abattoirs, Glebe Island.

(8.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(9.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta.

(10.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Muselbrook.

(11.) Further Returns to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ships “Bann” and “Peterborough.”

(12.) Report of the Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island.

(13.) Amended Regulations under the Fisheries Act of 1881.

(14.) By-laws of the Borough of Victoria under the Nuisances Prevention Act.

(15.) By-laws of the Borough of St. Leonards under the Nuisances Prevention Act.

(16.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry.

(17.) By-law of the Municipal District of Manly.

(18.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Friendly Societies Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Audit on Public Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Additional Regulation for Provisional Schools.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land for Public School Purposes at Moonan Flat, Pialamore, Long Gully, and Broughton Creek.

(3.) By-laws for the Free Public Library of the Borough of Hill End.

Ordered to be printed.

11. ASSENT TO BILLS PASSED DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE LATE PARLIAMENT:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880,’”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st November, 1882.

(2.) Mining Act Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to further amend the Act 37 Victoria No. 13,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st November, 1882.

(3.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to further amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts and for other purposes,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st November, 1882.

(4.) Employers Liability Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st November, 1882.

(5.) Guarantees Law Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 21st November, 1882.

(6.) Congregational Union Incorporation Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 6

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Congregational Union 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st November, 1882.

12. SUPPLY:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
13. WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
14. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary of 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*.
15. 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,—

The retirement of the late Administration on the day on which Parliament was summoned for the despatch of public business has retarded its formal opening; and the re-election of my present Advisers, rendered necessary by their acceptance of office, has been the cause of a still further delay in meeting you.

2. Owing to a variety of causes, the necessary provision for the Public Service of this year remains still to be made; and as the expenditure of last year has been in excess of Parliamentary sanction, your attention will be immediately invited thereto, and to the steps that it will be expedient to take in consequence.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

3. It will be necessary that, at the earliest possible period, the ordinary provision for the various Public Services of the year should be made, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the present year will be laid before you at once, and will, I have no doubt, receive your careful consideration.

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

4. I am enabled, with much gratification, to offer you my congratulations on the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

5. The Public Revenue, as shown by the published returns, has been and is steadily increasing; the Revenue of last year exceeded the estimate made on the 1st November last by £258,000. A large portion, if not the whole of this sum will be required, however, to cover deficiencies in appropriations for various Public Services.

6. As it is deemed by my Advisers desirable that this Session of Parliament should be principally occupied in making due provision for the Services of the year, thus enabling them after a brief recess, to meet Parliament fully prepared for the introduction of the numerous and important measures which it is their intention to submit, your attendance upon your public duties at this inconvenient season will not be unnecessarily prolonged.

7. But it is deemed expedient that one or two questions of urgency, the settlement of which will not materially affect the length of the Session, should be submitted to you without delay.

8. The Bill which has been so frequently before various Parliaments for the consolidation and amendment of the Criminal Law will be at once proceeded with; its provisions have been so often and so carefully considered, and so generally approved, that it cannot seriously interfere with the dispatch of the business with which you will be mainly occupied.

9. On the negotiation of the last Loan in England, it was promised that steps would be taken at an early period for the purpose of converting such Loan into Inscribed or Funded Stock. In fulfilment of this engagement, a Bill will be submitted to you, the object of which will be to authorize the creation and issue of Consolidated Stock, and to provide for all matters auxiliary to such purposes. This measure will also make provision for the conversion of former or future Loans into Inscribed Stock at the option of the holder.

10. The generally admitted defects of some portions of the Licensing Act passed by the last Parliament will necessitate some amendments of that measure, in order to relieve it from a severity which has been much complained of, and to increase its usefulness as a measure of social reform.

11. The failure of existing legislation to arrest the rapidly spreading injuries from the Rabbit Pest, and the serious representations made to the Government as to the large destruction of property already occasioned, have rendered the introduction of a short Bill to deal with the question a matter of urgent necessity and vital importance to both graziers and agriculturists.

12. The necessary arrangements are now being made to bring into immediate operation the provision made by Parliament for the establishment of High Schools in the Metropolis and various parts of the Colony. Steps have already been taken to include within the work of the Department of Public Instruction the care and teaching of hitherto neglected children.

13. The serious defects which exist in the regulation of the Civil Service of the country require that no time should be lost in remedying them, so as to secure the just recognition of merit and service, and thereby increase the efficiency of the various departments of the Government. The urgency of the matter seems to my Advisers sufficient to justify them in providing remedies of a provisional character, by administrative arrangements, which will to some extent meet the difficulties of the case, until a comprehensive measure for the regulation of the Service may be submitted to Parliament.

14. The great question of land reform, which has for so long a period engaged public attention, is now receiving the serious and earnest consideration of my Advisers; and it is their intention to introduce, at the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, a comprehensive measure dealing with the public lands of the country.

15. The prosperity which the Colony has so long enjoyed happily continues to exist; and it is to be hoped, and it may be reasonably expected, that careful legislation, and a wise administration of the varied resources of the country, with a vigorous carrying out of the great public works of the Colony, will result in the offering of increased facilities for the employment of labour and capital, the consequent stimulation of enterprise, and in the advancement of the general interests and happiness of the community.

16. I trust that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, your counsels may be guided to the public welfare.

Mr. Stephen then moved, and Mr. O'Mara 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. O'Mara, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Brunker, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Premlin, Mr. Poole, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

2. The various measures to be laid before us will receive the most careful consideration at our hands.

3. We share the gratification which your Excellency expresses concerning the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

4. We humbly trust that under the Divine guidance our labours may be directed to the advantage of the country.

Mr.

Mr. Stephen then moved, and Mr. O'Mara 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. Garrett moved, That the Address be amended by the omission of the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in its place of the following paragraph :—

“That whilst admitting the urgent need of legislation upon many of the questions referred to in Your Excellency's Speech, and expressing our readiness to direct our attention to them without delay, yet we are bound to express our feelings of dissatisfaction with regard to the course proposed by your Advisers to be taken with reference to the supremely important question of land law reform, upon which the late Assembly was dissolved and the constituencies appealed to.”

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

Debate continued.

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

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

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. Stuart 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 Three o'clock to-morrow,—

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

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1883.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I beg to thank you for your Address, and to express my gratification on receiving the renewed assurance of your deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I have every confidence that under Divine Providence your patriotic and zealous labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all classes of the community.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th January, 1883.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Endowment of Municipalities:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for 1883 as an endowment to Municipalities, at the rate of £1 for every pound raised by local taxation?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The matter is now under the consideration of the Government.

(2.) Postal Arrangements, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Will the Government consider the propriety of altering the present postal arrangements, according to which letters posted for Parramatta from Sydney and Suburbs bearing only 1d. stamp are charged upon delivery an additional 2d.?

(2.) Will the Government consider the advisableness of extending the penny postage to Parramatta (which town is already recognized by the Railway authorities as the limit of the Suburban traffic), and to all towns in the Colony accessible by Railway?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) So long as the postage to Parramatta is 2d. per half-ounce, letters posted with only a 1d. stamp upon them must be charged double the deficiency, under the 20th clause of the Postage Act.

(2.) The Government has not yet had an opportunity of considering this question.

(3.) Public Park, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the application made by Mr. Taylor for a sum of money to be placed upon the Estimates for 1883 for the improvement of the Public Park in Parramatta been considered; and if so, is it the intention of the Minister to comply with the request?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This application was made, and the sum of £1,000 included in the Draft Estimates, but the amount was taken off on revision, and the papers referred to the Colonial Architect, in order to obtain an estimate of the cost of the proposed work.

(4.) Traffic-bridge across Parramatta River:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to cause the Traffic-bridge across the Parramatta River, near the Queen's Wharf, to be erected, the money for which has already been voted by Parliament?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—Tenders were invited for this work; but the lowest tender considerably exceeded the amount available. The Minister ordered the excess to be provided for on the Additional Estimates. When the amount is available, the lowest tender will be accepted.

- (5.) Wall in front of Court-house, Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause the stone wall in front of the Court-house, which is in the centre of the town of Parramatta, to be removed, as promised by the Secretary for Public Works some time ago?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter is under consideration, and will receive early attention.

- (6.) Conveyance of Fruit by Railway from Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause special provision to be made on the 7.10 a.m. train from Parramatta to Sydney on Mondays and Thursdays for the purpose of conveying fruit to the Metropolis?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The train mentioned is a heavy one, and it cannot be further weighted in the way suggested. The fruit, however, can be brought in by a train leaving Parramatta at 6.45, and which arrives at Darling Harbour twelve minutes before the other train reaches Redfern.

- (7.) Auction Sales of Crown Lands:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to withdraw from sale the Country Crown Lands at present advertised for auction sale pending further legislation?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, I have already done so.

- (8.) Pymont Bridge:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of the delay in completing the resumption of the Pymont Bridge, notice having been given to the Company on 8th October, 1881, and which expired on the 8th January, 1882, over twelve months ago, and the said Bridge is still in the hands of the Company?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Company having refused to accept the offer of the Government for the purchase of the Bridge, it became necessary to institute proceedings in the Supreme Court. The papers are still in the hands of the Crown Law Officers, and the case is set down for trial immediately after the present vacation.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report on the working of the Aboriginal Mission Stations at Warangesda and Malaga.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Memorandum in reference to the materials which Messrs. Morris and Ranken are collecting for their Report in reference to the Land Laws.

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

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

(6.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

4. RAILWAY TO INVERELL:—*Mr. Murray* presented a Petition from Residents of Inverell, Tingha, Stammifer, and surrounding District, expressing their opinion that the best way to connect the District of Inverell with the Northern Railway would be by a branch line from Mother of Ducks *via* Tingha to Inverell; and praying that a trial survey be made of the route indicated.
Petition received.

5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—*Mr. Henry Clarke* moved, pursuant to Notice, That *Angus Cameron*, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present "Session."
Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Session," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Parliament."

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Whereupon *Mr. Cameron* made his acknowledgments to the House.

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

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

Mr. Purves moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the word "Tuesday" after the word "on."

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

8. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
9. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion' or Order of the Day," no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
(2.) That before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
(4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
(5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill, shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
Question put and passed.
10. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
11. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
12. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7 shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
13. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
(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.
14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
15. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
16. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir Henry Parkes, Sir G. Wigram Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Combes, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Trickett, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
17. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Poolc, Mr. Bruncker, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report

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.

18. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. White, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Purves, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
- Question put and passed.
19. **MEETING OF THE HOUSE (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.
- Question put and passed.
20. **PRINTING PETITIONS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
- Question put and passed.

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

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

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 January, 1883, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

*Government House,
Sydney, 18th January, 1883.*

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

22. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Dibbs 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 Years 1882 and 1883," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
- Question put and passed.
23. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880.
- Question put and passed.
24. **KIAMA TRAMWAY BILL**:—
- (1.) Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along and over certain Streets in the Borough of Kiama.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Tarrant having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along and over certain Streets in the Borough of Kiama,"—read a first time.
25. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
- The 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 £991,000, being £408,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1883, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1882, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1883; £100,000 towards recouping the Treasurer's Advance Account for payments made therefrom for Supplementary Services of 1882, pending Parliamentary appropriation for the same; £150,000 for Working Expenses of Existing Railway Lines—further sum, 1882; £100,000 to meet Wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of February, 1883, and to cover the expenditure in January, 1883, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; £3,000 for advances to Contractors—Vote to be recouped as the advances are recovered; £10,000 to meet Wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of February, 1883, and to cover the expenditure in January, 1883, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriations, and for other Services of an urgent nature; £100,000 to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to

to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation, the whole amount to be adjusted not later than 31st December, 1884; £100,000 in anticipation of Loan Vote, for alterations and additions to Station Buildings and Siding Accommodation, to meet increasing traffic—further sum; and £20,000 in anticipation of Loan Vote for Trial Surveys.

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

26. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to 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 Years 1882 and 1883, the Sum of £991,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

27. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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 Years 1882 and 1883.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1882 and 1883*,"—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. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1882 and 1883*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1882 and 1883*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

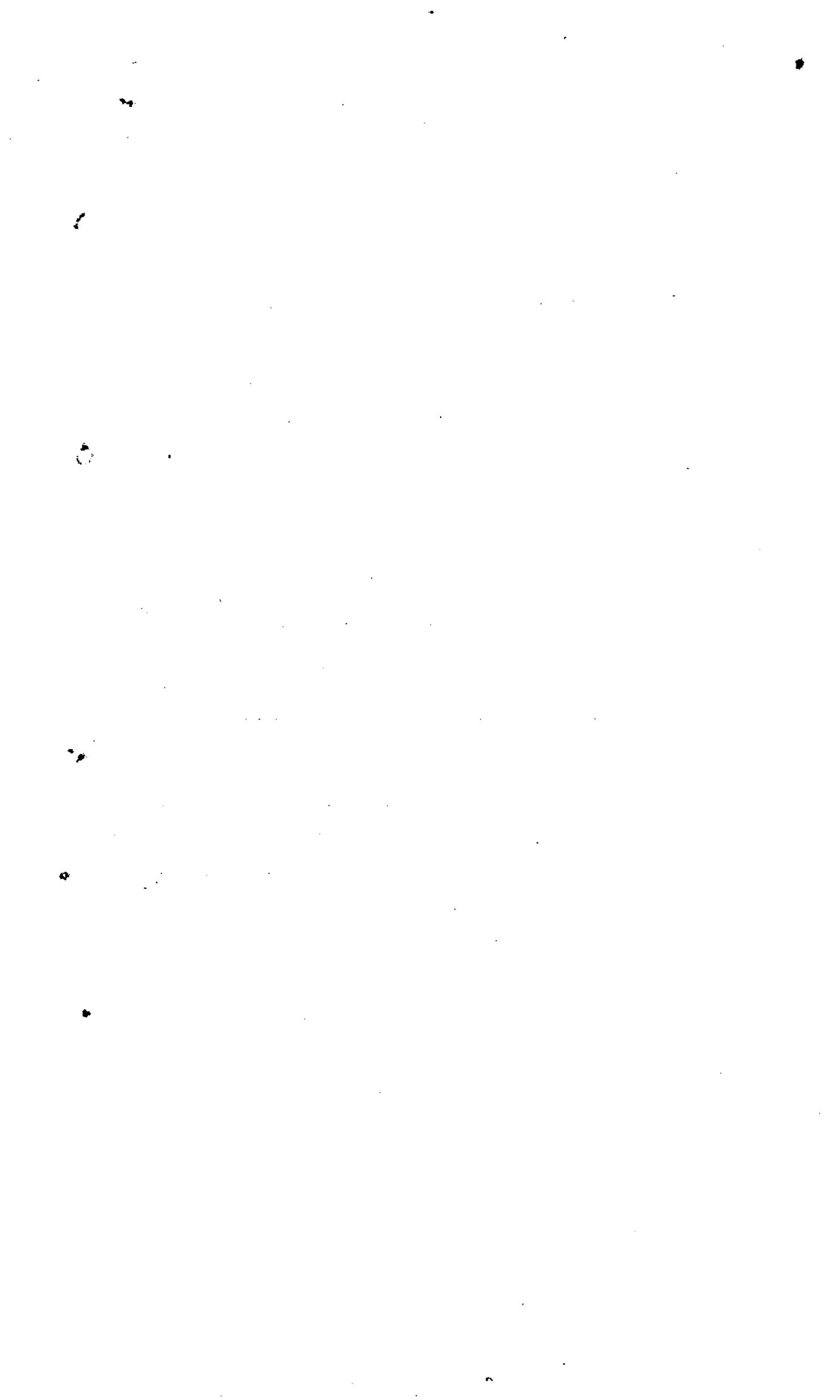
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Sydney, 18th January, 1883.

28. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at ten minutes before Seven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1883.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 19th January, 1883, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

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

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ Greeting :

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM
 “ FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby
 “ authorize ANGUS CAMERON, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the
 “ said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer
 “ from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the
 “ same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her
 “ Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member
 “ before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in
 “ New South Wales aforesaid, this nineteenth day of January, in the year of our
 “ Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and in the forty-sixth year of the
 “ Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ ALEXR. STUART.”

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Alexander Rylie, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood.
3. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to appear on the 24th instant before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace at Bathurst, in a case of personation at an Election, to produce the original Writ and Electoral Roll used at the Election for Bathurst, held on the 2nd day of December, 1882; also that the Clerk had received Summonses to appear on the 29th instant before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace at Darlinghurst, in cases of attempting to personate at Elections, to produce the original Writs and Electoral Rolls used at the Elections for East and West Sydney, held on the 30th November and 5th December, 1882. And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summonses without the leave of the House,—
 Put the Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summonses personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

4. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Pacific Mail Service :—Mr. Burns asked the Postmaster General,—What course do the Government intend taking in reference to the proposed continuance of the Pacific Mail Service after the expiration of the present contract?

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

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Office, Glebe :—Sir Wigram Allen asked the Postmaster General,—
(1.) What is the cause of the delay in the erection of Post and Telegraph Office at the Glebe, for which the sum of £2,000 was voted in the Session of 1881, and the site for which was selected and approved in the early part of 1882?

(2.) Has the land been resumed, and when will the building be proceeded with?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The delay has arisen from the necessity for resuming land for a site.

(2.) The necessary steps are being taken to do this, and the usual proclamation of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council will be published at an early date. Plans have in the meantime been prepared, and no unnecessary delay will take place in proceeding with the work.

- (3.) Pymont Bridge Road :—Sir Wigram Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Pymont Bridge Road, the property of the Government, is in great disrepair, that some portions are almost impassable, and that the house drainage flowing thereon is, by reason of there being no gutters, a nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the residents?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps, as promised by the late Government, for putting this road into thorough repair, and for kerbing and guttering it, so that the Municipal Corporation through which it passes may be induced to take the care and management thereof?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The Pymont and Glebe Roads have been six months in the charge of the Department of Roads, during which time £1,500 have been expended; since that date 58 chains have been ballasted, a new crossing and pipes have been laid at the junction with the Parramatta Road, much ballast and several cargoes of metal have been used in patching, a paved surface crossing, and 660 yards of guttering have been put in in front of Lyndhurst. This latter work should have been done by the Glebe Council, as the disposal of house drainage is in no way connected with road maintenance.

(2.) An amount will be provided on the Estimates for the improvement of this road. When voted, no delay will be allowed to occur in the expenditure. I desire to add, from my personal knowledge, that this road is in a very unsatisfactory and bad condition, and that immediate steps will be taken to amend it.

- (4.) Tramways to Glebe Point and Forest Lodge :—Sir Wigram Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to an answer given by the late Minister for Works during the last Session of Parliament, in which he stated that the Tramways to Glebe Point and Forest Lodge, upon each of which 3d. is charged, are shorter by nearly three-quarters of a mile than the twopenny section to Waterloo,—Will the Minister remove this anomaly, and reduce the charge on these two lines, so as to make the fares uniform?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This question will have early consideration along with others, on which similar complaints have been made.

- (5.) Tramway Season Tickets :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Cannot provision be made for issuing Season Tickets to travellers by Tramway; if so, will the necessary instructions be given?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This question will be considered along with the previous one.

- (6.) Personation at Elections :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend amending the Electoral Act in certain clauses for the purpose of preventing personation at Elections?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government do not intend to introduce during the present Session any measure for the amendment of the Electoral Act.

- (7.) Public Instruction Act :—Mr. Suttor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—The number of cases prosecuted under the compulsory clause of the Public Instruction Act in the Metropolitan District during the year 1882 in which the children were not attending any school in the said district?

Mr. Reid answered,—The number of cases of the kind mentioned was fifty-eight.

- (8.) Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are the plans and section relating to the proposed Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River, asked for by me during last Parliament, likely to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—In the course of a few days.

- (9.) Electric Light at Light-house, South Head :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended to utilize the Electric Light at the new Light-house, South Head?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Some delay has taken place in the erection of the Light from the non-arrival of the lantern and apparatus; but they have now arrived, and will be erected as soon as possible.

- (10.) "Cowcatchers" on Tramway Motors :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Were not "Cowcatchers" suggested to be fitted to the Tramway Motors now running in Sydney as a precaution against accident, and are such likely to be adopted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—An apparatus has been designed for removing persons from the track who may have come in contact with the Tram-motors, and for preventing them getting under the wheels. Experiments will be made in a few days to test the efficacy of the apparatus. The Department is in possession of two or three designs of the kind, and they will all be tested experimentally.

(11.)

(11.) Alienation of Crown Lands :—Mr. Levin asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government, in view of the promised Land Bill, to stop the alienation of Crown Lands by auction sales, by improvement purchases, and by after auction sales, until the House has had an opportunity of dealing with this question?

Mr. Farnell answered,—All sales of country land at auction, and by selection after auction, under the provisions of the 25th clause of the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880 have been suspended. Applications to purchase in virtue of improvements already made, and in course of action with a view to sale, will be further dealt with subject to the limitations provided by the 13th clause of the Act before-mentioned. Where the Government has contracted to alienate, the contract will be fulfilled. Applications hereafter made will remain in abeyance pending the disposal of the proposed Land Bill.

(12.) Supply and Sale of Gas :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government intend, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill of a general character to regulate the supply and sale of Gas in the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government does not intend during the present Session to introduce such a Bill, but the matter will engage the attention of the Government during the recess.

(13.) Lock Hospitals :—*Mr. Badger*, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to make any provision on the Estimates for 1883 to establish Lock Hospitals in this City, where males and females suffering from syphilitic disease can be treated?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has had this matter under consideration, and in a few days will be in possession of some medical information which may aid them in arriving at an early decision on the subject.

(14.) Telegraph Office, Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the new Telegraph Office at Albury?

Mr. Wright answered,—This matter is now in the hands of the Crown Law Officers for the transfer of the land from the Mayor of Albury, and as soon as this is completed instructions will be issued for the plans to be prepared.

(15.) Lands Titles Office :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take the earliest means to remedy the present unsatisfactory state of the Lands Titles Office, and provide additional accommodation and clerical assistance, so as to prevent the present inconvenience and delay in dealings under the Real Property Act?

Mr. Stuart answered.—Yes.

(16.) The "Wolverene" :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to take early steps to discontinue the expense of maintaining the ship "Wolverene"?

Mr. Stuart answered,—In answer to this, I desire to state that the Government is not satisfied with the present condition and arrangements connected with the "Wolverene." The question of the future use or otherwise of that vessel is one that is engaging the serious consideration of the Government, with the view of ascertaining whether, and to what extent, she can be made of value to the public service. The shortness of time that has elapsed since the Ministry came into office, and the desire that this vessel should be made if possible of real practical service, requiring, as it does, the consideration of the position not only of this ship itself, but of the Naval Brigade, the Volunteer Naval Artillery Corps, the training of boys, and other matters, will, I hope, convince my Honorable Friend who asks this question that to come to anything like a satisfactory solution of these problems will require a great deal of time and thought, and I hope he will leave the matter to be dealt with during the recess. Meanwhile the establishment has been reduced to the lowest scale consistent with keeping the property concerned, which is of considerable value, in due order and condition.

5. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Alexander Walker Scott, of Ferndale, near Double Bay, and the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alexander Walker Scott and the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, the Trustees of the real and personal estate of the Blandford Proprietary School to wind up the affairs of the same, to sell and convey the real estate situate at Blandford, in the County of Brisbane, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said real and personal estate.

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

6. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Correspondence relating to a Bridge to the North Shore. Ordered to be printed.

7. KIAMA TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Kiama Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Melville, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gray, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. ELECTORATE OF EAST SYDNEY :—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 17th instant declaring the Seat of John McElhone, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. McElhone, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Henry Copeland, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

9. NEWINGTON ESTATE, PARRAMATTA RIVER:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of notification of resumption of land, part of the Newington Estate, Parramatta River, as published by command in the *Gazette* of 22nd August, 1882.

(2.) Copies of all applications for compensation for land resumed under notification of date referred to.

(3.) Copies of all letters or memorandums of valuations by the Government Valuator.

(4.) Copies of all letters or memorandums of any Minister having reference to any claims for land taken by the aforesaid notification.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. WORKING OF THE LAND LAWS:—Mr. Heydon moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, there should be added to the names of the gentlemen appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Laws the names of Mr. McElhone, Mr. Barbour, and Mr. Heydon.

Debate ensued.

Interruption.

11. MEMBER SWORN:—Henry Copeland, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

12. WORKING OF THE LAND LAWS:—The Debate on this Question, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 11, resumed.

Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, there should be added to the names of the gentlemen appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Laws the names of Mr. McElhone, Mr. Barbour, and Mr. Heydon,—

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1883.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—John Cransie, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Balranald.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Murray River Customs Duties:—Mr. Levin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Sub-collectors of Customs on the Murray Border have been instructed to withhold statistical information from the local Press?

(2.) Are there any grounds for withholding from the public the amount of revenue collected by the various Sub-collectors of Customs, and the quantity of goods imported and exported at the various ports of entry?

(3.) Will the Treasurer cause instructions to be issued to the Sub-collectors to supply statistical returns to the local Press whenever required?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes, without first referring to the Collector of Customs.

(2.) None, if obtained through the proper channel.

(3.) This question is answered in the preceding.

(2.) Railway Embankment, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Railway embankment through the town of Parramatta is the cause during heavy rains of large quantities of water accumulating and flooding the properties of persons residing near it?

(2.) If so, will he cause an inquiry to be made, and place a sum of money upon the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of preventing injury to property from the above cause?

Mr. Copeland answered,—It is stated by the Engineer that the flooding is not caused in the way suggested.

(3.) Parramatta Railway Station:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many persons are employed at the Parramatta Railway Station, and what is the amount of salaries paid to them?

(2.) What was the number of passengers to and from Parramatta Railway Station during the last six months?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to have a Station-master's residence built at or near the Railway Station?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Twenty persons are employed; their salaries and wages amount to £2,356 per annum.

(2.) 279,141 ordinary, and 529 season tickets.

(3.) This question will receive early consideration.

(4.) Public Baths, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government place upon the Additional Estimates the sum of £150 towards the erection of Public Baths at Parramatta, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions or voted by the Borough Council?

Mr. Stuart answered,—To this question I can only reply, in the words of the late Colonial Secretary, when a similar question was asked by the Honorable Member on the 28th April, 1880:—“The Government are of opinion that the erection of Baths in the country towns is a work properly belonging to the Municipality. On one or two occasions contributions have been made by the Government; but in each case it was considered that the Baths were erected for the general public as well as for the residents themselves,”—an opinion in which I concur.

(5.)

(5.) Private Letter-boxes and Clock, Post Office, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Will he give instructions to have private Letter-boxes erected at the Parramatta Post Office for the convenience of bankers, storekeepers, and others, which were applied for by letter per Hugh Taylor lately?

(2.) Will he also give instructions that a Clock be erected at the Post and Telegraph Office, the same having been granted at West Maitland, Wagga Wagga, Goulburn, and Bathurst?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member was informed on the 19th instant that if twenty subscribers could be guaranteed, locked Private Boxes would be supplied at Parramatta.

(2.) No application has been made to this office for an outside Clock, and all requests for Clocks of this description are dealt with by the Secretary for Works.

(6.) Extension of the Penny-postage System:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—With regard to my question and the answer thereto respecting the extension of the penny-postage to all places available by Railway,—Will the question be brought as early as possible before the Government for decision?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is intended to consider this matter at an early date.

(7.) Post Office, Vegetable Creek:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders be called for the Post Office, Vegetable Creek?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am informed by the Colonial Architect that tenders will probably be invited in about a month.

(8.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to grant the Eight-hour System to the men employed in the Dredge Service, in accordance with the Resolution of this House of 8th February, 1881, declaring the system should be worked wherever practicable, and which the men have petitioned the Government to concede to them?

(2.) Is it his intention to extend the said system to Railway Porters and others, in terms of the said Resolution?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) With respect to the Dredge Service, an answer will be given to the question next week.

(2.) The resolution provided that the Eight-hour System in the Railway Department was to be applied as far as practicable. I am informed that it is not practicable to extend it to the Railway porters; the work they do is neither arduous nor continuous, and the hours of actual labour do not exceed eight at the present time; but I will cause further inquiries to be made.

(9.) Bridge to North Shore:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Poole, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, papers, and correspondence of every kind in reference to Mr. Garbett's North Shore Bridge proposal?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I laid upon the Table of the House yesterday papers in connection with Mr. Garbett's North Shore Bridge proposal, and I will presently lay upon the Table further correspondence relating to the same subject.

(10.) Railway through Australian Agricultural Company's Land:—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps are being taken in connection with the Northern Coast Railway through the Australian Agricultural Company's Port Stephens Estate?

(2.) Is the survey of this line in progress?

(3.) Has the route of the line been determined upon?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The survey has just been commenced, but nothing has been decided upon.

(11.) Railway Refreshment Room, Wellington:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to provide a suitable Refreshment Room on the Western Railway at Orange, Wellington, or Dubbo, to meet the requirements of the travelling public; if so, when will the desired accommodation be provided?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A Refreshment Station is to be provided at Wellington; it will be proceeded with at once.

(12.) Medical Appliances on Railways:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, on behalf of the travelling public, give his earliest attention to the desirableness of seeing that every passenger train, especially those proceeding on distant journeys, is provided with a suitable and necessary supply of medical appliances required and available in case of accidents?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Provision has already been made for this; the medical appliances are now being prepared.

3. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Directors and Shareholders of the Australian Gaslight Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gaslight Company to increase their capital stock, to limit the liability of the Shareholders, to raise money by the issue of debentures or otherwise, and to extend the powers of the Company to purchase and hold real property.

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

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence relating to Bridge to North Shore.
Ordered to be printed.

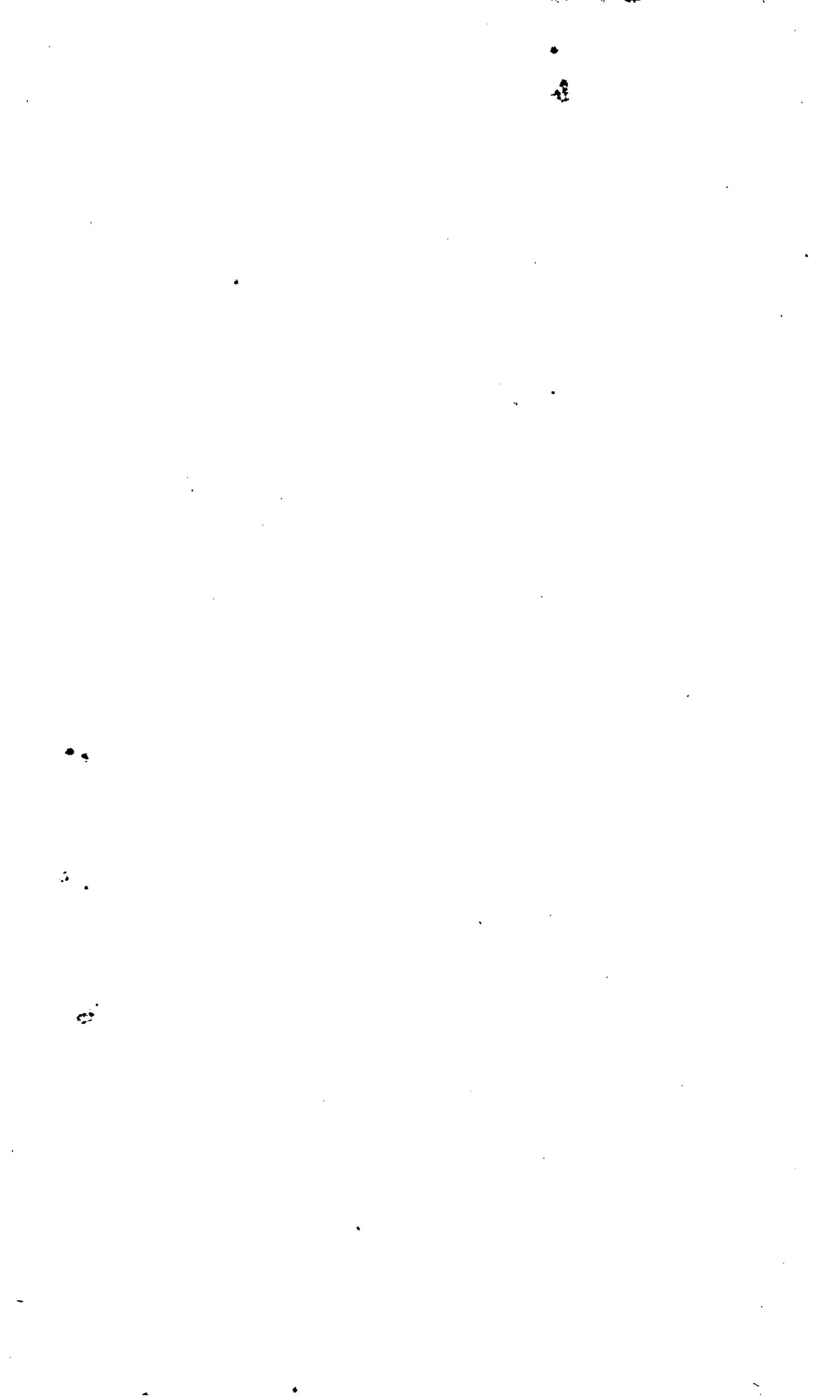
Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the proposed opening of a Public School at the premises formerly known as St. James's Certified Denominational School.
Ordered to be printed.

5. **TRESPASS ACTIONS IN DISTRICT COURTS**:—Mr. Gannon presented a Petition from Free Selectors, Farmers, and others, complaining of the frequency of trespass cases brought in District Courts; and praying the House to give the matter favourable consideration, and cause a remedy to be provided for the evils complained of.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
6. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising on Thursday next, do adjourn until Tuesday the 30th instant.
Question put and passed.
7. **RABBIT NUISANCE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Farnell, for Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance.
Question put and passed.
8. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. **INSCRIBED STOCK BILL**:—
(1.) On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed 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, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the years 1882 and 1883*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th January, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1883.

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. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Inscribed Stock Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
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 authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock, and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th January, 1883.

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

(2.) Rabbit Nuisance Abatement Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
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 provide for the abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th January, 1883.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cultivation of Oysters:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that many applications have been received by the Fisheries Commission from persons wishing to lease foreshores for the cultivation of oysters?
- (2.) Have any such leases been granted or otherwise dealt with?
- (3.) What is the cause of the delay in dealing with these applications?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact.
- (2.) Most of the applications in question have been dealt with, except as regards the actual execution of the leases.
- (3.) The delay in the issuing of the leases is due to the Surveyor General finding difficulty in many cases in complying with sub-section 8 of section 28 Fisheries Act in respect to the endorsement of plans on such leases.

(2.) Sydney Water Works:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the papers in satisfaction of the Resolution of this House, on the 2nd of November last, in reference to the Sydney Water Supply Works, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—By a reference to the Appendix to the Ways and Means of the late Government, which was laid upon the Table on the 1st of November last, it will be seen that a considerable portion of the information required with regard to the Sydney Water Works has already been given. The estimated cost of the work yet to be done cannot be given with complete accuracy, because until the ground is opened up much of the work to be executed cannot be determined. I will, however, as soon as possible lay further information upon the Table in satisfaction of the Resolution.

(3.)

(3.) Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai :—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of the Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai? Mr. Copeland answered,—It is expected that the Government will be in a position to invite tenders for this extension about the end of March next.

(4.) Land Office at Tumberumba :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps to establish a Land Office at Tumberumba; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The desirability of establishing a Crown Lands Office at Tumberumba is now receiving further consideration.

(5.) Railway Station and Refreshment Room, Junee :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the erection of the Railway Station and Refreshment Room at Junee be commenced?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Tenders will be invited for the erection of the Station before the end of next month, and for the Refreshment Room in the early part of March next.

(6.) Registration of Patents :—Mr. Garrard asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Return *re* Registration of Patents, ordered by this House on the 5th of September last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Cohen answered,—This Return is being proceeded with as speedily as possible, and will be laid upon the Table of the House as soon as it may be practicable to do so.

(7.) Boiling-down Establishment at Glebe Island :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the answer to my questions of 18th October, 1882, *re* Boiling-down Establishment on Glebe Island, wherein I was informed that steps were being taken to abate the nuisance,—Is he aware that the stench from this place during the last week is seriously affecting the health of the inhabitants of Balmain; if so, will he give orders for this place to be at once removed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of the circumstances stated by the Honorable Member. No report of the kind has been made to me by the Inspector or other officer at Glebe Island, nor have any complaints reached me from the general public, which would establish the allegation of the Honorable Member. Steps were taken in October last to abate a temporary nuisance in the establishment referred to, which is now upon its trial, and if the means then adopted be not successful in rendering it perfectly innocuous further action will be taken.

(8.) Manufactory for Explosives :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In reference to my questions of 19th October, 1882, relating to the establishment of a Manufactory for Explosives on the Nepean Water-shed, and the answers thereto, that the Explosives Board had under consideration an offer from Messrs. John Hall & Sons, of England, to establish such a Manufactory,—Has the Board reported on that offer; if so, what is the nature of their report?
(2.) What quantity of Explosives is now stored at Goat and Spectacle Islands?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The Gunpowder Board made their report on the 27th October last, which was forwarded to the Agent General, with a view to his opening negotiations with Messrs. J. Hall & Son. A copy of the report will be laid upon the Table.

(2.) The following is the present quantity of Explosives (other than Imperial powder) :—At Goat Island, 435 tons; Spectacle Island, 90 tons.

(9.) Joshua Hughes's claim to Land at Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Joshua Hughes, of Narrandera, blacksmith, through the Court of Claims, instituted a claim in his own right to a piece of land at Macquarie-street, Parramatta, known as Lot No. 15 section 12?

(2.) Is it a fact that the claim of the said Joshua Hughes was, after due notice to all parties, duly inquired into on the 25th day of May, 1880, before the Court of Claims, consisting of Commissioners Messrs. Holroyd and Owen?

(3.) Is it a fact that evidence on oath was taken, and the Commissioners, after careful hearing of the case, reported in favour of the issue of a grant to the claimant?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Government adopted the Commissioners report, and directed the grant to issue?

(5.) Is it true that owing to some influence used, or at the instance of the Borough of Parramatta, the issue of the grant was withheld, and a re-hearing of the case directed by the Government?

(6.) Is it a fact that, after due notice to all parties and special notice to the Borough of Parramatta, such re-hearing took place on the 9th day of June, 1881, before the Court of Claims, consisting of the Commissioners Messrs. Holroyd and Wilkinson, that witnesses for and against the claimant were sworn and gave evidence, and that the Court reported in favour of the claimant?

(7.) Is it true that the Government, upon such report, advised and directed the issue of the grant to the claimant Joshua Hughes?

(8.) Has such grant issued; if not, why?

(9.) When will it issue?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7) were answered on the 25th October last by my predecessor.

(8.) The matter was allowed to stand over, pending a reference to a Select Committee of the late Parliament. In connection with such reference the papers were moved for, but it was not possible to lay them upon the Table of the House before the dissolution. I will do so presently.

(9.) I will give the question early consideration.

(10.) Railway Stations at Spring Grove and Spring Hill :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he arrange for the erection of new Railway Stations at Spring Grove and Spring Hill, on the Western Line of Railway, the present wooden buildings being rotten, unsuitable, and too small for their purpose?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Inquiry will be made, and if it be found that the present buildings are inadequate to the traffic other provision will be made. (11.)

(11.) Steamship "Gunga":—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the papers referring to the quarantining of the "Gunga," ordered by this House on the 28th September last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the papers referred to by the Honorable Member.

(12.) Iron Bridge across the Wollondilly:—Mr. Gannon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does the contract for the erection of Iron Bridge across the Wollondilly, at the old township, Goulburn, expire?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The contract time for the completion of this Bridge expires on the 12th August, 1883.

(13.) Suspension of Sales of Crown Lands:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session for the suspension of all Sales of Crown Lands, Conditional or otherwise, pending further legislation?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce any Bill in reference to land legislation during the present Session, the House having already affirmed that during the present Session we are to confine ourselves to financial and other matters. Next Session we shall introduce our Land Bill.

3. RAILWAY FROM NORTH GRAFTON TO TENTERFIELD:—Mr. Gray presented a Petition from Residents of the Richmond River District, in favour of the construction of a line of Railway from North Grafton to Tenterfield.
Petition received.

4. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gaslight Company to increase their capital stock, to limit the liability of Shareholders, to raise money by the issue of debentures or otherwise, and to extend the powers of the Company to purchase and hold real property.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Australian Gaslight Company to increase their capital stock to limit the liability of Shareholders to raise money by the issue of debentures or otherwise and to extend the powers of the Company to purchase and hold real property,*"—read a first time.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting amendment of the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1880.

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on the 28th September, 1882,—"*Steamship 'Gunga.'*"
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 19th September, 1882,—"*Land in Macquarie-street, Parramatta.*"
Ordered to be printed.

6. 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, 17th January, 1883, 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*:—Henry Moses, Esquire, and Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

7. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

8. RABBIT NUISANCE ABATEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance.

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

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after Six o'clock, until *Tuesday* next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1883.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1882 and 1883,*"—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, 29th January, 1883.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tolls on Randwick Road:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to abolish the Tolls now being collected on the Randwick Road?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Randwick Toll-bar is not in charge of the Government. It is leased by the Municipal Council, and the Randwick Municipality and Bunnerong Road Trust each receive a proportion of the net revenue.

(2.) Railway from Uralla to Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the contract time for the Railway from Uralla to Glen Innes?

(2.) Can he say if it will be finished within the contract; if not, why?

(3.) Can he say when the line will be opened to the Mother of Ducks?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 31st December next.

(2.) Every endeavour will be made to have it completed at the date named.

(3.) I cannot say at present; but no unnecessary time will be lost.

(3.) Manufacture and Sale of Gas:—Mr. Poole asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill at an early date to regulate the manufacture and sale of Gas throughout the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government do not intend during the present Session to introduce such a Bill; but the matter will engage the attention of the Government during the recess.

(4.) Public Library and Fine Art Gallery:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary,—What course do the Government intend to pursue with reference to the erection of a Public Library and Fine Art Gallery?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This subject is engaging the earnest consideration of the Government; but I am not yet able to give a definite answer to the question of the Honorable Member, except this, that there will be no unnecessary delay.

(5.)

- (5.) **Warder Lees**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has inquiry been made into the conduct of Warder Lees, of Coonamble, who was recently censured by the Coonamble Bench of Magistrates for brutal behaviour towards two prisoners whom he had in custody on a charge of drunkenness?
 (2.) If no inquiry has yet been made, will the Minister institute an investigation without delay?
 Mr. Cohen answered,—
 (1.) Yes, inquiry has been made, and it has been elicited that Warder Lees while assisting the Police to take prisoners to the lock-up did strike them, it being alleged, however, that the Warder was previously severely kicked by one of the prisoners; and the Warder was subsequently censured by the Magistrates for his conduct.
 (2.) Further inquiry is now being made by the Comptroller General of Prisons in reference to the occurrence, and any statement the Warder may desire to make in his defence has been called for.
- (6.) **Railway Platform, Harris Park**:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 Is it the intention of the Government to cause a Platform to be erected at the crossing at Harris Park Estate, between Parramatta Railway Station and Granville, for the convenience of the large population now residing there?
 Mr. Copeland answered,—This is the first time the question has been brought under the attention of the Department. Inquiry has been made, and it would seem that there is no necessity for a platform at the place named; and pressing necessity should be shown to justify the increase of stopping places on the Suburban Railway Line.
- (7.) **Inspection of Machinery and Boilers**:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the serious injuries frequently sustained by workmen, and the great danger to the general public from the use of defective and unsafe machinery and boilers, and incompetency of attendants,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session for the inspection and examination of the same?
 Mr. Dibbs answered,—If time will permit, a Bill to meet the object the Honorable Member has in view will be brought in.
- (8.) **Glebe Island Road**:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the Road on the south-eastern side of Glebe Island is in a very bad state; if so, will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to have it properly repaired without delay?
 Mr. Copeland answered,—A cargo of metal is expected this day with which to coat this length of road in continuation of metalling recently done.
- (9.) **Iron Cove Bridge**:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will a decision be arrived at as to compensating James Clifford and other workmen who were injured at the Iron Cove Bridge in March last?
 Mr. Copeland answered,—The question is being considered of the desirability of referring all these claims to a Board.
- (10.) **Postal Arrangements, City and Suburbs**:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Postmaster General,—
 Will he arrange that all letters by the first delivery in the City and Suburbs shall reach their destination before half-past Nine o'clock a.m.?
 Mr. Wright answered,—To enable the delivery to be finished by 9.30 a.m. it would be necessary for the letter-carriers to leave the Post Office not later than 8 a.m., and this could only be arranged by securing the receipt of the morning mails by train and Hunter River steamers at the Post Office by 6.45 at the latest; as it will be borne in mind that the present system is to bring the whole of the country mails to the city in time for the first delivery, and hence much more time is occupied in the sorting than if the mails from the country arrived, as they do at Melbourne, at different periods of the day. There is a strong objection on the part of the Railway Department, in the interests of passengers, to the mail trains from the country arriving at an earlier hour than they do at present.
- (11.) **Railway from Orange to Forbes**:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 When will tenders be called for the construction of the first section of the Railway from Orange to Forbes?
 Mr. Copeland answered,—Early in March next.
- (12.) **Friendly Societies Commission**:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a person who was appointed a Commissioner on the Friendly Societies Commission by the late Parkes Government received a sentence of two years at Bathurst, or any place in the Colony, for forgery or any other criminal offence?
 (2.) If so, what is the name of this person, and what amount was he paid as a Commissioner?
 Mr. Stuart answered,—
 (1.) The Government is not aware that such is the fact.
 (2.) If any information can be obtained upon the subject it will be furnished.
- (13.) **Police Uniform**:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that during the very hot weather Constables are compelled to wear throughout the day heavy blue coats buttoned up to the throat?
 (2.) Is it not a fact that wearing such coats in summer is very trying and injurious to the men's health?
 (3.) Will he consult with Mr. Fosbery as to the advisableness of the officers and men of the Police Force being allowed to wear light coats in summer?
 (4.) Is it a fact that when strong able young men join the Police Force they only receive 5s. 4d. pay per day; if so, will he at once have this pay increased?
 Mr.

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

(1, 2, & 3.) The Police are provided with light serge jumpers for summer wear. The uniform coats referred to are worn only on dress occasions, which is seldom.

(4.) Probationers have hitherto received only 5s. 6d. a day, which is increased to 6s. 6d. (proposed to be also increased), with uniform and lodging allowance or quarters, when they are reported efficient, usually after a brief service.

(14.) Pay of Railway Workmen:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Railway and other workmen lately held a meeting to ask the Government to increase their pay by 10 per cent., and by so doing to equalize their pay with that of workmen in private employ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to increase the pay by 10 per cent. of Railway working men—porters, gangers, and others; also of constables, letter-carriers, and a large number of the Civil Servants who receive small salaries, who have suffered by the great prosperity of the Colony, which has greatly risen the rent of houses, food, &c.?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; and that a Deputation was appointed thereat to wait upon the Minister on the subject.

(2.) The Deputation is, by appointment, to wait upon the Secretary for Public Works on the 9th proximo, by which time the question will have received the consideration of the Government.

(15.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of money was paid by the Parkes Government to the *Sydney Morning Herald* for advertising during each of the four years they were in office, and the total paid the *Sydney Morning Herald* in the four years?

(2.) The like as regards the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*?

(3.) The like as regards the *Evening News*?

(4.) The like as regards the *Town and Country Journal*?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A Return, embodying the information asked by the Honorable Member, will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

(16.) Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai:—Mr. Bruce Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the value of the work in connection with the survey of the Railway Line from Cootamundra to Gundagai, which had to be repeated in consequence of the destruction of plans, calculations, &c., by the late Garden Palace fire?

(2.) What progress had been made in connection with the said Line?

(3.) Can he give any idea how long it will be before the construction of the said Line will be commenced?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Approximately, about £3,900.

(2 & 3.) The re-survey is nearly finished, and, as Mr. Poolo was informed on the 25th instant, tenders for the construction of the Line will probably be invited about the end of March next.

(17.) Insolvency Act:—Mr. Bruce Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was any person commissioned by the late Government to draft a new Insolvency Act?

(2.) If so, what has been done regarding it?

(3.) Whether, if drafted, it is the intention of the Government to take any steps to introduce the same?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am not aware that any person had been commissioned by the late Government to draft a new Insolvency Act; but I understand that Judge Josephson, while acting as Chief Commissioner in Insolvency, applied to be allowed to have a certain Bill which he had prepared for the purpose printed at the Government Printing Office, and on its completion it shall receive the earliest consideration as to the course which it may be expedient to take thereon.

(18.) Bridge at Cooma:—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the state of the Bridge at Cooma, near the Royal Hotel?

(2.) Will he cause immediate steps to be taken to prevent accident to life and property at this place?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Steps will be at once taken to replace the Bridge.

(19.) Land Office at Gulgong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps to establish a Land Office at Gulgong, and thereby save the many hundred residents of that neighbourhood from having to travel 40, 60, or 80 miles (as the case may be) in order to select land or make interest payments?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A further report is about to be obtained as to the necessity for a Crown Lands Office at Gulgong. A letter was yesterday addressed to the Honorable Member on the subject.

(20.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates to supersede, with appropriate structures, the buildings now used as Post and Telegraph Offices at Mudgee?

Mr. Wright answered,—The officers of the Department have reported that there is no actual necessity to have new buildings erected at Mudgee, as, with certain additions which have been suggested, the present premises will provide ample accommodation. In view, however, of the strong representations which have been made in favour of new buildings, it has been decided that an Inspector shall visit Mudgee shortly for the purpose of reporting further upon the matter.

(21.) Water Supply for Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he intend to take steps to secure a water supply for Mudgee, on the basis of the survey made three years ago by Mr. Surveyor Gipps?

(2.) Will the Minister say what is the cause of the delay in providing Mudgee with a supply of water?

Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—The whole matter will be fully considered by the Cabinet in conjunction with other similar applications, and in connection with the contemplated Local Government Legislation.

- (22.) Road from Cudgegong to Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the formation of the Road between Cudgegong and Rylstone?

Mr. Copeland answered,—When the amount now on the Estimates is available, and the question as to route settled.

- (23.) Water Supply for Campbelltown:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government considered the matter of the water supply from George's River to town of Campbelltown and Railway Station; and if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter has not been finally determined, but it will be in the course of a few days.

- (24.) Site for a Public School at Dalwood:—Mr. Gray asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the question of the land applied for on the 25th September, 1881, as a site for a Public School at Dalwood, on the Richmond, be settled?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The survey of the land has been received, and will be dealt with at once.

- (25.) Railway from Waratah to the Hawkesbury.—Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury:—Mr. Gill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the construction of the section of Line of Railway from Waratah to the Hawkesbury; and when will tenders be called for the Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Tenders for these works will be invited as early as possible, but at present it is impossible to name a date.

- (26.) Collection of Electoral Rolls:—Mr. White asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take steps to have the Electoral Rolls collected in a more satisfactory manner than as hitherto performed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Complaints have been made in different Electorates of omissions and other imperfections in the Rolls; but I desire to point out that the Police are beset by many difficulties in the onerous duty of collecting the Lists. Instructions have, however, been given to them for their better guidance in this respect; and it has been enjoined upon them to spare no effort to ensure more complete accuracy.

- (27.) Railway Porters:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of porters employed on the Railway Terminus at Redfern and on the Darling Harbour Line, and their respective hours of commencing and leaving off work?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes.

- (28.) Pyrmont Bridge:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the papers having reference to the resumption of the Pyrmont Bridge, ordered to be laid upon the Table of this House on 1st September, 1882, be ready?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers will be laid upon the Table as soon as the suit pending in this case shall have been disposed of.

- (29.) Compulsory Attendance at Public Schools:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many prosecutions for non-attendance at school have taken place in each of the Districts 1, 2, 3, 4?

(2.) The number of convictions, withdrawals, and dismissals in said Districts?

(3.) The number of children who have been induced by the Attendance Officers in each District to attend school without legal proceedings?

(4.) The total number of children brought by the said Attendance Officers to school throughout the Colony who were not attending any schools before their appointment?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table Returns giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

- (30.) Bridge over the Bogan at Gongolgon:—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How long is it since the contract was let for building the Bridge over the Bogan River at Gongolgon?

(2.) Has extension of time been granted?

(3.) When is it expected the Bridge will be completed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Thirteen months.

(2.) No; though the time for completion has lapsed some months ago. The unprecedented drought has delayed work.

(3.) It is not possible to say, as the contractor is out of reach of telegrams; but steps will be taken to urge immediate completion.

- (31.) Railway Extension to Nyngan:—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he inform the House when the contract for the extension to Nyngan will be completed, and the line opened for traffic?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The contract time for the completion of the Line to Nyngan is 30th June next, and I see no probability of its being completed before that date.

(32.) The Police Force:—*Mr. Fremlin*, for *Mr. Gorrick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of the Senior-sergeants of Police in the Metropolitan District on the 31st December last?
- (2.) The terms of service of such Senior-sergeants respectively?
- (3.) The names of those Senior-sergeants who were since promoted to the rank of Acting Sub-inspector or Inspector?
- (4.) Is there any test examination required before members of the Police Force are promoted; and if so, what is the nature of such examination?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The information which the Honorable Member seeks will be most conveniently given in the form of a written statement, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—*Edward Combes*, Esquire, *Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe*, Esquire, and *Robert Lucas Tooth*, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Senior-sergeants of Police in the Metropolitan District.
- (2.) Report on the Police Department, for 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Report of the Government Analyst on Samples of Spirituous Liquors.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table a Return respecting prosecutions for non-attendance at School.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the number of Porters employed at the Railway Terminus at Redfern, and on the Darling Harbour Line, and their respective hours of commencing and leaving off work.

Ordered to be printed.

5. RAILWAY DRIVERS AND FIREMEN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hellyer* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the following documents, together with all correspondence relating thereto respectively, viz., the Petition presented to the Commissioner for Railways (per *Mr. Middleton*) from drivers and firemen on the Great Western and Great Southern Lines of Railway; also the Petition, dated 6th November, 1882, from drivers and firemen stationed at Bathurst, to *Mr. Joseph Turton*, Locomotive Inspector; and also the Petition, dated 20th November, 1882, to *Mr. Middleton*, Locomotive Engineer, from drivers and firemen stationed at Bathurst.

Question put and passed.

6. ROAD FROM GRAFTON TO GLEN INNES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) A detailed Return of all moneys expended on the Road from Grafton to Glen Innes, giving the distances from Grafton, where the money was expended, and whether by day labour or contract, for the years 1881 and 1882.
- (2.) The total amount of money voted for the said Road for years 1881 and 1882, and amount expended.
- (3.) The number of times the Road Superintendent visited Glen Innes during the years 1881 and 1882.

Question put and passed.

7. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Heydon* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Law respecting remedies for Trespass.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Heydon* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to alter the Law respecting remedies for Trespass to Land*,”—which was read a first time.

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

8. GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAYS :—*Mr. Hellyer* moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing for the past twelve months,—

- (1.) The number of locomotive engines, passenger and goods (separately) used on the Great Western and Great Southern Lines of Railway.
- (2.) The various sections of lines of Railway, or stages, upon which such engines have been used daily or otherwise.
- (3.) The number of drivers and firemen of passenger, goods, or mixed trains employed respectively upon each section.
- (4.) The number of accidents or breakdowns on each section to passenger, goods, or mixed trains respectively, together with the cause or supposed cause thereof respectively.

Question put and passed.

9. HISTORY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS :—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should carry into effect, without delay, the law in reference to Public Education by introducing into all our Public Schools the teaching of a system of History, particularly the History of England.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. ST. JAMES'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the original purpose and intention of opening a large Public School in the building in Castlereagh and Elizabeth Streets, formerly known as St. James's Denominational School, be carried into effect without delay, so that the wants of the scholars who used to attend St. James's School, and others, may be met by the establishment of a large and effective Public School at the place abovenamed.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Fletcher,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Young.

Tellers,

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Badgery.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. DeSalis,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Frenlin,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Holterman,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Humphery,	
Sir Patrick Jennings,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. See,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Spring.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT OF 1881 :—Mr. Frenlin moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Fisheries Act of 1881.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Young, Mr. See, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Purves, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1883.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Edward Quin, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Wentworth.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Surveyor W. P. Simpson:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What salary was Mr. Surveyor W. P. Simpson in receipt of in 1878?
- (2.) The date Mr. Simpson resigned, or was dismissed from the Lands Department?
- (3.) The reason for dispensing with his services?
- (4.) Is Mr. Simpson now in the employ of the Government; if so, what position does he occupy?
- (5.) The date of his appointment, by whom recommended, and the salary he receives?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No salary. The services performed by him during the year 1878 were paid for by fees, amounting to £36 6s. 6d.
- (2.) Mr. Simpson tendered his resignation of the district under his charge on 25th September, 1879, which was accepted on 7th October, 1879.
- (3.) He resigned his district.
- (4.) Yes; he is Crown Lands Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cowra.
- (5.) He was appointed on the 2nd March, 1880, and was recommended for the position of Land Agent by the Surveyor General. Mr. Simpson receives a salary of £350 per annum for the joint offices.

(2.) Harbour and River Steamers:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Whose duty is it to grant certificates to the harbour and river steamers?
- (2.) Are the boilers, machinery, hulls, &c., of these steamers inspected by any responsible officer before granting certificates; if so, by whom?
- (3.) Whose duty is it to see that the requirements of the law are carried out during the tenure of the certificate?
- (4.) Is there any rule as to the number of crew in proportion to the passengers the vessel is licensed to carry?
- (5.) Is he aware that some of these steamers, licensed to carry 400 and 500 passengers, are manned by two men and a boy?
- (6.) Is it true that in many cases these crews, who have the lives of hundreds of passengers in their care, work from 5 a.m. till 1 a.m.—twenty hours per day?
- (7.) If true, have the Inspectors any power to prevent the continuance of these excessive hours of labour, whereby the lives of the travelling public are so seriously endangered?
- (8.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, and if the law is defective, have it amended?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The Marine Board's.
- (2.) Yes; by the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyors. Those in Sydney are Messrs. Cruickshank, Self, Johnson, and Lee.
- (3.) The abovenamed officers.
- (4.) There is no absolute rule as to the number of crew in proportion to the passengers the vessel is licensed to carry.
- (5.) Yes; there are only two men and a boy in some of the harbour ferry steamers licensed to carry that number of passengers.

(6.)

(6.) It is understood that some of these crews work twenty hours alternate days, but they are excused altogether on the intermediate days, and adopt this plan of their own choice.

(7.) The Inspectors have no power to prevent the continuance of these excessive hours, which the men voluntarily adopt.

(8.) The whole question of the regulation of the harbour and river steamers and ferries is now engaging my attention.

(3.) Tanks on Mellaly Road:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has or will any provision be made on coming Estimates for Tanks, Dams, or Wells, on the Road Gunnedah to Mellaly, and from Mellaly to Coonabarabran?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The sum of £2,400 for constructing Wells on these Roads has been noted for consideration on Estimates.

(4.) Railway from Homebush to Waratah:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to call for tenders for a section of the Great Northern Railway from Homebush to Waratah, commencing at the Waratah end?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Line will be commenced at the Waratah end as well as at Homebush, and if it be found that the work can be expedited by so doing, an intermediate section from the Hawkesbury towards Waratah will also be let.

(5.) Fencing and Planting Ground at Parramatta District Hospital:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause the sum of £300 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1883 for the purpose of fencing in and planting with trees the ground situate on the banks of the Parramatta River, and recently handed over to the Trustees of the Parramatta District Hospital?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have placed a sum upon the Estimates, not however the sum stated in the question, for this purpose, subject to the usual conditions.

(6.) Attendants at Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to my application for an increase of 1s. per day to the attendants of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, on account of the increased cost of house-rent and the common necessities of life, as well as to the dangerous nature of their occupation,—Will he state what decision has been arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—An additional allowance has been made on the Estimates for all married attendants who, living outside of the Asylum, are subjected to the increased cost of living alluded to in the question. I am making inquiry as to the relative wages paid to the Asylum attendants generally, with warders and other persons in the employment of the Government, with a view of seeing that justice is done to them, if it be found that they are in an inferior position, and if found necessary, their case will be taken into consideration on the Additional Estimates.

(7.) Manly Pier:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is the Manly Pier leased exclusively to the Port Jackson Steam Company; if so, by whom, for how long, and under what terms and conditions?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is leased to G. M. Pitt, to 31st December, 1884, at £25 a year. The land upon which the Pier at Manly stands was leased to the Port Jackson Steam Company; and the Municipal Council raised objections as they could exercise no control, but withdrew such objections upon the transfer of the lease to G. M. Pitt. The land abuts upon a reserve, and not upon a street; and the Pier was originally erected by Mr. Smith, under a permission granted by the Surveyor General, or other authorities then considered to be competent to grant such permission.

(8.) Asylum for Infirm and Destitute at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are at present over 300 aged and infirm patients in the Destitute and Infirm Institution, Macquarie-street, Parramatta, and that many cases of an infectious character are admitted by authority of the Government official?

(2.) Will instructions be given that patients suffering from infectious diseases shall in future be forwarded to the Hospital at Little Bay, which is intended for all such cases?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I find that there are at present 242 inmates in the Macquarie-street Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute at Parramatta. Cases of erysipelas are admitted within the walls of the Asylum in the ward specially set apart for their reception; all other infectious cases are admitted only into isolated cottages outside the walls.

(2.) The whole question of the Government Asylums is now engaging my attention, with the view, amongst other things, to such classification as will prevent the mixing up of the infirm and destitute with cases of persons afflicted with infectious diseases.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report of the Protector of the Aborigines, to 31st December, 1882.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd November, 1882,—“James Rice’s Conditional Purchase at Molong.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1882,—“Thomas James Rogers’s Conditional Purchase at Tumut.”

(3.) Return to an Order made on 24th August, 1882,—“Land Offices at Warialda, Bingera, and Moree.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. RABBIT NUISANCE BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to provide for the abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance,”—which was read a first time.

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

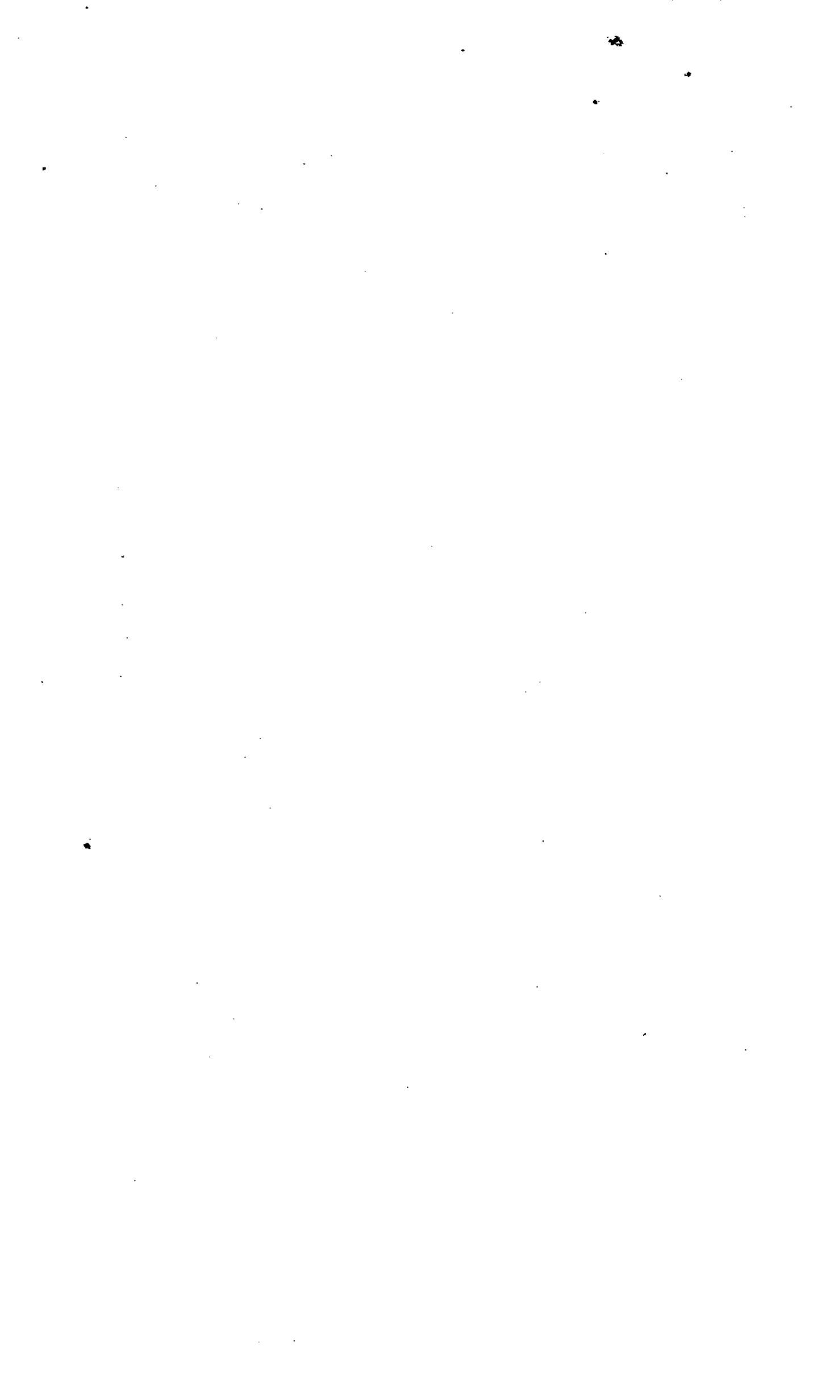
5. FIRE BRIGADES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.
Question put and passed.
6. INDEMNITY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify certain persons for paying sums of money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund without the vote of Parliament.
Question put and passed.
7. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*)—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice:—
(1.) That the Australian Gaslight Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Poole, Dr. Ross, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Harris, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Tooth, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Day, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alexander Walker Scott and the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, the Trustees of the real and personal estate of the Blandford Proprietary School, to wind up the affairs of the same, to sell and convey the real estate, situate at Blandford, in the County of Brisbane, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said real and personal estate.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Alexander Walker Scott and the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child the Trustees of the real and personal estate of the Blandford Proprietary School to wind up the affairs of the same to sell and convey the real estate situate at Blandford in the County of Brisbane in the Colony of New South Wales and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said real and personal estate,*"—read a first time.
9. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Franchise of Citizens to Municipal Elections.
Question put and passed.
10. MR. EDWARD BROWN, FORMERLY CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS AT ALBURY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications and recommendations in favour of Mr. Edward Brown, formerly Clerk of Petty Sessions at Albury, for the office of Police Magistrate.
Question put and passed.
11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. O'Connor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the Franchise of Citizens to Municipal Elections,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th February.
14. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1881, on "Australian Gaslight Company's Bill," together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Question put and passed.
15. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. 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. Dibbs, *passed*.
Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed 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 authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st January, 1883.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Seven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Richard Randolph Machattie, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Bourke.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Juvenile Reformatory:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Does the Government intend to make provision at an early date for the establishment of a Reformatory for the Juvenile Criminals of the Colony?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes.

(2.) Salaries of Judges of the Supreme Court:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session to increase the pay of the Judges of the Supreme Court; if so, when is it likely to be brought in?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes, in a few days.

(3.) Railway Station, Orange:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that since the opening of the Railway Line to Orange a large population has settled on the eastern side of the Line, immediately opposite the Station Buildings; if so, will he cause immediate steps to be taken to prevent accident to life by ordering the construction of an Iron Bridge for passenger traffic over the Line in the vicinity of the Station Buildings?

(2.) Is he aware that the Passenger Station Buildings are inadequate for the proper conduct of business and the convenience of the public, and will he order that increased accommodation be immediately provided?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The question of a Bridge at this place is under consideration.

(2.) Inquiry will be made, and if it be found that the Station accommodation is insufficient it will be increased.

(4.) Railway to Tumberumba and to Corowa:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report and plans and papers lately made by Mr. Miller, of the Engineering Department, upon the proposed Lines of Railway from Culcavin to Germanton and Tumberumba; and also from Culcavin, or Gerogery, to Corowa?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There is no objection.

(5.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he take steps to enable travellers to obtain refreshments at suitable intervals along the Southern, South-Western, and Western Lines of Railway?

(2.) Will he state when the Refreshment Room at the Albury Railway Station is likely to be opened, and whether it is the intention of the Department to lease it by tender?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Directions have been given for inviting tenders for the lease of this Refreshment Room.

(6.) Public Park at Petersham:—Mr. Moses asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for purchasing a site for a Public Park at Petersham?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A sum of money will be found on the Estimates against the surplus for the purpose of Public Parks generally. When the House decides what amount shall thus be appropriated, the application of Petersham will be considered along with other like claims.

(7.)

- (7.) Public School at Summer Hill :—Mr. Moses asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have tenders been accepted for the erection of a Public School at Summer Hill ; if not, what is the cause of the delay ?
Mr. Reid answered,—Tenders for these works will be opened on the 26th instant. No delay will be allowed to occur in this matter.
- (8.) Railway Station at Summer Hill :—Mr. Moses asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has it been decided to erect a Railway Station at Summer Hill ; if not, will the Department consider the advisableness of so doing ?
Mr. Copeland answered,—It has been decided to erect a sub-way at this Platform, and to enlarge the Platforms in width and length ; to erect also a Waiting-room. Inquiry will be made as to the necessity for further accommodation.
- (9.) Common Lodging-houses.—Adulteration of Food and Drink :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider during the recess the advisableness of introducing Bills to regulate Common Lodging-houses and the Adulteration of Food and Drink ?
Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes, they intend so to do, unless the measure now before the House renders further action unnecessary.
- (10.) Public School at Pymont :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is he aware that numbers of children are being turned away weekly from the Pymont Public School for want of room ?
(2.) When will the new Public School at Pymont be commenced, and will additional accommodation be made for the great increase of school children in that portion of the city ?
Mr. Reid answered,—
(1.) The Chief Inspector of Schools has reported that about forty children have not been received into the School on account of the want of room.
(2.) The new School Buildings will be commenced as soon as a suitable tender has been received and accepted. Tenders have been invited, and will be opened by the end of the current month. Provision is made in the plans for more than one thousand pupils. Meanwhile a tender has been accepted for temporary additions to the existing Buildings, with a view to meet pressing wants ; and I have given urgent instructions for the immediate completion of this work.
- (11.) Tramway to Miller's Point :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Tramway Extension from the Railway Station to Kent-street, Miller's Point, be started ?
Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter will receive consideration in conjunction with the question of a City Railway.
- (12.) Gaol at Forbes :—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a Gaol at Forbes, for which money has been already voted ?
Mr. Copeland answered,—Plans for this Gaol have been approved, and tenders for its erection can be invited in about a month.
- (13.) Circuit Court at Forbes—District Court at Parkes :—Mr. Stokes asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it his intention to shortly establish a Circuit Court at Forbes ?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a District Court at Parkes ?
Mr. Cohen answered,—
(1.) The Circuit Court arrangements having been fixed for the year, any alteration in the Circuits could not at present well be made. I am informed, also, that the existing gaol accommodation at Forbes is altogether inadequate for Circuit purposes, but that provision has been made for a new Gaol, which will shortly be commenced. The expediency of appointing a Circuit Court at Forbes will, however, receive careful consideration when the Circuit arrangements for next year are being determined.
(2.) I find that the expediency of appointing a District Court at Parkes was under consideration in July, 1879, and from the official reports at that time the then Government decided not to establish a Court at that place. I will, however, cause further inquiry to be made into the matter.
- (14.) Bordeaux Exhibition :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the Executive Secretary for New South Wales at the Bordeaux Exhibition furnished his final report in relation thereto ?
(2.) When will the prizes be presented ; and if the exhibits have been sold, when will the account sales be forthcoming ?
Mr. Stuart answered,—The report of the Executive Secretary to the Bordeaux Exhibition has not yet been received, and until it has I am unable to afford any information upon the subject. Since I entered the Chamber I have received a communication on the subject from my Honorable Friend expressive of the dissatisfaction which exists, which I will not fail to press upon the notice of the Executive Secretary.
- (15.) Tolls at Glebe Island Bridge :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Tolls now being collected at the Glebe Island Bridge ?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to abolish the Tolls.
- (16.) Travelling Stock Reserve at Cheeseman's Creek :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he aware that Travelling Stock Reserve No. 659, at Cheeseman's Creek, County of Ashburnham, has been fenced in by the lessee, and that the lessee is in the habit of impounding stock from said Reserve ; if so, will he take the necessary steps to cause the fence to be removed, and that the Reserve may be withdrawn from lease, so that the public may have the privilege of using the same ?
Mr. Farnell answered,—No ; the local Surveyor has been instructed to furnish a special report upon the matter, and it will receive attention upon receipt. (17.)

- (17.) Goulburn and Cooma Railway :—Mr. De Salis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When will tenders be called for the extension of the Goulburn and Cooma Railway from Bungendore to Queanbeyan ?
 (2.) Has the site for the Queanbeyan Railway Station been definitely settled ; if so, where is the Station to be ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The working plans and sections of this length are being prepared as rapidly as possible, but I cannot at present say when tenders can be invited for construction of the works.
 (2.) As considerable difference of opinion exists as to the position for the Railway Station for Queanbeyan, the Line is so laid out that the Station may be placed on either side of the river and in close proximity to it.
- (18.) The Eight-hour System of Labour :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) In how many branches of the Works Department has the Eight-hour System been adopted since the Resolutions of this House of 5th February, 1881, were passed ?
 (2.) Are there any Petitions from men employed in the Department asking for the said system yet undecided ; if so, how many, and from whom were they received ; and what answer is it intended to give to the Petitioners ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) In all the branches as far as practicable ; but the matter will receive further consideration.
 (2.) Petitions on five different occasions have been received from the Dredge employés, who have been informed that up to the present the Minister had approved of nine instead of ten hours being a day's work during summer and winter.
- (19.) The Eight-hour System of Labour in the Dredge Service :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to my question of Wednesday, 24th January, as to the Petition of the men employed in the Dredge Service asking for the Eight-hour System,—Has any decision been arrived at in the matter ; and if so, of what nature ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will presently lay a statement upon the Table in answer to this question.

- (20.) Lithgow Water Supply Scheme :—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to carry out at an early date the Lithgow Water Supply Scheme, as surveyed by Mr. James, under the direction of Mr. Moriarty, Engineer-in-Chief of Harbours and Rivers ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member, I can only repeat the answer given to another Honorable Member last week to a somewhat similar question, viz. :—“The whole matter will be fully considered by the Cabinet in conjunction with other similar applications, and in connection with the contemplated Local Government legislation.”

- (21.) Local School Boards in Country Districts :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When is it intended to appoint Local School Boards in the country districts ?
 (2.) Will he have any objection to state the cause of the great delay in the appointment of these Boards ; and when appointed, what powers are vested in such ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Public School Boards are appointed to the country districts as soon as possible after the School Districts have been constituted as required by section 19 of the Public Instruction Act. Considerable delay often arises in attempting to secure the services of suitable members.
 (2.) No avoidable delay has taken place in the appointment of such Boards. Their powers are defined in sections 13, 17, and 19 of the Public Instruction Act, and in the Regulations framed thereunder, copy of which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House. I may add that I have given urgent instructions to expedite the formation of the Local School Boards still required.
- (22.) Licensing Benches in Country Districts :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it intended to appoint more Licensing Benches in the country districts ?
 (2.) Is he aware of the great expense and inconvenience people are put to who may have cases before these Courts in having to travel such long distances, and thereby prosecutions in many cases abandoned ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes ; and steps to remedy the inconvenience complained of are under consideration.

3. **ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL** :—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from Henry M'Crummin Keightley, of Moruya, and William Foxton Hayley, of Lithgow, the surviving Executors and Trustees of the last Will of Henry Rotton, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will, and for the other purposes therein mentioned.

And Mr. Combes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Bathurst Free Press*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

4. **RAILWAY FROM TENTERFIELD TO NORTH GRAFTON** :—Mr. See presented a Petition from Residents of the Clarenc, Tenterfield, and Richmond River Districts, in favour of the construction of a Line of Railway from Tenterfield to North Grafton ; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
 Petition received.

5. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Third Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
 (2.) Further application for pecuniary assistance from the Sister of the late Dr. Ludwig Leichhardt, and acknowledgment of the sum of £500 voted by Parliament.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

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

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table a Statement showing the Working Hours on the Dredges.

Ordered to be printed.

6. EATING-HOUSES:—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from Keepers of Eating-houses in the City of Sydney, alleging that persons frequently obtain food and refreshment from them, and refuse to pay for the same; and praying that an Act may be passed for the punishment of such persons. Petition received.
7. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1883, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1882 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1883, together with the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1882 and previous years, and Estimate of proposed Expenditure from Surplus Revenue.

*Government House,
Sydney, 6th February, 1883.*

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

8. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1883, showing the total remuneration received by all Public Officers who hold more than one office. Ordered to be printed.

9. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite Expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.

*Government House,
Sydney, 31st January, 1883.*

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

10. UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE (1883) INDEMNITY BILL:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer the Officers of the Treasury and other Public Officers in respect of certain unauthorized advances and payments on the Public Account,*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. ELECTION FOR WEST SYDNEY:—Mr. Withers presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Electoral District of West Sydney, alleging that when recently called upon to elect four Members to represent them in Parliament they were thwarted in their intentions through an error of the Returning Officer; and praying for an investigation into the circumstances of their grievance, with a view to the application of a remedy.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

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

13. WOLLONGONG GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Poole presented a Petition from the Directors of the Wollongong Gaslight Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Wollongong Gaslight Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Wollongong.

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

14. TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Leven moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the sums paid from the Treasurer's Advance Account for the years 1879, 1880, 1881, and 1882, and to whom paid, and for what service. Question put and passed.

15. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging-houses. Question put and passed.

16. **BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Blandford Proprietary School Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Gill, Mr. Poole, Mr. Spring, Mr. Tighe, Mr. White, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1882 on the Bill, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be referred to the said Committee.
 Question put and passed.
17. **TRAMWAYS (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The total amount expended in construction of Tramways, specifying each section separately.
 (2.) The revenue and expenditure of each section of the Tramway Lines, distinguishing the expenditure for permanent way, locomotive, and general charges for the past year.
 (3.) The total amount of discount allowed to vendors of Tram-tickets for the past twelve months.
 (4.) The number of Tramway Motors in running order, and number under repair.
 (5.) The amounts paid by the Government for the resumption of private property along the several Lines of Tramways.
 Question put and passed.
18. **MR. CHARLES ZIMMLER**:—Mr. Abigail 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 letters, minutes, petitions, papers, or other documents, relating to the appointment to the Commission of the Peace of Mr. Charles Zimmler, of Gulgong; also copies of petitions, and all papers against such appointment.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
19. **FEES FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**:—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the payment of fees for Elementary Education in the Public Schools of the Colony should be discontinued "forthwith."
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. McLaughlin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "forthwith."
 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.
 And Division called for.—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
 Main Question then put,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the payment of fees for Elementary Education in the Public Schools of the Colony should be discontinued.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Brown,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McQuade,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McLaughlin.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Coonan,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Levin,	
Mr. Olliffe,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Quin,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Office, South Creek:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Post and Telegraph Office at South Creek be commenced, for which tenders were accepted some months since?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The work will be commenced at once.

(2.) Station-house at Emu Plains:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of Station-house at Emu Plains?

Mr. Copeland answered,—In one week from this date.

(3.) Road from South Creek to Luddenham through the Filly Paddock:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Does he intend opening the road through the Filly Paddock, on road from South Creek to Luddenham?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It has been determined by three Ministers, viz., the Honorable E. A. Baker, the Honorable F. B. Suttor, and the Honorable A. Renwick, not to open the road through the Filly Paddock, and no circumstances have arisen to justify a recommendation of departure from those decisions.

(4.) Resumption of School of Arts, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will the amount of compensation for resumption of the School of Arts, Parramatta, be available?

(2.) What steps are necessary to obtain the amount, the Committee being desirous of at once proceeding with the erection of the building?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The Crown Solicitor has advised that the amount of compensation in this case be paid into the Supreme Court, and steps are now being taken to that end. The Trustees were informed to that effect on the 8th January last.

(2.) It will be necessary for the Trustees to apply to the Court in order to obtain the amount in question.

(5.) Bridge between North Shore and Manly:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps are being taken with reference to the erection of the proposed Bridge between North Shore and Manly?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A survey is in progress to determine exactly the best position for Bridge, and the best line for approaches; borings will also be taken to enable a complete estimate to be arrived at.

(6.) School Attendance Officers:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) In what year were School Attendance Officers first appointed under the Public Instruction Act?

(2.) What was the average school attendance throughout the Colony in the year previous to their appointment?

(3.) What was the average school attendance throughout the Colony in the year 1882?

(4.) What additional revenue in the form of school fees would result annually from the increase, if any, in the average school attendance?

(5.) In how many Schools, at the end of the first half of the year 1881, did the Teachers report that they had no cases of defaulting attendance?

(6.)

(6.) In how many Schools at the end of the year 1882 did the Teachers report to the Principal School Attendance Officer that they had no cases of defaulting attendance?

(7.) How many cases of defaulting attendance were investigated and reported upon by School Attendance Officers during the year 1882?

(8.) How many cases were taken into Court in the year 1882 under the penal clause of the Public Instruction Act?

(9.) Do School Attendance Officers perform any official duty other than that relating to school attendance; and if so, what?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) In the year 1880.

(2.) For the year 1879 the average attendance was 62,760.

(3.) For the year 1882 the average attendance was 91,586.

(4.) It is estimated that about £5,000 would be added annually to the amount paid for school fees, if the average attendance continued to increase at the same ratio as heretofore.

(5.) Twelve.

(6.) Eighty.

(7.) 36,141.

(8.) 1,246.

(9.) Yes, viz., collection of arrears of school fees, investigation of applications for exemption from payment, and prosecutions for recovery of unpaid school fees.

(7.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to regulate the Civil Service?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A Bill to regulate the Civil Service is at present engaging such time as I can devote to it; but I will not be able to bring it in this Session, as it involves many questions of a very complicated character which require more time to investigate than I can give at present.

(8.) Tramway Season Tickets:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Roberts, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he be prepared to issue Season Tickets on the various Tramway Lines?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter will receive consideration on an early day.

(9.) Doe v. Boyle and others:—Mr. Cameron asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that it was reported to his predecessor that the papers in the case of “Doe (on the demise of Want) versus Boyle and others,” tried in the Supreme Court in 1852, are missing, and that their absence has not been accounted for, although they were used in an action “Stuart versus Barayne and others,” tried within the last two years?

(2.) Will the Minister inquire into this matter?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I was not previously aware; but, upon inquiry, I have been informed that very careful but unsuccessful search has been made for these papers in the Prothonotary's Office. Diligent and careful search will be continued, and the matter shall receive the fullest attention.

(10.) Railway from Young to Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the report and plans and papers of the Railway Surveyors upon the proposed Line of Railway from near Young to Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The plans and sections of the trial survey from near Young to Grenfell, thence through Forbes to Parkes, were destroyed in the Garden Palace fire, and no portion of the Line has yet been re-surveyed.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the 13th, 17th, and 19th sections of the Public Instruction Act of 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LORD HOWE ISLAND.—CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Lord Howe Island, expressing their opinion that Captain Armstrong, who for nearly four years administered the affairs of the Island, had been unjustly dealt with by the Government; and praying that his case may be reconsidered.

Petition received.

4. CRIMINAL LAW 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 consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law,*” presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th February, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

5. ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Combes, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will, and for the other purposes therein mentioned.

Question put and passed.

6. MANLY PIER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with reference to applications and granting of lease of Manly Pier.

Question put and passed.

7. CANCELLATION OF DINGA DINGA AS A POLLING-PLACE FOR YOUNG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Spring moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all communications between the Colonial Secretary's Department and the Returning Officer for Young, or any other person or persons, respecting the cancellation of Dinga Dinga as a place for taking the Poll for the Electorate of Young.
Question put and passed.
8. ROAD FROM ARMIDALE TO GLEN INNES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of all moneys expended on the Road from Armidale to Glen Innes, specifying the particular places the money was expended during the years 1881 and 1882.
(2.) The total amount of money voted for the above Road during the two years abovementioned, and amount expended.
Question put and passed.
9. BOILING-DOWN ESTABLISHMENT AT GLEBE ISLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers connected with the complaint of the Borough Council of Balmain, dated 22nd July last, on the subject of the Boiling-down Establishment at Glebe Island.
Question put and passed.
10. SURVEY OF LAND IN COUNTIES OF GORDON AND ASHBURNHAM (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of Surveyors who have been employed in surveying land in the Counties of Gordon and Ashburnham during the last three years.
(2.) The number of acres, selections and area, re-surveys, mineral leases, or otherwise, each Surveyor surveyed respectively during that period.
(3.) The cost of the same, how they are paid, or the amount of salary or fees that each has received for the same during the same period.
Question put and passed.
11. RUNS IN COUNTIES OF GORDON AND ASHBURNHAM (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The estimated area, carrying capabilities, and the amount of rent and assessment annually paid on each Run respectively since 1848 to 1858 and from 1858 to the present date, in the Counties of Gordon and Ashburnham, embracing what was formerly known as the District of Wellington.
(2.) The number of Reserves situated on each Run respectively, the area of each, when reserved, for what purpose, where situated, and upon whose application or recommendation they were so made.
(3.) The number of acres taken up by the Lessee on each Run respectively under the Improvement Purchase Clause, Auction Sales, Mineral Selections, Volunteer Land Orders, or otherwise, since 1861.
Question put and passed.
12. SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AT GLEBE ISLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of the Lessees of Slaughter-houses, with the annual rent of each, at the Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the years 1882 and 1883 respectively.
Question put and passed.
13. RABBIT NUISANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The 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 £2,060 for the Department of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1883.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
16. PAPERS:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1883.
(2.) Explanatory Statement of the Public Accounts of New South Wales, as embodied in the Ways and Means for the year 1883.
Ordered to be printed.

17. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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 protection of Life and Property from Fire.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.

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

(2.) Mr. Stuart *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Steamer "Pelican":—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that a steamer named the "Pelican" is subsidized by the Government as a tug-boat at the Macleay and other rivers?
- (2.) The names of the owners of this vessel, and the amount per month paid them by the Government?
- (3.) When was this vessel last examined by the Marine Board Inspectors, the names of the Inspectors, and the nature of their report?
- (4.) Is it true that this vessel has been in use for nearly twenty-five years?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Messrs. Jeanneret & Hayes, who are paid £69 per month.
- (3.) On the 22nd September, 1882, by Messrs. Cruickshank & Johnson, when the vessel was found to be in good order.
- (4.) The "Pelican" is about twenty-five years old; but she has lately been sheathed all over with wood and almost renewed in the engine-room department.

(2.) Steamer "Pelican":—Mr. Garrard asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was a packet license granted for the steam-tug "Pelican," now employed at the Macleay and other rivers?
- (2.) If so, were all the requirements of the law observed before granting that license?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have been informed that all the requirements of the Licensing Act were complied with before granting the license.

(3.) Park for Newtown:—Mr. Mitchell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government placed upon the Estimates a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a Park for Newtown; if not, will they do so?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Honorable Member will find in the Estimates on the Surplus Revenue, laid upon the Table last night, a sum of £100,000 for Public Parks. If the Assembly decide to grant that amount, the case of Newtown will be taken into consideration with a great many other applications which have been made for participation in that Vote.

(4.) Court-house, Newtown:—Mr. Mitchell asked the Minister of Justice,—Have tenders been accepted for the erection of the Court-house at Newtown; if not, will he please state cause of delay?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No; on the ground that the tenders have been considered unsatisfactory, and the matter is now receiving further consideration.

(5.) Public School at Cobar:—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that while the time allowed for the completion of the contract of the Public School at Cobar expired last May the building is not yet completed?
- (2.) Is he aware that in consequence of this hundreds of children are suffering very great inconvenience, that the private schools are crowded to excess, and that scores of children cannot go to school at all?

(3.)

- (3.) Is he aware that while the contractor has neglected to complete the School for more than eight months after contract time, he has taken and completed during that time several other large contracts in the town of Cobar; and will he enforce penalties, if any, for non-fulfilment?
- (4.) Will the Minister take such immediate action as the importance of the case warrants to have the School completed at once?
- (5.) Is the Minister aware that even when completed this School will not afford anything like sufficient accommodation for this rising and important town, and will he take such action as he may deem expedient to meet the requirements of the place hitherto so much neglected?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) The contract time expired on the 30th May, 1882.
- (2.) No representations of the kind mentioned appear to have reached the Department.
- (3.) The Architect for Public Schools reports that he does not know what other work the contractor has done since the School Buildings were commenced; but he will at once be called to account for the delay.
- (4.) The action sought by the Honorable Member will be taken at once.
- (5.) The School Buildings are designed to accommodate 360 children. So far as known to the officers of the Department, no additional accommodation is required at present; but further inquiry will at once be made into the matter.
- (6.) Agricultural Societies:—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many Agricultural Societies participated in the Vote in aid of such Societies for the year 1882?
- (2.) What was the total amount raised by private contributions during that time by such Societies?
- (3.) What was the rate in the pound paid to such Societies?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) Fifty-nine.
- (2.) £9,155 4s. 3d.
- (3.) Ten shillings and eleven pence in the pound.
- (7.) Singleton Railway Station:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Singleton Railway Station been yet classed as a Second-class Station, in accordance with the promise of the late Secretary for Public Works that it should be from 1st January, 1883; if not, will he cause such Station to be so classed without delay?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—It has been provided for on the Estimates as a Second-class Station.
- (8.) Water Supply for Singleton:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a final report been yet received from the Surveyor who was instructed to examine as to the best means of providing Singleton with water; if not, when is it probable such report will be received?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The final report has not yet been received; but I understand the detail surveys, which are necessary to compile it, will be furnished in the course of a few days.
- (9.) Post Office, Goorangoola:—Mr. Gould asked the Postmaster General,—What was the number of letters despatched from and received at the Goorangoola Post Office for the quarter ending 30th September, 1882, and for the quarter ending 31st December, 1882?
- Mr. Wright answered,—For quarter ended 30th September, 1882, despatched, 294; received, 326. For quarter ended 31st December, 1882, despatched, 346; received, 446.
- (10.) Mr. A. B. Crew:—*Mr. Levien*, for Mr. Coonan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is there a gentleman in the Conditional Sales Division of the Lands Department named A. B. Crew?
- (2.) If so, how long has he been in the Service?
- (3.) What position does he occupy in the Service?
- (4.) Is it a fact that he has lately been promoted over the heads of six gentlemen who are senior to him in the Service?
- (5.) If so, by whose recommendation?
- (6.) What were the special qualifications of Mr. Crew for promotion?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) About eight years.
- (3.) Clerk, at a salary of £200 per annum.
- (4.) No. His last promotion was in March, 1882, at which time he was next in seniority for the vacant post. But he was lately placed in temporary charge of the business of his branch during the illness of the clerk in charge, who has now resumed duty.
- (5.) The promotion was recommended, and the recent arrangement made by the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales.
- (6.) Without detailing his special qualifications, it may be observed that Mr. Crew was selected as the fittest person to perform the duties.
- (11.) Crossing on Murray River at Howlong:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause immediate action to be taken to make good and permanent approaches to the Crossing on the Murray River at Howlong?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The question of a bridge here to supersede punt having been again raised, action with reference to punt approaches has been deferred pending the consideration of the bridge question.
- (12.) Mining on Private Property:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to provide for Mining on Private Property?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—The matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government; and in view of the important matters requiring to be dealt with in this and the next Session, I cannot undertake to make a promise to introduce such a Bill at an early date.

- (13.) High-level Bridges at Petersham :—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When will the High-level Bridge be erected over the Railway Line near the Petersham Public School?
 (2.) When will the High-level Bridge be erected from Wardell-street to the present High-level Bridge at the Petersham Railway Station?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Plans for this work are now being made.
 (2.) The drawings for this work will be completed in about a fortnight.

- (14.) Gunpowder Magazines at Spectacle and Goat Islands :—Mr. Merriman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The quantity of gunpowder at present stored in the magazines at Spectacle and Goat Islands?
 (2.) Has any gunpowder been removed from either Spectacle or Goat Island and stored on board the powder-hulk "Pride of England"; if so, what quantity?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 420 tons.
 (2.) Yes, from both magazines. 223 tons are now stored on board the "Pride of England," Middle Harbour.

- (15.) Licensing Act :—*Mr. Lynch*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session an Amended Bill dealing with some portions of the Licensing Act; if so, when will the Bill be introduced?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; and I hope to do so on an early date.

2. THE DOG ACT :—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from Residents in the Police District of Cooranbong, praying that they may be relieved from the operation of the Dog Act.
 Petition received.
3. ALPHONSE BECHET (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Coonan 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 petitions, papers, correspondence, and statutory declarations, referring to the case of Alphonse Bechet, lately convicted of arson.
 Question put and passed.
4. RABBIT NUISANCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
5. UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE (1883) INDEMNITY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Mr. William Clarke (*by consent*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until to-morrow at Seven o'clock."
 Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and passed.
 Question,—That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Seven o'clock,—put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Supply for Temora:—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the inhabitants of Temora are now paying 3s. per cask for water?
- (2.) Has the contractor who excavated the tank at that place yet been settled with for his contract?
- (3.) Is the water now available for the inhabitants of Temora and the locality; if not, when will it be available?
- (4.) Has a survey been made with a view of bringing the water from the reservoir into the town of Temora; if not, will the Minister direct that such survey be at once made?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 & 3.) A telegram has just been received from Mr. Warden Baker, giving the following information on these subjects, concerning which, however, I will cause further inquiry to be made:—“Water is now being supplied to inhabitants of Temora, at one shilling per cask of fifty-four gallons, from the Government dam, purchased from O’Shannassey, for the purpose of watering stock. The water is fairly good. Dam contains about a month’s supply, leaving then sufficient for watering stock. The large dam constructed by the Government for domestic purposes, about three miles from Temora, contains large quantity of water, but is not yet open to the public. Carriage from there would be from eighteen-pence to two shillings for fifty-four gallons.”

(2.) He is not finally settled with; but the matter will receive my attention.

(4.) Yes, such a survey has been made; but it has not been found desirable to bring the water into the town, as there is not sufficient storage nor catchment to warrant doing so.

(2.) Life-boats:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the loss of life that continually occurs on the coast and bar-harbours of this Colony through the alleged want of proper boats, &c., will he inform this House what steps, if any, have been taken by the Marine Board to test the qualities of a life-boat built by a man named Smith, which has been judged by competent authorities to be superior to any life-boat that has yet been built or invented?

(2.) If the Marine Board have not taken any steps in this important matter, will the Colonial Treasurer instruct the Marine Board to have a thorough trial of the same at the earliest possible moment, in order to make our life saving appliances as perfect as skill or genius can make them?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No steps have been taken by the Marine Board.

(2.) The matter is now under my consideration, and I will have the practicability of the scheme tested at an early date.

(3.) Railway from Tarrago to Cooma:—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are tenders likely to be called for the further extension of the Railway from Tarrago to Cooma?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I answered a similar question to this on the 6th instant, to the effect that the plans and sections for the Railway from Bungendore to Cooma are being prepared as rapidly as possible; but I cannot say at present when tenders can be invited for the construction of the works.

(4.) Railway Survey from Kiama to Shoalhaven:—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What progress has been made with the promised survey for Line of Railway from Kiama to Shoalhaven?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This survey has not been commenced, because of the necessity for re-surveying a portion of the Line from Sydney to Kiama, in consequence of the original plans and sections having been burnt in the Garden Palace fire.

(5.) Railway from Blayney to Young:—Mr. George Campbell, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for the construction of the Railway from Blayney to Young?

(2.)

(2.) Will he cause tenders to be called for the Line from the Blayney end, so as to have the work proceeded with simultaneously from both ends?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The plan of the Line from Blayney to Young has not yet been approved by Parliament, consequently tenders cannot be invited for the construction of the works.

(2.) This question will receive consideration when the route has been approved by Parliament.

(6.) Free Railway Passes to Armidale:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many free passes were issued on the occasion of the opening of the Railway to Armidale?

Mr. Copeland answered,—1,273 cards were issued, but a large number of these were not availed of. The number made use of will be furnished in the Return of which notice to produce has been given.

(7.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Loan Estimates for a Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Railway policy of the Government is under consideration, and the question of a Line from Glen Innes to Inverell will be determined when the general scheme for Railway extension is decided upon.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd February.

3. PRISON LABOUR IN MUDGEE GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The articles manufactured in Mudgee Gaol by prison labour during the last five years, and the amount of money received for each manufactured article sold from the Gaol to residents in the Mudgee Electorate.

(2.) The several jobs performed by the prisoners during the same period to the order of the townspeople, and the amount of money received for each item of work.

(3.) The prime cost of raw material used in the Gaol for such work and manufactures during the above specified period.

(4.) The number of persons who have patronized gaol labour in the Mudgee Electorate during that term.

Question put and passed.

4. EATING-HOUSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burns, for Mr. Trickett, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to give greater protection to Keepers of Eating-houses.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to give greater protection to Keepers of Eating-houses*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd February.

5. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron 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 Common Lodging-houses.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging-houses.

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

6. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Heydon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Copeland,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Day,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. McQuado,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Quin,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Wilson.

Tellers,

Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Olliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.

7. WORKING OF THE ELECTORAL ACT:—Mr. Targett moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the working of the present Electoral Act, with a view to amending the same.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Melville, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Jones, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE (1883) INDEMNITY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. 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. Dibbs, *passed*.
 Mr. Dibbs 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 unauthorized advances and payments on the Public Account.*"
 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 unauthorized advances and payments on the Public Account,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 9th February, 1883.*

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Newington Estate:—*Mr. Coonan*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In reference to the claim made by Messrs. Sutherland and Wetherell for compensation for land at Newington, Parramatta River,—How much of the land claimed by them is under water at high tides?

(2.) Is it not a fact that in all Government grants all lands granted were bounded by high water-mark?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Surveyor General that out of 217 acres of land at Newington, for which compensation is claimed by Messrs. Sutherland and Wetherell, about 166 acres are under water at high tide.

(2.) It is not a fact that in all Government grants all lands granted were bounded by high water-mark.

(2.) Telegram from Molong Telegraph Office:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it true that a telegram lately sent through the Molong Telegraph Office to the *Evening News* Office was tampered with in its transmission by some official in the Department; if so, has any inquiry been made into the matter, and what has been the result of the investigation?

(2.) By whom, and in what office did so serious a mistake occur?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It is not true that a telegram lately sent from Molong to the *Evening News* was tampered with in its transmission, but an error was made in the word "and" being inserted in place of the letter "V."

(2.) The error was made by Operator Hamilton, of Orange Office, who has been reprimanded.

(3.) Collection of Electoral Rolls:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that those members of the Police Force who are employed to collect the Electoral Rolls throughout the Colony are put to considerable expense in performing the work?

(2.) Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates with which to make good to the Collectors the money they severally expend?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Collectors are paid travelling allowance at the same rate as when travelling on other duty.

(4.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Mudgee:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has he any objection to give the names of the officers of his Department who have reported that no actual necessity exists for the erection of new Post and Telegraph Offices at Mudgee?

(2.) Have not the local officers complained, verbally and in writing, of the lack of accommodation in the aforesaid public buildings?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) *Mr. Cracknell*, Superintendent of Telegraphs, and *Mr. Postal-Inspector Buchanan*, have reported that a new building for the business of the Post and Telegraph Office at Mudgee is not really required, and that some additions and alterations to the present building would meet the public requirements.

(2.) The local officer's reports deal more with the necessity for extra accommodation than for the need of a new building.

(5.)

(5.) Repairs to Mudgee Public School Buildings:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Was Albert Robinson, of Mudgee, employed in June last to do certain repairs to the Mudgee Public School Buildings?
- (2.) Was his work approved of by the accredited officer in July last?
- (3.) Has he been paid for his labour yet?
- (4.) If not, will he state the reason?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The work was approved of by the officer who inspected it.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The work was done without authority, and payment was delayed pending inquiry. The result of the inquiry being satisfactory, payment will now be made.

(6.) Havilah and Pipeclay Runs:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Henry C. White, lessee of Havilah and Pipeclay Runs, has fenced in a number of public roads (proclaimed and in use for twenty and thirty years), to the inconvenience and annoyance of the small settlers and travellers in those neighbourhoods?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, and if the complaints are verified, will he order Mr. White to remove his fences from the roads in question?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Representations have been made to the effect.
- (2.) A report from the local Surveyor has been called for.

(7.) Police Uniform:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the answer given to Mr. McElhone, to the effect that serge clothing has been supplied to members of the Police Force for summer wear,—Will he state how much serge clothing has been supplied to the Police at Mudgee during the past twenty years?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Serge jumpers were introduced in the year 1873, and have been supplied to the Mounted Police at Mudgee since. Thin cloth jumpers are supplied to the Foot Police, or serge in hot climates where applied for in lieu of cloth.

(8.) Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Government uses the labour of prisoners in Mudgee Gaol for the manufacture of articles which the Government afterwards sells to the free population at Mudgee?
- (2.) Are saddles, boots, harness, ploughs, portmanteaus, tables, safes, chiffoniers, chests of drawers, horse shoes, oilskin coats, bird-cages, waist belts, and other articles manufactured by the prisoners in Mudgee Gaol and sold in the local market in competition with the industries of free artisans?
- (3.) Do the townspeople at Mudgee hire the prisoners to repair boots, grind axes, point picks, sharpen knives and scissors, beat carpets, clean musical instruments, tease hair, turn naves, tire wheels, paint carts, letter signboards, engrave dog-collars, and frame pictures?
- (4.) Is wood cut in Mudgee Gaol by a circular saw or other machinery and then sold to the townspeople?
- (5.) Are the prisoners kept at work until 9 or 10 o'clock at night in order that they may get certain articles ready for sale or delivery next morning?
- (6.) Was a supply of boots made in Mudgee Gaol for the Juvenile Pinafore Opera Company?
- (7.) Is any competing labour of the type enumerated above performed in Darlinghurst or Parramatta Gaols?
- (8.) Does the Government sell boots, saddles, horse shoes, ploughs, portmanteaus, and steam-sawn wood from Darlinghurst or Parramatta Gaols?
- (9.) Will the Government extend the competing system to these Gaols, or discontinue it at Mudgee?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes; to order of townspeople, but not simultaneously.
- (2.) The articles are made to order of the townspeople and paid for.
- (3.) Such work is done for the townspeople.
- (4.) Firewood is brought to the Gaol and cut up as described, at a charge.
- (5.) Occasionally prisoners have been allowed to remain at work over hours at their own desire to finish jobs or improve themselves at trades. It is not the practice of the prison.
- (6.) Yes; seven pairs of boots.
- (7.) With the exception of a large manufacture of matting at Sydney Gaol, some sewing-work in the female division of that Gaol, and some carpentering work at Parramatta, the work done for the public is comparatively inconsiderable. The main employment is on manufactures for the use of the Prisons and other Government Establishments.
- (8.) No.
- (9.) This is a matter which appears to call for further investigation, which I am now making.

(9.) Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) By whom was the original estimate made of the cost of the Iron Cove Bridge and Approaches, and what was the amount?
- (2.) Were tenders called for, who were the tenderers, and what was the amount of each tender?
- (3.) What was the cost by day labour of the Bridge and the Approaches?
- (4.) What was the cost of the cylinder which "canted," and required some seven months to fix in its proper position?
- (5.) What was the cost of superintendence of the construction of the Bridge, the formation of Approaches, and of righting cylinder mentioned in the 4th question—each item to be given separately, and the total cost?
- (6.) Will the Government compensate (without forcing the men to litigate) those workmen who have been severely injured from so called caisson fever, caused from want of proper management?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Estimate was made in office, and under the superintendence of Commissioner for Roads; amount, £14,314.

(2.) The tenders were:—F. A. Franklin, £20,638 9s. 3d.; J. Musson & Co., £20,759 7s.; J. C. Low, £22,825; G. H. Royce, £24,624 19s. 9d.

(3.) The total cost of the work for which these tenders were made, by day and task work, is calculated at £14,935, the cost of extra work at rates of lowest tender being £8,065; the total cost of erection of Bridge was £23,000, as near as can be ascertained; but the plant has not yet been finally disposed of.

(4.) About £750.

(5.) As separate accounts of the cost of superintendence of each particular part of Bridge were not kept, the cost of superintendence at the same per centage as for rest of Bridge would be £45; for Bridge and approaches included in contract with extras, £1,380.

(6.) A Board will be nominated to inquire into these claims.

(10.) Bondi Sewer:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a clerk named Bagge, in the office of the Commissioner for Roads and Bridges, refuses to allow people who wish to see the specifications for the Bondi Sewer to see them, unless he considers them contractors?

(2.) Will he give instructions to let any person see these or any other specifications for public works for which tenders are to be called?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Mr. Bagge, who occupies the position of Assistant Engineer in the Sewerage Branch, denies ever having refused to let any one see the specifications referred to. This statement is borne out by the fact of a copy having been placed at the disposal of the public, with the plans, ever since the specifications were printed. I gave instructions last week that copies were to be given to all persons applying for them.

(11.) Workmen in the Botanical Gardens:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the men working in the Government Gardens were lately only paid twenty-four days pay for twenty-seven days work?

(2.) If so, were the parties who deducted this pay authorized to do so; and will he see that they are paid the amount deducted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No. An arrangement has been lately made whereby the men's monthly pay-sheet is closed a few days before the end of the month to meet occasional cases of absence from work in the interval; but no deduction of pay has been made, nor will any loss be suffered by the men, as in future months the matter will right itself.

(12.) Crown-street Tramway:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to construct a double line of Tram along Crown-street; and if so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There is no present intention of doubling this line; but the question will receive further consideration.

(13.) Shea's Creek Sewer:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Sewer, known as the Shea's Creek Sewer, be ready to receive the sewage of that part of Surry Hills for which it is being constructed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—In about eighteen months.

(14.) Luncheons at Colonial Secretary's Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Luncheons given by the late Colonial Secretary, Sir H. Parkes, at the Colonial Secretary's Office, were paid for out of the Public Funds; if so, out of what Vote was the money paid?

(2.) Is it a fact that a first-class cook and waiters were kept by Sir H. Parkes, or the late Government, at the Colonial Secretary's quarters, as an appendage to the Office; if so, out of what Fund were their salaries paid?

Mr. Stuart answered,—To both of these questions I answer, No; there was nothing of the kind.

(15.) Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the wages of a number of the blacksmiths and their helpers in the Locomotive Department, and also the wages of a number of blacksmiths and their helpers in the Permanent Way Blacksmith's Shop, were increased on or about December last by 4d. and 6d. per day, or any other sum; and also back increase of pay from the 16th of October last, or any other date?

(2.) Is it a fact that a number of men, nineteen or thereabouts, in the Permanent Way Blacksmith's Shop have not received any increase of pay?

(3.) Is it a fact that the men who have not received an increase of pay have been longer in the Government Service than those who got increased pay?

(4.) When are the Government likely to decide whether the tradesmen, workmen, and others in Government employ are likely to get 10 per cent. increase to their pay, as asked for at a Public Meeting held at the Temperance Hall some time ago?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter is being dealt with, and will be definitely settled in a day or two.

(16.) Public School, Hemsley:—Mr. Badgery asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that the building known as the Hemsley Public School, near Adaminaby, is unfit for human beings to live in, especially during winter?

(2.) Is it true that the building is used as a school and corn store, and that there is only one entrance?

(3.) Is it true that there are no out-buildings in connection with this building?

(4.) If true, will the Minister cause immediate steps to be taken, so that this School may be used during the coming winter?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The local Inspector reports that it is not true that the building in question is unfit for human beings to live in.
- (2.) He also states that the building is not used as a corn store, to his knowledge.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The building is held upon sufferance only, and negotiations with the owner as to improvements required have hitherto failed. Measures are in progress, however, to place the building in a satisfactory state. I have now directed, upon the facts brought under my notice by the Honorable Member, that a new Public School be erected with the least possible delay.

(17.) Forest Reserve on Deepwater Run:—Mr. Levin, for Mr. Day, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it true that a large portion of Crown Lands, about 60,000 acres in extent, has been proclaimed a Forest Reserve for the preservation of timber on the Deepwater Run, in the County of Bourke?
- (2.) Is he aware that the whole of the timber on this Reserve has been ringbarked?
- (3.) Has he arrived at the conclusion that it is necessary in the public interest to still preserve this timber after it has been ringbarked?
- (4.) If the timber has been ringbarked, will he cause the Reserve to be cancelled for settlement?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) No. A reserve of 62,000 acres for the preservation of timber on Dulahdulahderry, Kockibertoo, and Gaumain Runs, County of Bourke, was gazetted on the 25th October, 1882.
- (2.) I am not aware that the whole of the timber on this Reserve has been ringbarked. Mr. Forest-Ranger Allen reported in May, 1882, that the greatest portion of the land was fairly timbered with matured and young pine, but that the whole of the box timber had been ringbarked, which would greatly increase the growth of the young pine. Mr. District-Surveyor Bolton, after inspection in August last, reported that there were extensive belts of mature pines, which had been left untouched, and that the young pines were sufficiently numerous to grow to perfection; also that there was not another locality along the Railway Line between Sydney and Hay where there is such a large tract of pine country unalienated in close proximity to the Railway, and it therefore presents most favourable conditions for the establishment of a valuable and extensive State Forest.
- (3 & 4.) It is considered desirable, in the interest of the public, to retain the reservation, and certainly to do so pending legislation on the land question.

(18.) Railway Bridge, Newtown:—Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to widen the Bridge over the Railway at Newtown; if so, will he cause the same to be done as early as possible?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter is receiving consideration, and will be dealt with in a few days.

(19.) Railway Surveys:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the Railway Surveys from Grafton to Glen Innes be completed?
- (2.) The like from Grafton to Tenterfield?
- (3.) The like to Byron Bay?
- (4.) The like of the Coast Railway?
- (5.) The like to Trial Bay?
- (6.) The cost of each of the above surveys up to 31st December last?
- (7.) Will he entertain any more applications for trial surveys between the northern table-lands and the coast?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) End of March (proximo.)
- (2.) I believe the surveys are completed, but the plans and sections have not reached the office.
- (3.) Plans and sections of the trial survey from Byron Bay to Casino, and thence to Busby's Flat, were destroyed in the Garden Palace fire, and no portion of that route has yet been re-surveyed.
- (4.) An examination of the coast district between the Hunter and Clarence Rivers is now being made, but no surveys have yet been commenced.
- (5.) An examination of the district between Armidale and Trial Bay is now being made, and a short length only of the trial survey has been completed at Trial Bay.
- (6.) The whole of the accounts were charged to the Trial Survey Vote. *Clarence to New England.*—The total cost to date is—Grafton to Glen Innes, Grafton to Tenterfield, Byron Bay to Tenterfield, £17,285 8s. 4d. *Coast Railway.*—Morpeth to Grafton, £62 18s. 9d.; Armidale to Trial Bay, £181 18s.; total, £17,530 5s. 1d.
- (7.) I cannot say till the additional applications are received. They will be decided on their merits.

(20.) Tram Motors:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many times do the Tram Motors pass King-street in and out on a working day?
- (2.) Where is the terminus of each journey?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) They pass 866 times a day.
- (2.) 88 have one terminus at Railway Station; 26 have one terminus at Moore Park; 30 have one terminus at Randwick, and 1 at Randwick Sheds; 42 have one terminus at Waverley; 50 have one terminus at Crown-street; 35 have one terminus at Waterloo; 18 have one terminus at Botany; 42 have one terminus at Glebe Point; 43 have one terminus at Forest Lodge; 41 have one terminus at Newtown; 18 have one terminus at Marrickville; and the other terminus for the whole is at Bridge-street.

(21.) Murrurundi Railway Station:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any application been made to make Murrurundi Railway Station a second-class Railway Station; if so, is it his intention to make the above Railway Station second-class?

Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—Provision has been made on the Estimates for making Murrurundi a Second-class Station.

- (22.) Railway from Scone to Cassilis :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the late Government proposed to construct a light Railway from Scone to Cassilis ?
 - (2.) Will he without delay cause a survey to be made from Muswellbrook to Cassilis, also a survey from Scone to Cassilis ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It would probably be better to make the survey from Scone to Cassilis first, which is about 50 miles, as against the line of about 60 miles from Muswellbrook to Cassilis, which would necessitate a bridge over the Hunter.
- (23.) Bondi Sewer :—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that specifications for the Bondi Sewer and other public works can only be obtained by certain individuals while others are refused ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The specification can be seen by any one ; but the number being limited, copies used to be given only to *bona fide* contractors. Instructions, however, were issued last week to give copies to any one who asks for them.
- (24.) Cemetery for Botany :—Mr. Fromlin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What steps have been taken to have the Cemetery for Botany defined and dedicated ?
 - (2.) Does he know that this matter was promised more than two years ago ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) The case remained in abeyance for some time awaiting further information as to whether the area suggested by the Surveyor would be accepted.
 - (2.) I am informed that the papers are now being forwarded to the District Surveyor to prepare a design of the land approved to be set apart for this Cemetery.
- (25.) Berrima Coal Company's Railway :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Government been offered the Berrima Coal Company's Railway ?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to purchase it ?
 - (3.) If so, what price is asked for it, and what use is it intended to be put to ?
 - (4.) Has any officer been sent to report on the Line ?
 - (5.) Is he aware that the coal worked on above Company's land is of a very inferior character ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1, 2, & 3.) I cannot learn that this Railway has been offered to the Government.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) I am not aware that this is the case.
- (26.) Mr. Peter Eckford :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is a person named Eckford employed as weigh clerk at the Botany Road Yard Railway Station ; if so, what pay does he receive per day, how long has he been employed in the situation, who was his predecessor, and what pay did he get ?
 - (2.) Is this Mr. Eckford a son of the late Member for Wollombi, and is he the person who was employed as a telegraph messenger or assistant at Murrumburrah ; and is he the person who was appointed as Customs Officer at Port Stephens by Mr. Watson, and removed by Mr. Watson, on account of his bad conduct, from Port Stephens ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Peter K. Eckford is employed in the Tramway Department as weigh clerk at Cowper's Wharf, Woolloomooloo. He receives 15s. per day, and has been employed in that position for two and a half years. For the first six months of this period the contractors paid his salary at the same rate. He had no predecessor, there being no necessity for a weigh clerk at Cowper's Wharf before Mr. Eckford was employed.
 - (2.) He is the son of the late Member for Wollombi, but is not the person referred to in this question.
- (27.) Railway from Glen Innes to Emmaville :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to have a trial survey made between Glen Innes and Emmaville for a light Railway or Tramway ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The Railway policy of the Government is under consideration ; and the question of a Line between Glen Innes and Emmaville will be determined when the general scheme for Railway extension is decided upon.
- (28.) "Cowcatchers" for Tram Motors :—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to place the latest inventions in the form of Cowcatchers on the Tram-motors ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—Two designs for preventing persons who come in contact with the Trams from getting under the wheels have been tried, but have not sufficiently commended themselves to the responsible officers to justify their adoption generally. Another design is being prepared for trial, which, it is thought, will meet the requirements of the case.
- (29.) Salaries of School Teachers :—Mr. Murray asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it true that the salaries of School Teachers due on the 1st of the month are not paid in many instances until the 27th ; if so, will the Minister have this grievance remedied, and cause prompt payments to be made ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the statement is incorrect, except in cases where Teachers omit some necessary step, such as furnishing proper vouchers, &c. I may add, however, that what I conceive to be avoidable delays do occur under the present system of paying Teachers salaries, and that I intend to bring into operation without delay a system under which the salaries of Public School Teachers will be paid as promptly and regularly as those of any other class of public officers.

2. **COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL**:—Mr. Cameron presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the regulation of Common Lodging-houses,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
3. **ROTTON’S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Combes 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 Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain lands devised by the said Will and for the other purposes therein mentioned,*”—read a first time.
4. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Regulations regarding Delayed Telegrams.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 7th February, 1883,—“Cancellation of Dinga Dinga as a Polling-place for Young.”
(2.) Return of the number of Electors and Voters at the General Election, 1882.
(3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Ship “Northampton.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Correspondence respecting Tallow-melting Establishment at Glebe Island Abattoir.
(2.) Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing 49th Report on the weight and fineness of Gold Coins struck at the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
(3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1882.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1882,—“Benjamin Wallace’s Conditional Purchase on Bando Station.”
Ordered to be printed.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. O’Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. **LICENSING ACT**:—Mr. Holtermann presented a Petition from Residents of Manly, praying that when the Licensing Act is amended the term “traveller” may be defined to be a person who has travelled a distance of not less than ten miles, and that the onus of proving that a person supplied with drink on the Sunday is a traveller shall rest on the publican.
Petition received.
7. **BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL**:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 6th February, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 23rd February.
Question put and passed.
8. **MURRUMBURRAH-BLAYNEY RAILWAY (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Petition (with names attached) recently presented to the Government praying for an alteration in the route of the Murrumburrah-Blayney Railway, at Young, together with a copy of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways report thereon, and all minutes, correspondence, or other documents relating to the decision arrived at on such Petition.
Question put and passed.
9. **REVENUE OF MUNICIPALITIES (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Humphery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The Revenue of each Borough or Municipal District within the Colony derived from the municipal rate of one shilling in the pound for the municipal year from the 7th February, 1882, to 5th February, 1883.
(2.) The amount of such revenue outstanding on 5th February, 1883, distinguishing the amount due on improved property from that on unimproved property.
(3.) The total amount of municipal rates accumulated since the incorporation of the Borough or Municipal District and outstanding on the 5th February, 1883, distinguishing the amount owing on improved property from that on unimproved property.
Question put and passed.
10. **RINGBARKING ON CROWN LANDS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The names of all persons who have obtained the Minister’s permission to ringbark timber on Crown Lands since the Ringbarking Bill became law.
(2.) The name and area of each Run, the name of the owner, the district in which it is situated, and the area allowed in each case to be ringbarked.
(3.) The kind of timber allowed to be ringbarked, and the description of timber exempt from same; the penalties for any breach of the conditions under which the Minister allowed the timber to be ringbarked.
Question put and passed.

11. RAILWAY SURVEYORS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all Surveyors employed in the Construction Branch of the Railway Department, whether in office or in the field, the salary of each, and the work that each one is employed on.
Question put and passed.
12. CONSERVATION OF WATER:—*Mr. Lync* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best method of conserving the rainfall of this Colony, of searching for and developing the underground reservoirs of water supposed to exist in the interior, and to inquire into and report upon the practicability, by a general system of water conservation and distribution, of averting the disastrous consequences that at present take place through the periodical droughts to which this Colony is subject.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PARKES GOVERNMENT:—*Mr. McElhone* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of appointments made by each member of the late Parkes Government during the four years they held office, and the nature of the office they were appointed to.
(2.) The names of each of the persons who were appointed by the late Parkes Government, and the nature of the office held.
(3.) The salary paid to each person appointed by them.
(4.) The total amount of salaries paid to all the persons appointed by the late Parkes Government per year, and the total amount paid to all persons appointed by them during the four years they were in office.
(5.) Also the number of appointments made by each and any member of the late Government from the time they were defeated on the Land Bill and the date of their resigning office, and the names of the Ministers who made such appointments during this time.
Question put and passed.
14. PRIVILEGE:—*Mr. Speaker* having called upon *Mr. McElhone* to make the motion standing in his name in reference to Works of Art purchased by the Parkes Government,—*Mr. McElhone* complained that the word "brummagem" had been omitted from his motion.
And *Mr. Speaker* having stated that the word had been omitted by his direction,—
Mr. McElhone moved, as a matter of Privilege, That *Mr. Speaker* had improperly and without authority omitted the word "brummagem" from the notice of motion given by him.
And *Mr. Speaker* having given his reasons for directing the omission of the word,—
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
15. WORKS OF ART PURCHASED BY THE PARKES GOVERNMENT:—*Mr. McElhone* moved, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The cost of all pictures, statuary, so called works of art, and other wares, purchased by *Sir H. Parkes*, or any member of his late Government, out of the Sydney and Melbourne Exhibitions, or from any other place or source, and for which the money was not voted by Parliament.
(2.) A Return showing out of what fund or vote the above wares were paid for.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO ARMIDALE:—*Mr. Trickett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of free passes issued by the Government on the occasion of the opening of the Railway to Armidale.
(2.) The names of all persons who applied for such free passes, the number applied for by each person, and the number of passes issued to each such applicant or his order.
(3.) The names of all persons in whose favour such free passes were granted.
Question put and passed.
17. MRS. CLYNE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on *Mrs. Clyne's Conditional Purchase*, brought up on the 2nd November, 1882, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation of the Crown Lands of the Colony by Conditional Purchase should be discontinued pending the proposed reconstruction of the Land Laws.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Barbour moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Barbour then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for "Tuesday" next.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cameron moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Tuesday," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Friday."
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, 31.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Day,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Holtormann,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. McQuade,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Tarrant.
Mr. Melville,	

Nocs, 15.

Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Gannon,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Targett,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Wisdom.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Griffiths.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Extension to Mother-of-Ducks:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,

(1.) Will he ascertain from the contractors about what time the Great Northern Railway Line will be opened for traffic to the Mother-of-Ducks?

(2.) Is any provision being made at Mother-of-Ducks for Station and Master's Residence; if so, when will they be finished?

(3.) How many men have contractors employed on the Railway between Armidale and Glen Innes?

(4.) Have the contractors applied for an extension of time to finish their contract; if so, upon what grounds have they based their application?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The opening of the Line to Mother-of-Ducks will be determined upon by the Government, but the date cannot at present be fixed.

(2.) Mother-of-Ducks Lagoon will be a watering station, and it is proposed to erect there a platform and cottage.

(3.) 722 men.

(4.) The contractors have not applied for an extension of time.

(2.) Railway from Singleton to Cassilis:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a trial survey to be made for a light Line of Railway from Singleton via Jerry's Plains and Denman to Cassilis?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief has reported that it would not be advisable to adopt this route for the proposed Railway to Cassilis. The distance would be 80 miles from Singleton as against 50 miles from Scone, and 60 miles from Muswellbrook.

(3.) Estate of the late R. H. Sempill:—Mr. Levien asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is there any money in the hands of the Government belonging to the estate of the late R. H. Sempill, Official Assignee; if so, is it the intention of the Government to distribute the same amongst the creditors of the various estates of which Mr. Sempill had charge at the time of his death; and when will such distribution be made?

(2.) Is there any objection to the production of any correspondence or papers in connection with the affairs of Mr. Sempill in his capacity of Official Assignee?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The only sum in the Treasury to the credit of the late R. H. Sempill, Official Assignee, is £2 16s. 7d.; but a sum of £2,000 has yet to be recovered from Mr. Sempill's sureties.

(2.) There is no objection to lay the papers connected with the affairs of Mr. Sempill, as Official Assignee, upon the Table of the House.

(4.) Companies Act:—Mr. Levien asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total sum received into the Registrar General's Office under the Companies Act for the year 1882?

(2.) What portion of that sum was paid to the Consolidated Revenue?

(3.) What part to Mr. Ward, Registrar General?

(4.) What part to Mr. Duff, Deputy Registrar General?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The information which the Honorable Member desires will be found in a Return which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(5.)

- (5.) Mr. John Byrnes's Conditional Purchase :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the grant be issued to Mr. John Byrnes for his Conditional Purchase No. 77-150, case 81-29,573?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The case is one of several which were dealt with under a Special Act of Parliament. The issue of this grant has been approved, and the documents forwarded with a view to its early preparation.

- (6.) South Australian Wines :—Mr. Dalton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it true that large quantities of South Australian Wines are received into this Colony over the Border; if so, will he name the quantity in gallons so received?
 (2.) Will he name the quantity in gallons of such Wines conveyed by rail from Hay, also the Railway Stations where such Wines are delivered?
 (3.) The amount in money paid by the Colony of South Australia to this Colony under the Border Duties Convention?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The total quantity of South Australian Wine received into this Colony over the Border during the year 1882 was 34,689 gallons.
 (2.) I am not in a position to give this information, as it is not yet obtained from the Railway Department.
 (3.) £47,500 per annum.

- (7.) Wages of Railway Workmen :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What are the rates of wages paid to the working men employed at the different Railway Stations?
 (2.) Do the Government intend to increase the pay of all clerks and working men employed by the Government other than those whose salaries are proposed to be increased in the Estimates of 1883, so as to let all share alike in the favours of the Government?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) They are paid in accordance with the scale laid down in the Regulations for the employment of the Railway Staff, a copy of which will be sent to the Honorable Member.
 (2.) Provision is made in the Regulations referred to for the classification of the Railway Staff, and the promotion of the clerks and working men is duly provided for.

- (8.) Public School at Parramatta North :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) How long is it since the Government resolved to resume land on which to erect new buildings for a Public School at Parramatta North?
 (2.) What was the amount paid for such land?
 (3.) When did the Architect receive instructions to prepare the necessary plans and specifications?
 (4.) When will tenders be called for the erection of such School?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) It was resolved to resume the land in question on 2nd May, 1882.
 (2.) No amount has yet been paid for the land. The sum to be given for it is £625.
 (3.) The Architect was instructed to prepare plans and specifications on 28th June, 1882.
 (4.) In about six weeks from this time.

- (9.) Traffic-bridge over Parramatta River :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to my question and the answer of the Colonial Secretary, given on the 19th ultimo, that the Government would place upon the Estimates an additional amount to enable the Government to accept the lowest tender sent in for the erection of a Traffic-bridge over the Parramatta River, near the Queen's Wharf,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the promise, and place the additional sum upon the Estimates for carrying out this necessary work?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The matter will receive further consideration when the Additional Estimates are being prepared.

- (10.) Church of England School, Parramatta North :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) In consequence of the Denominational Church of England School at Parramatta North being closed since the end of last year, is it a fact that a very large number of infant children who attended that School are now left without receiving any education, and will be so until the new Public School is erected near that place?
 (2.) Will the Minister make some arrangement with the Trustees or Board of this building which will enable him to cause the children to attend under the Public Schools Act, it being impossible for these children to attend the present Public School, it being such a long distance from their homes?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No report has reached the Department to the effect that any infant children who attended the Denominational Church of England School at Parramatta North are debarred from receiving education.
 (2.) It is believed that existing school buildings afford sufficient accommodation, but further inquiry will be made at once.

- (11.) Parramatta Cemeteries :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the several Cemeteries in the town of Parramatta are already in an overcrowded state, and that on the average seven bodies from the Government Institutions are interred in such Cemeteries every week, and that a public meeting has been held, and that a movement is on foot to procure the closing of such Cemeteries within the population boundary of the town?
 (2.) If so, will he, under the circumstances, direct the necessary steps to be taken to have the bodies of persons dying at the Government Institutions in the town taken to the Necropolis at Rookwood for interment?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—No. I am informed that no representations have been received by the Government upon this subject; but inquiry will be made, and such steps shall be taken as may be requisite to remedy the matters now complained of.

- (12.) Compensation to Messrs. Goodlet :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount of compensation is payable by the Government to Messrs. Goodlet for property resumed at Darling Harbour?
 - (2.) On what date did such amount become payable?
 - (3.) What is the reason of delay in paying the amount?
 - (4.) What interest has accrued from the date of the amount becoming payable up to the present time?
 - (5.) What is the amount of interest per day that the Government is liable for so long as the amount remains unpaid?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) £87,716 1s.
- (2.) On 24th August last.
- (3.) It has been under consideration whether the amount should be paid at once or await the settlement of the question as to costs.
- (4.) £2,523.
- (5.) £14 8s. 4d. The Crown Solicitor has now been instructed to pay the amount subject to adjustment of law expenses.

- (13.) Diamond Drill for Vegetable Creek :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will a Diamond Drill be ready to be sent to Vegetable Creek, as promised?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The Drill intended for the Northern Districts is at present undergoing repairs, and will probably reach Vegetable Creek in about two months.

- (14.) Railway Surveyors Field Books :—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Were original field books of the Surveyors employed by the Railway Department, or copies only, destroyed during the fire at the Garden Palace?
 - (2.) If original field books were destroyed, will he, in order to guard against similar inconvenience in the future, direct that Surveyors shall furnish to the Department certified copies of their field notes only, retaining original field books in their own possession, to be produced when required?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The original field books were destroyed by the fire.
- (2.) The original field books are always forwarded to and kept by the Department. Great loss of time would be involved in making copies of the field books, and it could not be expected that the Surveyors would feel the least interest in taking charge of them for the convenience of the Department; in addition to which the books would be much safer at the Head Office than in a Surveyor's camp.

- (15.) Railway from Kiama to Shoalhaven :—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be made without delay the promised survey for Line of Railway between Kiama and Shoalhaven?

Mr. Copeland answered,—When the services of Surveyors are available, a trial survey of the proposed Line from Kiama to Shoalhaven will be made.

- (16.) Wages of Railway and Tramway Workmen :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he arrived at any decision as to the rate of increase to be paid to the Rail and Tramway Workmen?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to cause that increase to be paid as from the time the increases were granted by private employers, viz., 1st of September?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The wages of the men employed in the workshops have been revised.
- (2.) The increases found to be due will be paid from the 16th October last, the date from which the general body of workmen in similar employment in private establishments obtained their increases.

- (17.) Recreation Ground at Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he say what is the cause of the delay in having the land situated at Molong, Cudal, and Engowra, applied for as a Recreation Ground or Racecourse, dedicated for public purposes?

Mr. Farnell answered,—An area of 93 acres 2 roods and 24 perches was dedicated on the 12th ultimo for recreation at Molong. The plan of the land at Cudal proposed to be dedicated for recreation has been received, and is now being dealt with; the dedication will be made after acceptance of the plan. An area of 160 acres at Engowra was included in the abstract of proposed dedications laid before Parliament on the 18th ultimo. At the expiration of thirty clear days from that date steps will be taken to complete the dedication as provided by law.

- (18.) Water Reserve, County of Ashburnham :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any portion of Water Reserve No. 596, in the County of Ashburnham, been cancelled; if so, has it since been selected, and by whom, and when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No portion of the Reserve has been cancelled.

- (19.) Mr. Charles Zimmerler :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that Mr. Charles Zimmerler has just been elected Mayor of Gulgong for the sixth time by a majority of the elected Aldermen of seven to two?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government is not in possession of any official information on this subject beyond what has already appeared in the daily Press.

- (20.) Revenue from Land Sales :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, in time to be of use in the Financial Debate, a Return showing the exact sum for each year during the last three years realized by every species of land sale?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have had the information asked for by the Honorable Member made up in the shape of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (21.) Tramway Waiting-rooms:—Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect Waiting-rooms in Elizabeth-street, near Liverpool-street, and in Liverpool-street, near Elizabeth-street, for the convenience of Tram passengers; if so, when will such rooms be commenced?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes, in the Park. The plans are now being prepared, and the Waiting-rooms will be constructed as quickly as possible.

- (22.) Mr. Scott, Locomotive Engineer:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is Mr. Scott, Locomotive Engineer, on a visit to England and America; if so, is he performing any duties for the Government?
 (2.) Has he received any written instructions; if so, is there any objection to lay a copy of the same upon the Table?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Written instructions were given to Mr. Scott. I will presently lay a copy of them upon the Table of the House.

- (23.) Promotion in the Lands Office:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a circular sent to Members of this House, wherein it is alleged that numerous cases of gross favouritism have recently occurred in reference to increases of salary, and the promotion of boys over the heads of old and efficient officers?
 (2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the truth of these allegations?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) I have received an anonymous circular. I am informed that there is no foundation for the allegations.

(2.) I purpose having inquiry made.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Instructions to Mr. Wm. Scott, Locomotive Engineer, New South Wales Railways, on his visit to England and America.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return of sums realized by every species of Land Sale during the years 1880, 1881, and 1882.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Statement of Fees under the Companies Act 37 Vic. No. 19, and of the distribution of the same.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. 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 for the inspection and regulation of Steam-boilers employed on land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 Question put and passed.

4. ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Rotton's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Dalton, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hellyer, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1882 on the Bill, together with the Minutes of Proceedings, be referred to the said Committee.
 Question put and passed.

5. CLAIM OF JOHN SMITH AND PATRICK BYRNES TO LAND AT REED'S STATION (*Formal Motion*):—
 Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, correspondence, surveys and re-surveys, maps, and other papers, &c., respecting the land now in dispute between John Smith and Patrick Byrnes, at the Reed's Station, near Molong, County of Ashburnham, and for which the sum of £120 appears on the present Estimates as compensation.
 Question put and passed.

6. MR. JOHN FOWLER, C.E. (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Murray, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The amount of money paid or owing to Mr. John Fowler, C.E., England, as his commission on engineering works for this Colony, from his first appointment up to present date, showing each work and the commission paid on it separately.
 (2.) The same as regards any other Engineers who may have been employed.
 Question put and passed.

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

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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 Executive Council authorizing the application of a certain amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Prisons Department,—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.) Mr. Hungerford's Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will Mr. Hungerford be placed in possession of the two remaining certificates for his selections in the Parish of Rothbury?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Mr. Hungerford has been placed in possession of all the certificates applied for by him, with the exception of that in a case which has been referred for inquiry pursuant to the 25th section of the Act of 1875 and not yet reported on.

(2.) The Lands Department:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he the intention to institute an inquiry into the internal working of the Lands Department with respect to the relative position and salaries of officers of the staff and temporary appointments, and with respect to the advancement of the officers by seniority or merit?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The attention of the Government has been from time to time directed by the responsible officers of the Department to the system of maintaining a large temporary staff as undesirable, and measures have already been taken to modify to some extent the arrangement heretofore existing. Due inquiry will be made when apportioning the salaries appearing on the present Estimates, with a view to meeting the just claims of officers entitled to promotion by merit or seniority.

(3.) Railway Tickets issued for Mittagong, Bowral, and Moss Vale:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of tickets issued during the month of January for Mittagong, Bowral, and Moss Vale, respectively, by the train leaving Redfern at 5:25 p.m.?

(2.) The like information as regards the Saturday additional train leaving Redfern at 7:55 a.m.?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) By the 4:25 p.m. train:—

Stations.	Single.		Excursion.	
	1st Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class.	2nd Class.
Mittagong	22	37	22	23
Bowral	22	50	31	23
Moss Vale	33	76	32	23
Total	77	163	85	69

Grand Total 394

(2.)

(2.) By the 7.55 a.m. train on Saturdays :—

Stations.	Single.		Ordinary Excursion.		Cheap Excursion.	
	1st Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class.	2nd Class.
Mittagong	1	3	3	2	12	47
Bowral	3	7	2	13	21	39
Moss Vale	3	5	7	10	14	73
Total	7	15	12	25	47	159
Grand Total						265

(4.) Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the Petitions from the Residents of the Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood praying for a special audit of the accounts of the Council?
- (2.) Upon which Petition was the audit granted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—There is only one Petition under section 184 of the Municipalities Act, signed by sixty-one persons, and there will be no objection to lay such Petition upon the Table.

(5.) Sunday Employment of Railway Employés :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Purves*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the Station-masters on the Railways required to work on Sundays?
- (2.) Do they get extra pay for working on Sundays?
- (3.) Do the guards and locomotive men get extra pay for working on Sundays?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) On the Suburban Line only.
- (2.) No; but consideration is given for this service by granting additional annual leave of absence.
- (3.) Yes.

(6.) Clerks in the Customs Department :—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the name of the gentleman filling the position of 5th in-door clerk in the Customs?
- (2.) Does he receive, in addition to his salary as clerk, £50 per year as Secretary to the Commissioners of Customs?
- (3.) Is it true that his proposed increase (£45) will enable him to receive a higher salary than his seniors (the 6th and 7th clerks) in the same branch?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) William Henry Burton.
- (2.) His present salary is £205 per annum, which is supplemented by £50 as Secretary to the Commissioners of Customs.
- (3.) It is proposed by a re-arrangement that the present allowance to *Mr. Burton* as Secretary to the Commissioners shall cease, should his present salary be increased as set down in the Estimates for 1883.

3. MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPECT AND SHERWOOD :—*Mr. Stuart* laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Petition from Electors of the Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood, requesting that two Special Auditors may be appointed to hold a Special Audit of the Accounts of the said Municipality.
Ordered to be printed.

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

5. PAPER :—*Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd January, 1883,—“Newington Estate, Parramatta River.”
Ordered to be printed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Sleeping-cars on Western Railway:—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has it been reported to him that on the night of Friday, the 3rd instant, the passengers in the sleeping-cars on the Western Line were drenched by the rain in their bunks, and their clothes and the beds and bedding completely soaked through; if so, will he take steps to prevent the possibility of this occurring again?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is a fact that after the up-mail left Mount Victoria on the morning of Saturday, the 3rd instant, a drenching rain fell, and the paint on the roof having been cracked through exposure to the previous hot weather, the water ran through and into the berths, damaging the bed-clothes and the passengers clothes as well. The car was thoroughly repaired and sent out the same night; and all cars are in good order at present.

(2.) Salaries of Customs Lockers:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the salaries attached to the positions of 5th, 10th, and 11th locker by £25, and the 12th and 13th by £50 per year?

(2.) Is it true that the salaries of several of the gentlemen now filling these positions were last year reduced, on the plea of removing them from the temporary to the permanent staff?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) By a re-arrangement of the locker's list, sanctioned by the late Treasurer, the 5th locker will receive a step without increase of salary. The 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th lockers will each receive an advance on the salary now paid to them, should the printed Estimates pass.

(2.) No.

(3.) Early Settlement of the Country:—Mr. Spring asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of the House documents, or copies of documents, recently presented to the Government relating to the early Settlement of the Country?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Certain documents have been given to me, but I have not yet had an opportunity of looking at them. If they are of any value, I will communicate them to the House and Country in some other way.

(4.) Telegraph Offices, Wollongong and Kiama:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for *Mr. Tarrant*, asked the Postmaster General,—Will he arrange to keep the Telegraph Offices at Wollongong and Kiama open until 10 o'clock at night, similar to the system now pursued at Newcastle?

Mr. Wright answered,—These Stations can be opened until 10 p.m. by the appointment of an additional operator at each place, at the rate of £75 per annum.

(5.) Bridge across the Hunter at Luskintyre:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps have the Government taken or do they intend taking respecting the interruption to the traffic across the Hunter at Luskintyre, caused by the recent washing away of soil between the low-level bridge and the roadway?

(2.) Is it the intention of Government to lengthen the bridge, as proposed by the local residents?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No decision has been arrived at pending the receipt of survey, which could not be made till flood-water subsided. The Superintendent has been communicated with.

(6.) Public School at Weddin:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to authorize the erection of Public School Buildings at Weddin, near Grenfell, for which tenders were invited nearly two years ago?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes; I will take care that there is no further delay in this matter.

(7.)

(7.) Tram-motor Drivers:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he inform this House what are the qualifications desirable for the position of driver on the tram-motors now in use by the Government?
- (2.) Is there any person or persons employed in that capacity without such qualifications?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The qualifications for the position of driver are,—previous service as fireman, a knowledge of engine, boiler, and all its fittings, parts, and uses of the same, the examination of engine before joining a train, firing, trimming of syphons, oiling, testing of valves and pistons, and the various modes of uncoupling engines when they fail on the road, and the methods to be adopted to surmount any slight breakdown, &c., &c.
- (2.) No.

(8.) Land at Middle Harbour occupied by George Anderson:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any decision been arrived at with regard to resuming possession of the land at Middle Harbour now and for some time past in the occupation of George Anderson, for the purposes of a so-called home for destitute boys?
- (2.) If no decision has been arrived at, will he deal with the matter at once?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) The matter has been under the consideration of the Secretary for Lands, who has directed that the papers be sent to this Department, with a view to eject Anderson from the land in question.
- (2.) The papers reached this Department yesterday, and I shall be prepared to deal with the matter next week.

2. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH LONDON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The time taken by the Pacific Mail Company in the delivery of each mail to and from London and Sydney since the commencement of their present contract, with the cost of the same to the Colony.
 - (2.) The like information with reference to the P. & O. S. N. Company for the same period.
 - (3.) The like with reference to the Orient S. N. Company since it has been running.
- Question put and passed.

3. TRAM-CARS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The cost of the different descriptions of tram-cars.
 - (2.) The number of passengers each class of car is supposed to carry.
 - (3.) The weight of each description of car.
 - (4.) The average cost of repairs per annum for each class of car.
 - (5.) What number of each description of car is considered a fair load for a motor to haul.
- Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Heydon, "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 19.

Mr. Cass,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Gammon,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McQuade,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Mitchell,	
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Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Gibbes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Bruce Smith.
Mr. McLaughlin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Bruce Smith, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

6. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 2nd March.

7. THE CASE OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—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 removal of Captain Armstrong, R.N., from his office as Commissioner and Magistrate of Lord Howe Island.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Combes, Mr. Poole, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Day, Mr. Teece, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Gill, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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 inspection and regulation of Steam-boilers employed on land, 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 for the inspection and regulation of Steam-boilers employed on land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Station at Hartley Vale:—*Mr. Griffiths*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to proceed with the erection of a Railway Station at Hartley Vale, such Station having been promised for some time, and a valuable site having been presented for that purpose by the New South Wales Shale and Oil Company?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No promise was given to erect a Railway Station at Hartley Vale, where one is not required. The land given by the Company was for the purpose of providing additional siding accommodation. It was also decided that a small shed to shelter goods should be erected, and these works will now be carried out without delay.

(2.) Railway Weekly Excursion Tickets:—*Mr. Griffiths*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government propose to extend the boon of Weekly Excursion Tickets to the inhabitants of country towns?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The inhabitants of country towns have already Excursion Tickets weekly. They are issued by the mail trains on Fridays, and by all trains to and from all Stations on Saturdays. On Wednesdays in each week they are also issued for any Station within 50 miles.

(3.) Working Coal under Reserves:—*Mr. Griffiths*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—(1.) Would he give the names of all persons who have been asked to make a statutory declaration that they apply for permission, *bona fide*, for the purpose of searching for and working coal under Reserves (28th section)?

(2.) What method has been adopted by the Mining Department up to the year 1882, and is now sanctioned so as to secure such permissions with as little delay as possible after they have been applied for?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The following are the names of the persons required to make statutory declarations of *bona fides*, viz.:—*John G. Cousens, J. Nobbs, W. James, F. E. Boland, J. P. Pike, W. Martyn, and Isaac Doust.*

(2.) The usual course in regard to such applications is to publish them in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers as soon as possible after they are received, then to refer them to an officer of this Department, and to the Lands Department for report as to any objection that may exist to the granting of such applications. They are then refused on account of objections, or are examined in the Charting Branch, and if they do not clash with any prior application are charted, and the form of authority at once prepared. On the 22nd of October, 1880, action in regard to such applications was stayed in consequence of a general objection to the granting of such authorities, and was not resumed until new conditions had been agreed to by the Government and published in the *Gazette* of the 21st December, 1881, after which all the applications then pending had to be renewed in the form prescribed by such conditions.

(4.) Salaries of District Court Judges:—*Mr. McElhone*, for *Mr. Bruce Smith*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill dealing with the salaries of the District Court Judges?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes.

(5.) Railway Survey from Muswellbrook to Cassilis:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to question of 13th February, will he cause a survey of Line from Muswellbrook to Cassilis to be made at the same time as that from Cassilis to Scone?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes; I will have both surveys made before the route is decided on.

(6.) The Hansard Staff:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Hansard Staff is included in the Colonial Secretary's Department; if so, will he take early steps to have the Hansard Staff excluded from the Colonial Secretary's Department and included in the Parliamentary Staff, under the Department of the Legislative Assembly?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—My attention has already been called to this matter, and I have taken steps to propose that the Hansard Staff should be removed from the Department of the Colonial Secretary and placed under that of the Speaker.

(7.) Military and Police Clothing :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he observed a statement made by Colonel Richardson at the banquet lately given him, to the effect that while in England he visited some cloth factories there, and that he wished to see all the Military clothing required here imported from that source?

(2.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that Mr. Vicars, of Sydney, has supplied and can supply every species of Military and Police clothing of as good quality and as durable as any imported?

(3.) If this is the case, will the Government patronize our own manufacturers instead of going abroad for what can be equally well done here?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The statement of Colonel Richardson was, I am informed, to the effect that whilst in England he had visited a Government establishment, called the "Royal Clothing Factory," at Pimlico, from which the whole of the British Army is supplied with clothing and necessaries, to which he added, as a matter of opinion, that if the annual supply required by the local Forces were furnished from that source, it would be of a more satisfactory character, especially as regards punctuality of delivery.

(2.) I find that in July, 1881, and January, 1882, Mr. Vicars, in response to an invitation from the Treasury, supplied the Stores Department with samples of indigo-dyed tweeds (of colonial manufacture) suitable for Police clothing. The quantity so supplied was in all 240 yards. From these samples garments were made up and tested by actual wear and tear by the Police, and were approved of. Consequent on this trial, tenders were invited last year for a five years supply of the article referred to, when Mr. Vicars was a tenderer, though not the successful one.

(3.) According to this, there will be no opportunity for Government to re-open this question for some years, but it is my intention to pursue further inquiry into the matter.

(8.) Shea's Creek Sewer :—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Fremlin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When are the claims of the property holders through which Shea's Creek Sewer passes to be paid?

(2.) How many months ago were these claims sent in to the Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Nearly all these claims have been paid. Those outstanding are either awaiting acceptance of Government valuation, or being dealt with by Valuator or Crown Solicitor.

(2.) One, seven months; others, five months.

(9.) Salaries of District Court Judges and Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government intend to take any steps with a view of increasing the salaries of the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A similar question has already been replied to by my Honorable and learned Colleague, the Minister of Justice, that it is our intention.

(10.) Engine-drivers Stephenson and Palmer :—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Fremlin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount of compensation granted to Michael Stephenson, engine-driver, for the injury he received in a Railway collision at Emu Plains in the year 1878, and who had only been about two years in the Service?

(2.) What is the amount of compensation intended to be granted to John Palmer, engine-driver, for the injury he received in a Railway collision near Picton, 23rd October, 1879, which has rendered him unfit for any further work, and who has been over twenty-two years in the Service?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The circumstances of the two cases are quite different. Driver Stephenson was disabled for life suddenly by a collision between two trains, of one of which he was the driver. He was a hale and hearty man before the accident, with a wife and several children, and a sum of £500 was paid to him.

(2.) The collision in which Driver Palmer was injured was comparatively a trivial one; he was not off duty in consequence of the accident for a single day, and for nearly two years afterwards performed his duty without intermission. The illness he is now suffering from he attributes to the injuries he received at the accident, but it is not clear that it is to be attributed wholly or in part even to such accident. Palmer, however, has been a long time in the Service, and though no provision has been made for retiring allowances for men engaged in the Railway Service, a sum equal to half a suggested rate of gratuity, if there were such a fund, has been placed on the Estimates for him. The amount is £143, and this represents the sum he would be entitled to be paid by the Government if there were a retiring fund contributed to equally by the men on the one part and the Government on the other.

(11.) Pacific Mail Service :—Mr. Burns asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Have the Government received any proposal for the extension of the present contract for the Pacific Mail Service; and if so, from whom, and on what terms and conditions?

(2.) Has any intimation been received from the Government of New Zealand of its willingness again to enter into a joint contract for the Service; and if so, on what terms and conditions?

(3.) What decision, if any, has been arrived at by the New South Wales Government in reference to the extension of the Service?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. In the present state of the negotiations, it would be unadvisable to disclose the nature of the information in the possession of the Government concerning the terms and conditions.

(3.) No decision has been arrived at.

(12.) Telegraph Office at Collarenebri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster General—Is it intended, and if so when, to establish a Telegraph Office at Collarenebri township, on the Barwon River, without guarantee, the wires now passing through the town?

Mr Wright answered,—The application made by the Honorable Member on 13th ultimo to establish a Telegraph Office at this place is under consideration, and a decision will be arrived at in a day or two.

(13.) Namoi Timber Reserves:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Are the promised Lithographs of the Namoi Timber Reserves ready for sale, and where; if not, when are they likely to be (see Votes and Proceedings, 1st December, 1881)?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A tracing of the Reserves was laid upon the Table of the House on the 2nd of December, 1881 (not ordered to be printed). Lithographs were subsequently prepared, but they were burnt in the Garden Palace, and have not yet been replaced.

(14.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the late Colonial Treasurer in his last Financial Speech promised to construct a light Line of Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell?

(2.) Have not the final surveys been made of the above Line?

(3.) In view of the above facts, will he say now whether the Government intend to carry out the proposal to construct the Glen Innes-Inverell Line; if so, will the plans be submitted this Session for approval of Parliament?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The Line of Railway in question was one of those light Lines which were referred to in the Financial Statement of the late Treasurer.

(2.) The plans and sections of the trial survey made between Glen Innes and Inverell were burnt in the Garden Palace fire. A re-survey of the original trial-line is now being made.

(3.) The question of a Line between Glen Innes and Inverell will be determined when the general scheme for Railway extension is decided upon.

(15.) Alignment of Streets at Waverley by Surveyor Parrott:—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Murray, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he say why the Memo. of 9th July, 1880, Roads No. 80-2,463, from Surveyor General to Mr. L. S. Parrott, was not included in papers laid upon the Table of this House, on the motion of Mr. Copeland, 11th October, 1881?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Memo. referred to cannot be traced.

(16.) Refund Vouchers:—Mr. Buchanan, for Mr. Rylie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Auditor General refuses to verify Refund Vouchers?

(2.) What is the reason of such refusal?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A difference of opinion has arisen between the Auditor General and the Lands Department with regard to the form of Refund Vouchers; but the matter is being inquired into.

(17.) Prison Buildings at Trial Bay:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in the completion of the Prison Buildings at Trial Bay?

(2.) Is it contemplated by the Government to proceed with the works and have them completed at an early date for the reception of prisoners?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The exhaustion of the Votes for the work.

(2.) Yes, as soon as further supply shall have been made available from Loan Vote, which will be submitted in due course.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence relating to a Bridge to North Shore.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 26th September, 1882,—“Railway Sleeping Cars.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 30th January, 1883,—“Road from Grafton to Glen Innes.”
Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

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 for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam-boilers employed on Land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th February, 1883.

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

(2.) Vote of Credit:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1883, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th February, 1883.

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

4. RECREATION RESERVES RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Recreation Reserves resumed by the Government, the Electoral Districts in which they are situated, the acreage and cost per acre in each case. Question put and passed.
5. WOLLONGONG GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Poole* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Wollongong Gaslight Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Wollongong. Question put and passed.
6. CLAIM OF HUGH ESPIE STEPHENSON :—*Mr. Coonan* 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 Hugh Espie Stephenson for losses sustained by him through a mistake made in the Lands Office, Sydney, whereby he lost portion of his selection taken up at Forbes on the 8th May, 1879.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Vaughn*, *Mr. Teece*, *Mr. Stokes*, *Mr. Jones*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Merriman*, and the Mover. Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday next.
8. ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. A. G. Taylor*,—
 “(1.) “That,” in the opinion of this House, the alienation of the Crown Lands of the Colony by “Conditional Purchase should be discontinued pending the proposed reconstruction of the Land Laws.
 “(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—
 And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Spring moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” in the first Resolution, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “although this House approves of the action of the Government in suspending the sales of land by public auction until a Bill shall have been passed dealing comprehensively with the whole question, it views with disapprobation any attempt to restrict the sale of land by Conditional Purchase.”
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Debate continued.
 Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—
 And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and *Mr. Speaker* declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.
 Original Question put,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation of the Crown Lands of the Colony by Conditional Purchase should be discontinued pending the proposed reconstruction of the Land Laws.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Wilkinson.
 Tellers,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. A. G. Taylor.

Noes, 63.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Gill,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Hellyer,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Leven,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McQuade,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Reid,
Sir John Robertson,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Targett,
Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. White,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Wright.
 Tellers,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Roberts.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Gaol at Bathurst:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Suttor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the new Gaol at Bathurst?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The plans being prepared are in a forward state, and when completed tenders will be invited for erection of this building.

(2.) Shunters and Porters, Penrith Railway Station:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that some of the shunters and porters at Penrith Station are compelled to work from nine to thirteen hours per day; if so, will he please give instructions for these hours of labour to be reduced to eight hours?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Inquiry is being made into this matter with a view to adjusting the time to a reasonable day's work.

(3.) Railway Station Building, Springwood:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for new Station Building at Springwood?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Tenders will be invited next week.

(4.) Railway Bridge over Nepean River:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Does the Government intend to partition with close fence between the traffic and Railway Line on Bridge over Nepean River?

(2.) Has it been reported to the Department the serious accidents that have taken place on this Bridge?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Bridge in question is only about 30 feet wide, and nearly half-a-mile long, and that the road traffic and Railway traffic pass over this Bridge at the same time, and only a two-rail fence between the rail and road traffic?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Inquiry as to the necessity for this protection is being made, but the Bridge has been used for many years without it.

(2.) No.

(3.) The Bridge is 25 feet 6 inches wide; but the Bridge and Approaches are only one-sixth of a mile long. Road and rail traffic use it at the same time. The present fence is only a two-rail.

(5.) Revenue from Land Sales:—*Mr. Brunner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What amount has been received by the Government for land alienated under the Land Law of 1861 and Amended Acts, the actual cost incurred in each Department in such alienation, and the net proceeds?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A Return giving approximately the information desired by the Honorable Member will be presently laid upon the Table of the House.

(6.) Public School at Jugiong:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Bruce Smith*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that though a tender was accepted for the erection of a Public School at Jugiong upwards of two years ago no steps have been yet taken to commence the work?

(2.) Is he aware that the accommodation for the scholars in the present building is so insufficient that school has to be held on a verandah exposed to the wind and rain?

(3.) Is it his intention to put the matter in hand at once?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) A tender for a brick building was first accepted on the 15th September, 1882 (five months ago), but in consequence of certain difficulties in getting bricks the matter was reconsidered, and a tender for a stone building was accepted on the 11th December last. The contract documents have since been duly signed.
- (2.) The Chief Inspector reports that the building rented by the Department is well ventilated, and affords accommodation for forty-eight pupils. The highest attendance for any one day has been forty-six; the ordinary attendance is from thirty to forty. Some additional furniture is about to be supplied. The Teacher uses the verandah occasionally in fine weather, because she considers it well sheltered and a pleasant change for the pupils.
- (3.) Instructions have been given for the speedy completion of the work.

(7.) Fortifications at Newcastle:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the sum contracted for by James Russell for the erection of the Fortifications at Newcastle?
- (2.) Has the time allowed by the contract expired; if so, how long since?
- (3.) Have any alterations been made in the contract, and of what nature?
- (4.) What is the name of the Architect or Clerk of Works superintending the erection of the said Fortifications at Newcastle?
- (5.) Is the Minister aware of the fact that the person now superintending such works is the son-in-law of the contractor?
- (6.) Up to the present time what extras have been certified to by the said Superintendent, and for what amount has his certificate been given?
- (7.) Has the contractor for the cranes at Newcastle paid the Commissioner for Railways for the use of the said cranes, and what sums for the last eighteen months?
- (8.) Under whose supervision are the said cranes worked?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) £22,180 Gs. 7d.
- (2.) Yes; owing to the delay in the removal of the residences of Harbour-master and the Pilots, and also the filling-in of old coal workings discovered under the site, twelve months overtime was allowed.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The immediate superintendence is under a Foreman of Works (*Mr. Samuel Campbell*); but the work is periodically inspected by a Clerk of Works from Sydney.
- (5.) *Mr. Campbell* was, I am informed, recently married to a daughter of the contractor. This is only now brought under my notice for the first time, but I will take steps to have him transferred.
- (6.) The extras on contract, for which returns have been furnished by the Superintending Officer, amount to £53 11s., but work in addition to contract, consisting of filling-in old coal workings under site, has been performed, amounting to £1,799 19s., the larger portion of which has been carried out by tender.
- (7.) The contractor for shipping coal does not pay for the use of the cranes; he is allowed the use of the cranes free, and is paid in addition his contract price for the work he does with them.
- (8.) Under the supervision of the Wharfinger.

(8.) Registration of Patents:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the cost of registering a Patent?
- (2.) How is the amount distributed?
- (3.) What portion really goes to the Consolidated Revenue?
- (4.) Will steps be taken to abolish these fees and place the amount for registering a Patent at a nominal sum?

Mr. Cohen answered,

- (1.) Twenty pounds (£20).
- (2.) The Attorney General receives five pounds (£5); the Attorney General's Secretary receives one pound (£1); the Crown Solicitor receives five pounds ten shillings and six pence (£5 10s. 6d.); the Examining Board, consisting of two persons, receive three guineas (£3 3s.) each.
- (3.) Two pounds three shillings and six pence (£2 3s. 6d.).
- (4.) The matter will receive consideration.

(9.) The Boarding-out System:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are the Government aware that the operation of the boarding-out system has hitherto been confined to the two Orphan Schools and the Benevolent Asylum, and that no children have yet been withdrawn from Randwick Asylum, towards the maintenance of which a large sum of public money is voted annually?
- (2.) Will the Government cause steps to be taken to have children boarded-out from Randwick immediately?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) It is, I am informed, a fact that the operation of the boarding-out system has hitherto been confined to the Orphan Schools, the Benevolent Asylum, and the Infants Home at Ashfield.
- (2.) It is alleged that there is some legal difficulty in the way of boarding-out children from the Randwick Asylum, and I have given instructions that the alleged difficulty be immediately investigated, with a view to extending the operations of the boarding-out to at least the Government children placed in that Institution.

(10.) Police Magistrate for Cootamundra:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Additional Estimates for the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Cootamundra?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Inquiry is now being made as to the necessity for such appointment, and the subject shall receive the earliest consideration which may be practicable.

(11.) Railway Under-bridge Crossing, Western Road:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the under-bridge crossing of the Western Road and the Great Western Railway, between Parramatta Junction and Parramatta, for which the money was voted by Parliament and the detailed plans prepared and tenders invited for the work, be carried out?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This question is now under consideration.

(12.) Randwick and Coogee Tramway:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many times have the trams run off the line between Randwick and Coogee since it was opened?

(2.) Could not through trams run from Coogee to Bridge-street without stopping at Moore Park to water the motors?

(3.) Is it true that passengers in the four-wheel cars from Randwick to Coogee have to hold on to the seats in order to prevent themselves from being pitched out?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) A car left the rail once; on four occasions the motor was off the rail.

(2.) Not at present.

(3.) It is not true, and no complaint of the kind has reached the Department.

(13.) Customs Lockers:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The names of the gentlemen now filling the positions of 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th lockers?

(2.) The date of their appointment to their present positions?

(3.) The position each held in the Service, and the salaries they received in 1881?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

Names of present Lockers.	Date of Appointment.	Position held in 1881.	Salary received in 1881.
5th Locker—S. M. Beard ...	1 Jan., 1883...	8th Locker	£250.
10th „ P. J. McMahon...	1 Jan., 1883...	Extra Tide-waiters and Acting	Paid by the day as employed, from 1st January to 31st July; and at the rate of £200 per annum from 1st August to 31st December.
11th „ D. Dempsey ...	1 Jan., 1883...	Lockers from 1st January to	
12th „ J. Shaughnessy...	1 Jan., 1883...	31st July.	
13th „ J. H. Peake.....	1 Jan., 1883...	14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th	
		Lockers, respectively, from 1st August to 31st December.	

(14.) Expenditure without Parliamentary Sanction:—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the sums expended without the sanction of Parliament, and which necessitated the introduction of the Indemnity Bill,—Did the Auditor General give his sanction to that expenditure; and if not, how was it done without such sanction?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No. During the late Administration credits were opened in the Bank of New South Wales in favour of the officers named in the first part of the Schedule to the Indemnity Bill, against which they were authorized to draw. Under the present Administration a transfer was made from the Consolidated Revenue to a Special Account, with the authority of the Cabinet for the payment of all claims against the Government for which there was no Parliamentary appropriation.

(15.) Salaries of Judges of the Supreme Court:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—When do the Government intend to introduce the promised Bill to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court?

Mr. Stuart answered,—On Tuesday or Wednesday next.

(16.) Tolls at Canterbury:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Pigott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to discontinue the collection of Tolls at Canterbury?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This Bar is on a road which is in charge of a Trust, and the Government have no control in the matter.

(17.) Salaries of Post and Telegraph Officials:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain increases of salary to postal and telegraph officials, recommended by Superintendent Cracknell, and endorsed by the Postmaster General, have been objected to by the Chief Clerk or other officer of the Treasury, and have by reason of such objection been excluded from the Estimates?

(2.) If so, will the Postmaster General take such steps as may ensure for these officials the increase of salary for which they were recommended?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The answer to question 1 being in the negative, no reply is necessary to No. 2.

(18.) Surveyor W. B. Simpson:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps by way of initiating criminal proceedings against one Surveyor W. B. Simpson, for his conduct disclosed in the evidence taken before the Select Committee in the case of Mrs. Clyne; if not, is it their intention to dismiss him from the Public Service?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There is nothing, so far as I can gather, of a criminal character in the case referred to. With regard to the alleged erroneous valuation of the improvements, in virtue of which the sale to Mr. Lord was made, I purpose making a thorough investigation.

2. ROBERT VALENTINE SHERVEY:—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from Robert Valentine Shervey, of Capertee, in reference to a Conditional Purchase of Land made by him at Capertee; and praying the House to inquire into the allegations of his Petition, with a view to redress.
Petition received.

3. **ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Combes, 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, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Combes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 2nd March.
Question put and passed.
4. **RAILWAY FROM MUSWELLBROOK TO CASSILIS**:—Mr. McLaughlin presented a Petition from Residents in the Township of Merriwa and the surrounding Districts, urging upon the House the desirability of constructing a Branch Railway from Muswellbrook westward *via* Denman and Merriwa to Cassilis; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
5. **LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL**:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam-boilers employed on Land 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.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Young moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. **PAPER**:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return showing the actual Revenue received for Land alienated under the Land Law of 1861 and Amended Acts; also the approximate cost incurred in, and the approximate net proceeds of such alienation from the year 1862 to the year 1882 inclusive.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Dibbs moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing 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 1883*" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
10. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
Mr. Burns also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Burns*, that the report be now received.
Mr. Burns then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £518,000, being £408,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1883, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1882, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1883; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of March, 1883, and to cover the expenditure in February, 1883, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of March, 1883, and to cover the expenditure in February, 1883, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriations, and for other Services of an urgent nature.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
Mr. Burns also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Burns*, that the report be now received.
Mr. Burns 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 1883, the Sum of £518,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)**:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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 1883.
(2.) Mr. Dibbs 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 1883*,"—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. 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 *Mr. Burns* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Mr. Dibbs 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 1883.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1883,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st February, 1883.

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Burns then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That to make good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1883, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,060 for the Department of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1883.

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

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

15. ELECTORATE OF MUDGEES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

16. ELECTORATE OF THE UPPER HUNTER:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John McElhone, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of John McElhone, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John McElhone, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public School Buildings at Clarkson's Crossing:—Mr. Young asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When were tenders called for the erection of Public School Buildings at Clarkson's Crossing, Cape Hawke?
- (2.) Were any tenders received?
- (3.) Was any tender accepted?
- (4.) Are fresh tenders to be called for?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) On 29th August last.
- (2.) Yes, but they were considered too high.
- (3.) No; and fresh tenders were invited on the 8th November last, but none were received.
- (4.) Instructions have been given to the Clerk of Works in the district to endeavour to get tenders on the spot.

(2.) Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to give up the idea of constructing a costly Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River, and to substitute for it a Double-ended Transfer Boat, similar to those found to work so well in America?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I have obtained a report from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to this subject, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(3.) Public School at Molly:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the site for the Public School at Molly, Namoi River, be dedicated to the Department of Public Instruction, so that the necessary School Buildings may be erected, application for which was made on 22nd March, 1881?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The dedication has been approved of by me, and the Department of Public Instruction was informed on the 12th instant. Steps will be taken for the confirmation of the dedication as required by the 5th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

(4.) Survey of Land for Auction Sale:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) With reference to the notice withdrawing all auction land,—What is intended to be done with regard to land already measured, and upon which the deposit of 6d. per acre has been paid?
- (2.) Have the Surveyors been instructed to discontinue the survey of any more auction applications; and if so, is it intended to reduce the expenses of the Survey Department?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No special action is contemplated at present. A refund of the deposit paid will be made, if requested, in terms of the 30th section of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
- (2.) I have not given instructions to discontinue the survey of land for auction sale, although those sales have for the present been suspended; but precedence is to be given to other surveys.

(5.) Water Supply for Victoria Barracks:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the only water supply for the Victoria Barracks is by means of water-carts drawing water from the stand-pipes on the Old South Head Road and from wells?
- (2.) Was not a sum of money placed on the Estimates some two or three years ago for the purpose of laying on the city water to the Barracks; if so, will the Minister inquire into the matter, and place a sum on the Additional Estimates for the purpose of having the city water laid on to the Victoria Barracks?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) There is no other water supply for the Barracks than that stated.
- (2.) No money has been placed on Estimates for laying on water to the Barracks, but an estimate is about to be prepared for having it laid on from the Woollahra high-level main. (6.)

(6.) Recreation Ground at Rushcutters Bay :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government intend to place on the Additional Estimates a sum of money for the purpose of completing, levelling, and planting the Recreation Ground at Rushcutters Bay ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The principal portion of this Bay has been reclaimed to about 4 feet above high-water mark. There is some further reclamation required at the east end of the Bay, which is being done by the depositing of the silt dredged from the harbour, and which will take some time to complete. Funds are at present available for this part of the work. The formal dedication of the ground as a Park, and the planting, laying out, and fencing of such Park, shall receive the early attention of the Government.

(7.) South Head Roads :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Under whose control are the Old and New South Head Roads at the present time ?

(2.) Does the Government intend to introduce a Bill dealing with these Roads ; and if so, when ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The Commissioners for the South Head Roads Trust.

(2.) Yes ; a Bill will probably be introduced this Session.

(8.) Telegraph Offices, Wollongong and Kiama :—*Mr. Humphery*, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Postmaster General,—Has he decided to keep the Telegraph Offices at Wollongong and Kiama open till 10 o'clock at night ?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes.

(9.) Police Magistrate for Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision on the Additional Estimates for the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Molong ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I find that my predecessor had this subject under consideration, but that the Government of which he was a member had not decided in favour of such appointment. I have, however, caused further inquiry to be made, and the question shall receive the most careful consideration of the Government.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways respecting Railway Steam Ferries across Rivers.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 31st January, 1883,—“ Mr. Edward Brown, formerly Clerk of Petty Sessions at Albury.”
Ordered to be printed.

3. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON FRIDAYS :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Fridays.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Dibbs moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

5. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen 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. Cohen, 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. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

6. 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 1883*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd February, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Polling Places:—Mr. Spring asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a list of the polling places in the various Electorates cancelled at the same meeting of the Executive Council at which Dinga Dinga was cancelled?

(2.) The names of any polling places that may have been appointed after the issue of the writs for the late General Election, what Electorates such polling places were in, and on whose recommendation they were appointed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Only one other polling place was cancelled at the meeting in question, namely, Coolangatta, in the Shoalhaven Electorate.

(2.) No such appointment was made.

(2.) Church and School Lands:—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have the Government power to resume land on Church and School Estates for any public purpose?

(2.) Do the Letters Patent establishing the Trust for the purposes therein stated preclude the Government resuming any portion of such lands?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am not prepared at present to answer the questions of the Honorable Member, relating as they do not to matters of fact but to questions of law.

(3.) Wages of Railway Gangers and Fettleers:—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. Pigott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to include the gangers and fettleers on the Railway amongst those to whom an increase of wages is to be given?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The gangers and fettleers were recently allowed the concession of eight hours work for nine hours pay. Since then it has been decided that a good conduct allowance, equal to about 5 per cent. increase on their wages, is to be paid to this portion of the Railway staff.

(4.) Railway from Orange to Molong and Forbes:—*Mr. Lynch*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the working plans, or otherwise, of the first section of the Railway from Orange to Molong and Forbes in a sufficiently advanced state to enable tenders to be called for the construction of this Line by the first week in March, as promised?

(2.) As Molong has become one of the largest wheat-producing districts in the Colony, will he expedite the construction of this Line?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The working plans of this Extension are being prepared as rapidly as possible, consistent with the preparation of the plans of other important Extensions, and tenders will be invited for the construction of the works as soon as possible.

2. LICENSING ACT:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Chairman and the Secretary of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, praying that whenever the Licensing Act shall be reconsidered by the Legislative Assembly no change be made in the present hours of opening and closing Public-houses, and that effective provision be made for restricting travellers privileges to *bona fide* travellers.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Supplementary Return to an Order made on 7th February, 1883,—
“Cancellation of Dinga Dinga as a Polling-place for Young.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing
copy of a Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation, between Her Majesty the Queen and
the Prince of Montenegro.
Ordered to be printed.

4. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Directors of the Albury
Gas Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to
construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Albury.
And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the
Albury Banner, and the *Border Post*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th
Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That John
Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

6. SOUTH COAST ROAD THROUGH SHOALHAVEN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Humphery moved, pursuant to
Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a statement of all moneys, giving the items
in detail, expended upon that portion of the South Coast Road within the Electorate of Shoal-
haven since the road became entitled to an annual expenditure of £50 a mile.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after the
Orders of the Day of General Business.

8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill
postponed until Friday next.

9. EATING-HOUSES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Trickett moved, That this
Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Moses,
Sir Wigram Allen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cohen,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Day,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Teese,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. White,
Mr. Hellyer,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Leven,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Machattie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Trickett.

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Gibbes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Trickett 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.

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 *Mr. Burns* reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

10. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns
moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

11. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
12. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart 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. Stuart, 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. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
13. KIAMA TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Tarrant, 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 January, 1883; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Tarrant then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 9th March.
Question put and passed.
14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Debate ensued.
Question 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,—

SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The House adjourned at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Roman Catholic Orphanage, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Would he be prepared to submit to his Colleagues the desirableness of conveying to Trustees the buildings, grounds, and farm at Parramatta now occupied as a Roman Catholic Orphanage, and originally given or promised to the late most Reverend Archbishop Polding for Orphanage purposes, on the condition that the said buildings and farm should be used as a Roman Catholic Orphanage, and supported by the members of that Denomination, with a view to relieve the State from the cost of the establishment, and to enable the Roman Catholic Denomination to deal with the orphan and neglected children at their own expense, but subject to certain restrictions for the maintenance and education of such children as may be hereafter agreed upon?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No proposal of the kind referred to has been submitted to me. If such be submitted, I will be prepared to deal with it upon its merits.

(2.) Surveyors Fees:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the relative value of the fee of a Surveyor who surveys a 40-acre lot compared with the cost of the clerical labour in the Lands Department in passing the account, charting, and fees on the same?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Surveyor General reports that the cost of survey of a 40-acre block is £5; in the cases of conterminous blocks, £3 15s. each. The Survey Office expenses are estimated at £2 0s. 10d.; and if a conditional purchase, at £2 10s. 4d.

(3.) Railway Sleeping-cars:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Lync, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that applicants for sleeping-berths in the cars on the Southern and Western Railway Lines cannot obtain lower berths when they are vacant unless the corresponding upper ones are also taken?

(2.) If this is so, will he issue instructions to enable travellers to obtain lower berths should any be vacant at the time of application?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; it having been found that in many cases the whole of the lower berths were taken, whilst the upper ones were left vacant. The cars, by this means, although only partly filled, were not available for other passengers, and extra carriages, otherwise unnecessary, had to be put on, increasing the weight of the train, and rendering a second engine indispensable.

(2.) It is proposed to make a difference in the charge for upper and lower berths, and this it is considered will equalize the demand for them. It will therefore be unnecessary to continue the present arrangement.

(4.) Gravel and Metal sent from Emu Plains by Railway:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of tons of metal and gravel sent from Emu Plains Station during the year 1882?

(2.) The amount of freight received for the carriage of metal and gravel from Emu Plains for the year 1882?

(3.) The cost to the Department for this service?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 63,466 tons.

(2.) £11,542.

(3.) £8,127.

(5.)

- (5.) Roads in the Namoi Electorate:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have the plans and full particulars been received from the Surveyors of the following Roads, and have they been finally marked, proclaimed, and gazetted for public use; if so, the date of proclamation of each, distance between each place, if scheduled, and to what extent; if not, when will these necessary surveys be completed and proclamation issued:—Gunnedah to Coonabarabran; Walgett to Coonamble via Comogoland (deviation from Nugil), part surveyed, part uncompleted; Walgett to Narrabri, north side of the Namoi River; Collarenebri, on the Barwon River, direct via Wee Waa to Narrabri Railway Terminus south side of Namoi River, as promised, and part of which has been surveyed?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The information asked by the Honorable Member would necessitate such a voluminous statement, as it relates to two Departments, that it would be much better that it should be submitted in the shape of a Return, and this I will lay upon the Table of the House at an early date.

- (6.) Land for Church of England, Narrabri, and Burial Ground, Pilliga:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it intended to gazette Trustees of following land, names submitted, and land dedicated:—Church of England, Narrabri; Burial Ground, Pilliga?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Trustees for the Narrabri Church of England site will shortly be notified in the *Government Gazette*. The dedication of the Pilliga Cemetery will be completed at an early date, and Trustees appointed.

- (7.) Recovery of the bodies of the Misses Viles:—Mr. Coonan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to take any steps towards rewarding the Police who acted so bravely in recovering the bodies of the Misses Viles, lately drowned at Coogee Bay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Inspector General of Police has sent me the following memorandum in this case:—"I think that conduct of the nature referred to, however commendable, should be its own reward rather than be recognized by a money payment; but I have placed on record my opinion of the humane and courageous conduct of the Constables, who will, I hope, earn their promotion in the Force. A gentleman saw me with reference to a public presentation of a watch to each of the men, to which of course I offered no objection."

- (8.) Bridge over Lagoon, Ranken-street, Forbes:—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for a Bridge over the Lagoon at the east end of Ranken-street, Forbes, as requested in Petition presented to him some time ago?

Mr. Copeland answered,—£1,000 is on the Estimates-in-Chief to replace old bridge on the Orange and Forbes Road. No petition can be traced asking for bridge at east end of Ranken-street. There is a petition presented by Mr. Bodel, in November last, asking for bridge at east end of Sheriff-street, in reply to which Mr. Bodel was informed that a sum was placed on the Estimates for Bridge on the Orange and Forbes Road.

- (9.) Temporary Common at Pomingalarna:—*Mr. Wilson*, for Mr. Loughnan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Upon what grounds and on whose application was the Temporary Common at Pomingalarna, Wagga Wagga, withdrawn from commonage and gazetted as a Reserve for Travelling Stock?

(2.) Upon whose recommendation was this done?

(3.) Is it not a fact that very many complaints have been made to the Chief Inspector of Stock that the Travelling Stock Reserves already existing about Wagga Wagga are utterly useless as Stock Reserves, in consequence of the whole of the grass being eaten off them by stock which are not *bona fide* travelling stock?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 & 2.) One thousand acres were withdrawn from the Temporary Common, on the recommendation of the District Surveyor, for the accommodation of Stock awaiting trucking.

(3.) I am not aware of any complaints of the character referred to. The Works Department have been requested to cause the area withdrawn from the Common to be fenced.

- (10.) Water used at Petersham Public School:—Mr. Barbour asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is he aware that the drinking water for the use of the children at the Petersham Public School is unfit for use, and has been so for months back; if so, will he cause this state of things to be remedied as soon as possible?

Mr. Reid answered,—The water at this School is occasionally unfit for drinking purposes, owing to the accumulation of dirt on the shingles which is washed into the tank. Steps are now being taken to lay on the city water.

- (11.) Orphan Schools at Parramatta:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many children have been taken from the Protestant School, Parramatta Orphan School, during 1881 and 1882, by whom, and for what purposes?

(2.) How many in like time and manner from the Roman Catholic School, same place?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The number of children taken from the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta is as follows:—1881—11 taken by employers, to serve terms of apprenticeship; 39 taken by relatives or friends, to be maintained; 1 taken to Children's Hospital, for treatment; total, 51. 1882—21 taken by employers, to serve terms of apprenticeship; 36 by relatives or friends, to be maintained; 39 by Boarding-out Officer, to be placed in houses selected by him under the State Children's Relief Act; 1 died; total, 97.

(2.) The number taken from the Roman Catholic Orphan School is as follows:—1881—19 taken by employers, to serve terms of apprenticeship; 38 taken by friends, to be maintained; 3 died; total, 60. 1882—14 taken by employers, to serve terms of apprenticeship; 72 taken by friends, to be maintained; 20 taken by Boarding-out Officer; 3 died; total, 109.

(12.)

- (12.) Mr. Downe, Engineer for Tramways :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it true that Mr. Downe, the Engineer for Tramways, has recently left the Colony for America and Europe ?
 (2.) If so, is his journey being taken with the consent and at the expense of the Government, and will the Minister state the nature of the instructions given to Mr. Downe ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Downe left for America on the 22nd instant.
 (2.) The journey is being taken with the consent and at the expense of the Government. Mr. Downe has gone to Philadelphia to superintend the construction of a street motor and car, which he has designed for the Sydney tramways. I will lay a copy of the instructions given to Mr. Downe upon the Table of the House.
- (13.) Railway to Granville, Bathurst, and Goulburn :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The cost per mile of constructing the Railway between Sydney and Granville ?
 (2.) The like information regarding the Line from Granville to Bathurst, and from Granville to Goulburn ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) £77,481 per mile.
 (2.) Granville to Bathurst, £17,948 ; Granville to Goulburn, £14,651.

- (14.) Mr. O'Byrne, Inspector of Public Schools :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Does Mr. O'Byrne, Inspector of Public Schools, hold a first-class certificate ?
 (2.) How long has he been connected with the Educational Department ?
 (3.) How many years has he held the position of Inspector of Public Schools ?
 (4.) Is it true that officers holding lower classification, and his juniors in the service, have been appointed to the offices of District Inspectors over his head ; if so, why ?
 (5.) Is it true that the Under Secretary and the Chief Inspector recommended Mr. O'Byrne for appointment as District Inspector ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Since July, 1858.
 (3.) Since 1st January, 1872.
 (4.) No.
 (5.) The Chief Inspector recommended Mr. O'Byrne for the office of District Inspector of Schools, but no recommendation was submitted by the Under Secretary.
- (15.) Pay of Tide-waiters :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to restore to the Tide-waiters the 4s. 6d. per day which was taken from them by the late Treasurer ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Previous to the 1st January, 1857, Tide-waiters were paid 6s. per day ; from that date to the present Tide-waiters have received 10s. 6d. per day when employed. No reduction has been made in the rate of Tide-waiters pay.

2. THE LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Olliffe presented a Petition from Market Gardeners and Dealers of Sydney and surrounding Districts, praying that when the Amended Licensing Bill is under the consideration of the House a clause may be inserted to enable them to obtain refreshments from the Hotels in the vicinity of the Markets on market mornings between the hours of 4 a.m. and 6 a.m.
 Petition received.
3. JULIA RUSSELL :—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from Julia Russell, of Sussex-street, in the City of Sydney, alleging that she has sustained pecuniary loss through her business premises having been quarantined in consequence of her family being attacked with Small-pox ; and praying the House to take her case into favourable consideration.
 Petition received.
4. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“ Immigration,”—Ship “ Duchess of Argyle.”
 (2.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. WOLLONGONG GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL :—Mr. Proctor 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 Wollongong Gaslight Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Wollongong,*”—read a first time.
6. STEAMSHIP “ BALLINA ” (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Young*, for Mr. Roberts, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, petitions, and other documents relating to the wreck of the steamship “ Ballina,” now lying at the entrance to the harbour of Port Macquarie.
 Question put and passed.
7. PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF INVENTIONS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Provisional Registration of Inventions.
 Question put and passed.

8. DISTRICT COURTS AND QUARTER SESSIONS FOR BREWARRINA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Coonan*, for *Mr. Machattie*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) Copies of all correspondence relating to the establishment of District Courts and Quarter Sessions for the Police District of Brewarrina.
 (2.) A Return showing the number of committals and convictions from the above District since the appointment of the Police Magistrate there.
 Question put and passed.
9. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Albury Gaslight Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Albury.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. Day* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Albury,"—read a first time.
10. SUPREME COURT JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cohen* 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 regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.
 Question put and passed.
11. DOUBLE-DECKED TRAMWAY CARRIAGES:—*Mr. Trickett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the further use of Double-decked Carriages on Tram-lines should in the interest of the public safety be discontinued forthwith.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
12. LIGHTING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER WITH THE ELECTRIC LIGHT:—*Mr. Trickett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Legislative Assembly Chamber should be lit with the Electric Light.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN LOTS AT TEMORA AND GULGONG:—*Mr. Spring* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) Copies of all papers in connection with the appraisement of town lots at Temora by *Mr. Commissioner Johnson*, a list of those lots, and the valuation in each case.
 (2.) Also a Return of similar valuations in the town of Gulgong.
 (3.) Also a Return of land sold at auction by the Government in the town of Cootamundra, showing area of, and price realized for each lot.
 Question put and passed.
14. EXECUTION OF PROCESS OF THE SUPREME COURT:—*Mr. Levien* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Execution of Process of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
 Question put and passed.
15. REMEDIES OF JUDGMENT CREDITORS:—*Mr. Levien* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Remedies of Judgment Creditors.
 Question put and passed.
16. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. O'Connor* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>	<i>Mr. Merriman,</i>
<i>Mr. Abigail,</i>	<i>Mr. Olliffe,</i>
<i>Mr. Badgery,</i>	<i>Mr. Reid,</i>
<i>Mr. Barbour,</i>	<i>Sir John Robertson,</i>
<i>Mr. Russell Barton,</i>	<i>Mr. Slattery,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. R. B. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>	<i>Mr. Sydney Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. George Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>
<i>Mr. Cass,</i>	<i>Mr. Targett,</i>
<i>Mr. Cohen,</i>	<i>Mr. Hugh Taylor,</i>
<i>Mr. Copland,</i>	<i>Mr. Teece,</i>
<i>Mr. Day,</i>	<i>Mr. White,</i>
<i>Mr. De Salis,</i>	<i>Mr. Wilkinson,</i>
<i>Mr. Dibbs,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Garrard,</i>	<i>Mr. Young.</i>
<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>	
<i>Mr. Griffiths,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Hellyer,</i>	<i>Mr. O'Connor,</i>
<i>Mr. Holtermann,</i>	<i>Mr. Humphery.</i>
<i>Mr. Machattie,</i>	

Noes, 13.

<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>
<i>Mr. Dalton,</i>
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. W. J. Fergusson,</i>
<i>Mr. Lackey,</i>
<i>Mr. McCulloch,</i>
<i>Mr. Moses,</i>
<i>Mr. Proctor,</i>
<i>Mr. Purves,</i>
<i>Mr. Bruce Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. Trickett.</i>
<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Pigott,</i>
<i>Mr. Stephen.</i>

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 9th March.

17. RABBIT NUISANCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

The House adjourned at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The late Mr. R. H. Sempill :—*Mr. Badgery*, for Mr. Teece, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) For what number of years did the late Mr. R. H. Sempill hold the office of Official Assignee, and by whom appointed?
 - (2.) On how many occasions yearly during his term of office were his public accounts examined into and audited, and by what officers were they reported upon as correct or otherwise?
 - (3.) What was the amount of defalcation found in his accounts during each separate year he held office?
 - (4.) Was Mr. Sempill insolvent and suspended from office since his appointment; if so, were his public accounts then specially examined into and found correct?
 - (5.) Was it the duty of the Treasury, or other Department of the Government, or Supreme Court, to periodically examine and audit his accounts on behalf of the public and in good faith towards his bondsmen?
 - (6.) Was any notice of default or irregularity in his accounts served upon his bondsmen during his term of office?
 - (7.) Were the public accounts of the Official Assignees in office during 1882 examined into and audited by an officer of the Government, or of the Supreme Court; if so, were they found correct?
 - (8.) On what occasions were the public accounts of the Official Assignees examined into and audited during the past ten years?
 - (9.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any change in the existing Insolvency Law, or of the administration of Estates brought under the provisions of such Law?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Mr. R. H. Sempill held the office of Official Assignee from 8th March, 1860, to 4th January, 1881, a period of twenty years and ten months. He was appointed by the then Acting Chief Justice, John Nodes Dickinson, Esquire.
- (2.) I am informed that Mr. Sempill's accounts were not examined yearly by the Treasury, but they were examined and reported upon in the year 1881, after Mr. Sempill's death, by Mr. H. Selwyn Smith, who was specially appointed for that duty.
- (3.) The defalcations, as noted by Mr. Smith, amount to £11,106 8s. 4d., to meet part of which there was recovered from the Union Bank a sum of £1,931 18s. 8d. A sum of £2,000 has yet to be recovered from Mr. Sempill's sureties.
- (4.) Yes; Mr. Sempill became insolvent on 1st April, 1874, and was suspended from office by the present Chief Justice from 28th March, 1874, to 23rd December, 1875, when he was reinstated; but I am unable to say whether any examination into his accounts took place.
- (5.) I am unable to give a full answer to this question. The Official Assignees were never placed under control of the Treasury, and I am not aware whether Mr. Sempill's accounts were examined by any other Department.
- (6.) No, the deficiencies in his accounts were only discovered after his death.
- (7.) Not examined by any officer of the Treasury during the year 1882.
- (8.) The accounts of Messrs. Humphery, Lyons, and Sandeman, Official Assignees, were examined during the year 1880 for the purpose only of ascertaining if the unclaimed dividends and unclaimed balances of Insolvent Estates payable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund under the Act 17 Victoria No. 17, had been paid into the Treasury in accordance therewith. The late Mr. Sempill's accounts would also have been examined for like purpose during 1880 had he not disputed the right of the Treasury to do so. On its being represented to him that he would be reported to His Honor the Chief Justice if he continued to refuse access to his books, he agreed, on condition that time was allowed him to write them up to permit of their being inspected. On the very day such inspection was to have commenced Mr. Sempill was found dead in his bed.
- (9.) This subject shall receive the earliest consideration of the Government.

(2.)

(2.) Weather-shed for Public School at Brewarrina:—Mr. Machattie asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the want of a Weather-shed for the use of boys attending the Public School at Brewarrina?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that at present the boys have no such protection?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence relating to the above want?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes; but from a recent report it appeared that it was inexpedient to provide any further outdoor accommodation than that already supplied. A further report upon the subject will be obtained.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(3.) Arrangement for Railway Country Trains:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the present arrangement respecting the arrival of the Country Trains at Redfern intended to be permanent; if not, when will it be done away with?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Additional accommodation is being provided at Redfern for the convenience of passengers generally, and so soon as the work is completed more perfect arrangements will be made.

(4.) Tickets issued at Summer Hill Railway Station:—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of tickets, including season tickets, issued at Summer Hill Station during the months of October, November, and December, 1882, also the like in January and to 20th of February in this year?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The following tickets were issued at Summer Hill during the months named:—Ordinary tickets—October, 9,150; November, 10,548; December, 11,436; January, 12,202; February, 7,013. Season tickets—October, 148; November, 50; December, 48; January, 240; February, 43.

(5.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform this House when it is his intention to fulfil the promise he made to the Deputation on 9th February respecting the Railway porters and the Eight-hour question?

Mr. Copeland answered,—When I have an opportunity of dealing with the whole question in reference to these and other Government employes.

(6.) Railway Extension, Blayney to Young:—Mr. George Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the plans and sections of the Railway Extension Blayney to Young be ready to lay upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—They will be laid upon the Table of the House on an early date.

(7.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to grant the Eight-hour system to the men employed in the Dredge Service, or adopt the Nine-hour system, as recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief.

Mr. Copeland answered,—This question must be considered in conjunction with others of a similar nature, and must stand over until I have had an opportunity of dealing with the whole subject.

(8.) Albury Water Supply:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the Albury Water Supply?

(2.) When will tenders be invited for the above work?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) A considerable time was undoubtedly lost in the early stages of this transaction on account of a difference of opinion which existed between the Albury Council and the ratepayers. Tenders, however, were accepted for the pumping machinery in April last by cablegram; and from late advices from the Agent General I gather that the work is in an advanced state. The pipes for the service were ordered also by cablegram some months ago, and a consignment may be shortly expected to arrive.

(2.) Tenders for the reservoir will probably be invited in the course of next week.

(9.) Refreshment Rooms at Werris Creek Railway Station:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it intended to provide accommodation and Refreshment Rooms at Werris Creek, on the Great Northern and North-western Railway Lines; if so, have plans and specifications been prepared, and when are tenders likely to be called for such buildings?

(2.) If such is adopted, will arrangements be made to lessen the time of stopping at intermediate Stations, allowing more time at Werris Creek to enable passengers from Newcastle and the North and North-western Districts to meet at Werris Creek and transact their business and return by same train?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; plans and specifications are being prepared, with a view to tenders being invited for the erection of the buildings as early as possible.

(2.) Yes; the aim will be to effect this object.

(10.) Mr. J. E. Redmond:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Young, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was an application made by Mr. J. E. Redmond, or by any one else on his behalf, for a free pass for the Railways of this Colony; if so, how was the application dealt with by the Minister and the Commissioner?

Mr. Copeland answered,—An application was made for such pass on the ground that Mr. Redmond was a Member of the Imperial Parliament; but as he was also engaged in the delivery of public lectures, for which charges of admission were made, it was under these circumstances deemed inadvisable to accede to the request.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 8th February, 1883,—
"Alphonse Bechet."
Ordered to be printed.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
- (1.) Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court :—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 15.*
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 Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 28th February, 1883.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) Salaries and Pensions of District Court Judges and Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates :—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 16.*
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 increase the Salaries of and provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 28th February, 1883.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
4. THOMAS SCOLLIN :—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from Thomas Scollin, late a Sergeant in the Police Force of New South Wales, complaining of his dismissal from the Force ; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to redress.
Petition received.
5. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from John Black Douglas, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, stating that they view with alarm any attempt to introduce Immigrants into the Colony at the public expense ; and praying the House to strike out of the Estimates the whole sum proposed for Immigration purposes.
Petition received.
6. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Day, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Albury Gas Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Poole, Mr. Cass, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lyne, Dr. Ross, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Moses, Mr. Burns, Mr. Coonan, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. RABBIT NUISANCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1883, A.M.,

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th February, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

INSCRIBED

INSCRIBED STOCK BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th February, 1883.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 17. At end of sub-section (1.) *add* "redeemable at such times and subject to such terms and conditions as he may before the creation thereof determine and appoint"

Page 3, clause 9, line 1. *Omit* "one" *insert* "two"

Page 3, clause 9, line 2. *Omit* "Agent or"

Page 3, clause 9, line 2. *After* "Act" *insert* "of whom one shall be the Agent General of the Colony for the time being"

Page 3, clause 12. *After* clause 12 *insert* the following new clause:—

"13. It shall be the duty of the Colonial Treasurer for the time being within thirty days after the meeting of Parliament in each year to lay before both Houses of Parliament a Report showing the particulars of every creation and inscription of stock whether such stock was created for the purpose of raising a loan or for the conversion of outstanding debentures the capital amount of such stock—the rate of interest thereon and its currency and condition of redemption—also particulars of every redemption or payment of the capital amount of any loan or of any portion thereof together with copies of all agreements appointments rules and regulations effected entered into or made under the authority of this Act prior to such date of meeting."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill; and said that, having carefully considered the matter, he had come to the conclusion that it was a money Bill, and it appeared to him that such amendments if made by the House of Lords would not be entertained by the Commons. He thought therefore that the House, in the exercise of its privileges, would do well to take notice of the course adopted by the Legislative Council.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Eradication of the Prickly Pear and other Noxious Weeds :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure during the present Session for the eradication of the Prickly Pear and other Noxious Weeds ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce such a Bill this Session.

(2.) Singleton Lock-up :—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for the removal of the Singleton Lock-up from its present site, in accordance with the request of a Deputation that waited on the late Colonial Secretary some eighteen months since ; and if so, when is it intended to carry such removal into effect ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter appears to have engaged the attention of the late Government, but no decision seems to have been arrived at by them. As far as I can judge, from a hasty perusal of the papers, it is very much mixed up with and dependent upon the purchase of a Recreation Ground ; but as soon as I have the leisure to read carefully through the somewhat complicated papers, I will endeavour to come to a decision upon the merits of the case.

(3.) Railway Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Guards :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the rates of wages paid to engine-drivers, firemen, and guards on the Great Southern and Western Railways ; and what on the Great Northern Railway ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The wages are the same on both Lines. Engine-drivers are paid from 11s. to 15s. per diem ; firemen, from 8s. to 10s. ; guards, from 9s. to 12s. ; and assistant guards, 8s. and 8s. 6d. per diem.

(4.) Cancellation of a Reserve in the Parish of Obley :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he received any petition requesting the cancellation of Reserve No. 1,226, Parish of Obley, County of Gordon ; if so, when will the said Reserve be cancelled ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, portion of the Reserve was cancelled. The waterhole, originally embraced in Reserve No. 1,226, is now included in Reserve No. 1,799. The Honorable Member was informed of the action taken on the 15th ultimo.

(5.) Water used at Public School at Molong :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is he aware that the water contained in the underground tanks in connection with the Public School at Molong is in a very impure and unwholesome state, and will he see that steps are taken to have the said tanks properly cleaned ?

Mr. Reid answered,—A report to that effect has been received, and arrangements have been made for having the necessary work done at once.

2. **MR. EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER** :—*Mr. Fletcher* presented a Petition from Ezekiel Alexander Baker, formerly a Member of this House, and representing the Electoral District of Carcoar, praying the House to rescind the Resolution passed by it on the 8th November, 1881, which declared that he had been guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, and seriously reflecting on the honor and dignity of Parliament ; and further praying that he may be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of his Petition.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
Petition received.

3. **JAMES GARDNER**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from James Gardner, of Wentworth Wharf, Darling Harbour, representing that he is the lessee of the said Wharf, and that in consequence of the deepening of the channel by the Government Dredge the Wharf has been damaged by the foundation being undermined; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration. Petition received.
4. **HELEY'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Purves presented a Petition from Edward Joseph Rubie, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Edward Joseph Rubie and Thomas O'Connor, the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Heley, and the duly appointed Committee of Albina Heley, an insane patient, and also the Trustees of a certain Indenture of Settlement, dated the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, to sell certain lands and hereditaments in the Schedules A and B hereto described, and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale, and for other purposes therein mentioned. And Mr. Purves having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
5. **SURVEY OF THE COUNTY OF GORDON**:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Conditional Purchasers in the County of Gordon, representing that they have largely purchased land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act, and that such land has not been surveyed in accordance with the rules of the Survey Department; and praying that a correct survey of the Colony may be made, and reliable plans issued. Petition received.
6. **AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 31st January, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed. Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 9th March. Question put and passed.
7. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(4.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Opinion of the Honorable the Attorney General *in re* the "Austral" casualty, the Marine Board of this Colony, and the Imperial Board of Trade.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (No. 2)**:—
(1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Resolution agreed to by this House on the 24th January last, and on which the Inscribed Stock Bill had been founded, be now read. Question put and passed. And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 7, entry 9*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1882 on "Albury Gas Company's Bill," together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill. Question put and passed.
10. **DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES SALARIES BILL**:—Mr. Cohen 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 increase the Salaries of and provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates. Question put and passed.
11. **LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, 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, 2 MARCH, 1888, A.M.,

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

The House adjourned at three minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 MARCH, 1883.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

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 1883,*"—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 February, 1883.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mossman's Bay Wharf:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Tunks, representing the Borough Council of Victoria, St. Leonards, formally protested to the late Government against the alienating any of the 100 feet reserve which fringes nearly the whole of the northern shores of Port Jackson?

(2.) Did a Deputation, at a late date, consisting of Aldermen Langley, Stevenson, and Jenkins, together with several freeholders from Mossman's Bay, wait upon Sir John Robertson, late Secretary for Lands, and urge that the Government should refuse the request of Messrs. Stuart and Harnett to rescind that portion of the reservation upon which the Mossman's Bay Wharf was built, together with the foreshores of the 122 acres they had been endeavouring to obtain?

(3.) Is it true that Mossman's Bay Wharf was built by Mr. Mossman over twenty years ago upon public land at his own expense, and that he never received any legal right or title from the Crown to such land, nor any money consideration from the Government for the said wharf?

(4.) Did the late Secretary for Lands, Sir John Robertson, give a promise to the Deputation that no steps towards alienating any of the reserved lands should be taken before first communicating with the Council of St. Leonards?

(5.) Is it true that the Mossman's Bay Wharf has passed into the possession of Messrs. Stuart and Harnett; if so, upon what terms; and was the Council of St. Leonards informed before the final arrangements were made?

(6.) Has any portion of the people's reserve at North Shore passed into the possession of Messrs. Stuart and Harnett; if so, will the Minister state how much, and the particulars under which such alienations took place?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) He may have done so, but no record of any such protest can be traced in the Department of Lands.

(2.) Such a Deputation did wait on Sir John Robertson, but so far as the freeholders of Mossman's Bay are concerned, all they asked for was access to and the use of a public wharf.

(3.) The wharf known as Mossman's, was built in 1831 by Messrs. Bell and Mossman upon the frontage, two blocks of land, promised to them as what was popularly known as Whaling Grants, whereby they were authorized to extend the frontage to deep water under certain conditions of expenditure in buildings, and from the very nature of the occupation the 100 feet reservation usually contained in letters of occupation, was struck out by the Colonial Secretary of the day. In 1837 the claim of these parties to the grant in fee was referred to the Court of Claims, which Court decided that the expenditure had exceeded the requirement, and that the applicants were entitled to a grant in accordance with the original letter of occupation. (4.)

(4.) Sir John Robertson is reported to have made such statement, but explained that Messrs. Stuart and Harnett held the grant, and that the Government merely had a legal right to resume, if there was an equitable right. Subsequently Sir John Robertson found, on examining the case, that the Government had in the early days parted with this right, as stated in answer to No. 3, and that the Government could not legally rescind the reservation merely by reason of a clerical error in the deed of grant.

(5.) The Mossman's Bay Wharf, I am informed, passed into the possession of Mr. Harnett in 1872, through purchase from Dr. Boyd, who had derived it through various parties from the original grantees, Messrs. Bell and Mossman. The terms of purchase I am not acquainted with, nor am I able to say whether the Council of St. Leonards was first communicated with; but I should imagine not, as it happened probably before the existence of such Council.

(6.) There is no people's reserve at the place referred to. Certain portions of reservations, chiefly at Little Sirius Cove, have passed, or are entitled to pass into the hands of Messrs. Harnett and Stuart, or purchasers from them, the same having been duly gazetted in the ordinary way, and the time required by law expired without any person raising objections thereto. The particulars of the purchase of such reservations shall be laid on the Table in the form of a Return.

(2.) Railway Station Buildings, Armidale:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When did the contract time for completing the Railway Station Buildings at Armidale expire?

(2.) When are the Buildings likely to be completed?

(3.) Is he aware that the present state of the Buildings is a source of great public inconvenience, as well as a loss to the revenue?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Buildings will not be completed in twelve months at the present rate of progress; if so, is it the intention of the Government to take any action to expedite the completion of the Buildings; and what action is proposed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) On the 30th November, 1882.

(2.) It is probable that the contract will be finished in the course of three or four months; but it is impossible to say definitely, as the contractors are carrying out the works in a most unsatisfactory manner.

(3.) Yes; I am aware that the non-completion of the Station Buildings is a great inconvenience.

(4.) Every exertion has been made to induce the contractors to complete the works. There are only two courses which the Government can adopt—one to cancel the contract, and the other to enforce the penalties named in the specification. The contractors have been informed that the penalties will be enforced unless good cause can be shown for the delay.

(3.) Commission of the Peace:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to give consideration to the Queensland system of issuing a new Commission of the Peace in January of every year for this Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware of any advantage the Queensland system possesses over that pursued in this Colony.

(4.) The Bermagui Mystery:—*Mr. Day* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers moved for by the late Mr. William Forster on 26th September last, regarding the Bermagui mystery, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—These papers are much more voluminous than would be imagined from the circumstances of the case. This has been the cause of the delay. They are now in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as they are completed.

(5.) Land Surveyed for Sale in Counties of Gordon and Ashburnham:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of acres in the Counties of Gordon and Ashburnham, respectively, upon which the fee of 6d. per acre has been deposited pending survey, the amount deposited on the same, and by whom?

(2.) Also the number of acres surveyed and sold since 1875?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The information will be supplied in the form of a Return.

(6.) Trucking Yards at Railway Stations:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was the Railway opened to Nevertire?

(2.) Are trucking-yards for stock ready for use at that Station?

(3.) When will the Railway be open to Nyngen, and are any arrangements being made to have trucking-yards ready by that time?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) On the 20th October, 1882.

(2.) These yards should have been finished by the 30th December last, but they are not yet ready, although nearly finished.

(3.) The contract time for the completion of the Line to Nyngen is the 30th June next, and I see no probability of its being opened on an earlier date. Every exertion is being made to have the stock-yards finished on that date.

(7.) Equity Business, Supreme Court:—*Mr. Pigott* asked the Minister of Justice,—Have any, and if any what, arrangements been made for the disposal of the Equity Business of the Supreme Court during the absence on leave of His Honor Sir William Manning?

Mr. Cohen answered,—His Honor Mr. Justice Faucett will preside in the Equity Court during the present month, and the disposal of the Business in that Jurisdiction thereafter, during the remainder of Sir William Manning's leave, will be a matter for further arrangement.

3. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Papers relating to an Application made on behalf of Mr. Redmond, M.P., for a Free Railway Pass.
 (2.) Return showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1883 for Subordinate Roads under the Officers of the Roads Department.
 (3.) Return showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1883 for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.
 (4.) Return to an Order made on 7th November, 1882,—“ Site for a Railway Station at Rylstone.”
 (5.) Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1883,—“ Railway Surveyors.”
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Colonial Secretary, together with Reports, relating to the Aborigines of this Colony.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from William Alston Hutchinson, Chairman of the Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable a Company called “The Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited)” to construct a Railway from the Redhead Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.
 And Mr. Fletcher having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
5. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen 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 Licensing Act of 1882.
 Question put and passed.
6. MR. EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That that portion of the prayer of the Petition of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, which was presented on the 1st March instant, to the effect that he be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, be granted.
 Question put and passed.
7. HELEY'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Purves moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Heley, and the duly appointed Committee of Albina Heley, an insane patient, and also the Trustees of a certain Indenture of Settlement, dated 26th day of April, 1875, to sell certain lands and hereditaments in the Schedules A and B hereto described, and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Purves having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable Edward Joseph Rubie and Thomas O'Connor the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Heley and the duly appointed Committee of Albina Heley an insane patient and also the Trustees of a certain Indenture of Settlement dated the twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five to sell certain lands and hereditaments in the Schedules A and B hereto described and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale and for other purposes therein mentioned,”—read a first time.
8. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (No. 2.):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive postponed, to follow after the Orders of the Day of General Business.
10. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 16th March.
11. ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Combes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Combes, 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. Combes, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 16th March.
13. EATING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Trickett, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

14. **BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 16th March.
15. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Extension of the Penny Postage System:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—With reference to my question of the 18th January, and the answer thereto, respecting the proposed extension of the Penny Postage to Parramatta and all towns accessible by Railway,—What decision, if any, has been arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Wright answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at; but the matter will be dealt with during the recess.

(2.) Licensing Benches in Country Districts:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended to appoint more Licensing Benches in the Country Districts?

(2.) Is he aware of the great expense and inconvenience people are put to who may have cases before the Court?

(3.) Will he consider the desirableness of appointing a Licensing Court at Parramatta for the whole of the County of Cumberland, to prevent those persons from having to travel such long distances, and thereby prosecutions in many cases abandoned?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes, the subject shall receive due consideration.

(3.) Orphan Schools, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) What supervision is exercised over the many hundreds of children apprenticed from the Orphan Schools, Parramatta?

(2.) Is it not a fact that complaints have reached the Orphanages as to the ill-treatment of many of the children so apprenticed?

(3.) Will a sum be placed upon the Additional Estimates for the appointment of an Inspector of such apprentices?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) None; but before leaving the Institutions they are instructed how to proceed if they are badly treated.

(2.) Yes, and such complaints are always investigated. They are often discovered to be without foundation. When necessary the apprentice is removed.

(3.) No.

(4.) Railway to Field of Mars:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to lay down a light Line of Railway between the City and the Field of Mars before subdividing and submitting that large estate for sale?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Lands and Works Departments are acting in concert in this matter. The sale of the land will not take place until the question of improved means of communication between Ryde and the City of Sydney is determined.

(5.) Water Supply for Cootamundra:—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Bruce Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Whether he is aware of the existence of a survey report on a proposed Water Supply scheme for Cootamundra, drawn up some months ago by an officer of his Department?

(2.) Whether or not a sum of money was ever placed upon the Estimates for the proposed work?

(3.) What does he propose to do regarding a Water Supply scheme for that town?

Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am aware of such a report and survey being in existence.
- (2.) No specific sum for the proposed work has ever been placed on the Estimates, so far as I can ascertain.
- (3.) It will be considered in conjunction with other similar applications when the proposed legislation in connection with Local Government is being dealt with?

(6.) Railway Sleeping-cars :—*Mr. McCulloch*, for Mr. Bruce Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost to the Government of the sleeping-cars purchased from Messrs. Hudson Brothers?
- (2.) What is the cost to the Government of such cars imported from America?
- (3.) Which of the two classes is in the opinion of competent authorities the better, and why?
- (4.) Is it true that this or the late Government received an offer from an American firm to supply such cars to the Government at a considerably smaller cost than is now being paid for the Colonial article?
- (5.) If such an offer was made, what was it?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) £1,720.
- (2.) £1,780.
- (3.) The colonial built car is the cheaper; but this advantage is perhaps neutralized by the superior quality of the wood used in the American car, which is less liable to shrink and twist.
- (4.) No.

(7.) Sites for Public Schools :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—The cause of delay in dedicating sites in the country for Public Schools?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The delays in this important matter arose, for the most part, when the applications were referred to the country Surveyors for measurement and description. Arrangements have now been made which will prevent such delays in future.

(8.) Schools of Agriculture and Model Farms :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he place the sum of £10,000 on the Supplementary Estimates for this year to assist in establishing Schools of Agriculture and Model Farms in the chief centres of agricultural population, such as Orange, Goulburn, and Bathurst?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has under consideration the whole question of Technical Education; and as the subject of Agriculture necessarily forms part of a complete system of Technical Education, the nature and extent of the assistance to be given thereto will have to be decided upon, but I am not prepared to state at present whether it will be to the extent named by the Honorable Member.

(9.) Park for Camperdown :—*Mr. Mitchell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were there two surveys made of the grant of land for a Park for Camperdown?
- (2.) What was the relative position of these surveys, and why was the second survey made?
- (3.) How much land did the Government purchase from the Fowler family, and the amount paid for it?
- (4.) Will the Colonial Secretary place upon the Table of this House the correspondence relative to the above matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The first survey was made for description for a proclamation to resume the land. The second survey was for subdivision, to ascertain the portions taken from the different owners.
- (3.) 2 roods 28½ perches (exclusive of 3 roods 3 perches acquired by resumption); the amount paid being £1,141.
- (4.) There is no objection to lay the correspondence on the Table if the Honorable Member still desires it.

(10.) Tramway Season Tickets :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend arranging for the issue of season tickets for Tramway travellers?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I have no present intention of doing so, but the question will receive consideration during the coming recess.

(11.) Fisheries Commission :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names and occupations of the present Commissioners of Fisheries?
- (2.) Are they as a body under any, and if so what, Department of the Public Service?
- (3.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that a document of sixteen pages, purporting to be a new Fisheries and Oyster Culture Bill, has been sent to various Sydney newspapers, and been commented on by them; also to various private individuals?
- (4.) Can he say at whose expense, by whose authority, and where this Bill was printed; and to what persons, and by whose directions, have the copies referred to been distributed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) President, James C. Cox, Doctor of Medicine; George F. Want, Stock and Station Agent; John H. Geddes, Wool Merchant; Frederick A. Thomas, Managing Clerk to Messrs. Lorimer, Rome, & Co., O'Connell-street; Edward Pierson Ramsay, Curator of the Australian Museum.
- (2.) Under Department of Colonial Secretary.
- (3.) Copies of the Bill which the Commissioners of Fisheries recommended to the Colonial Secretary for his consideration in lieu or as an amendment of the Fisheries Act, 1881, were, I am informed, sent (and in my opinion improperly so) to the Editors of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Evening News*, and to some Members of Parliament.
- (4.) The Bill was printed at the Government Printing Office by the authority of the Commissioners of Fisheries, and by their direction copies were sent as stated above,

(12.)

- (12.) Detective Wigg :—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When was Detective Wigg appointed to the Police Force?
 - (2.) By whom was he recommended to the appointment?
 - (3.) How many charges or complaints have been made against him?
 - (4.) Was he ever disgraced; if so, when, and the cause?
 - (5.) Is he in the Force now; if not, what was the cause of his resignation or dismissal?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) On the 28th of May, 1878.
 - (2.) By several masters of vessels in which he had served as mate, and in other capacities, with high character.
 - (3.) Two.
 - (4.) He was disgraced in rank and pay in connection with a charge brought forward by the Honorable Member.
 - (5.) He was dismissed for taking a money reward without the Inspector General's sanction.
- (13.) The Redfern Estate :—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he at an early date lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Grant or Grants, together with the plans, of the land originally granted to Dr. Redfern, and now known as the Redfern Estate, within the Borough of Redfern?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; I will presently lay them upon the Table of the House.

- (14.) Railway from Orange *via* Molong to Forbes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state definitely or approximately when tenders will be called for the construction of the 1st section of the Railway from Orange *via* Molong to near Forbes?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Gentleman to my answer to a similar question asked by him on 23rd ultimo; also to a letter addressed to him by the Under Secretary on 3rd instant, in reply to a written inquiry on the same subject.

- (15.) E. Russell Daunt :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Loughnan, asked the Minister of Justice,—If the bail (£80) in the case of E. Russell Daunt, who absconded last year, has been demanded from and paid by his bondsmen?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No; I am informed there is a legal difficulty as regards the enforcement of the recognizance; but the subject shall receive further and early consideration.

- (16.) Orange Railway Station :—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he any objection to state the number of truck loads of goods received at, and the number of truck loads of goods despatched from, the Orange Railway Station between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of December, 1882?
 - (2.) The gross earnings from goods and coaching traffic during the same period?
 - (3.) The like information regarding the Bathurst, Wellington, and Dubbo Stations respectively?
 - (4.) Does the Government intend to alter the gradient of the Railway Line in the vicinity of the Station at Orange; if so, will sub-ways be constructed to allow of access to the Eastern Suburb?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1, 2, & 3.) This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return as soon as it can be prepared.
- (4.) There is no intention of altering the gradient of the Railway Line at the place mentioned.

- (17.) Dawes Point :—Mr. Merriman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any, and what, steps been taken towards handing over Dawes Point to the Imperial Government?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the late Government, and considerable correspondence has passed with the Home Authorities on the subject. I have not yet been able to make myself master of all the details, but intend to endeavour to do so at the earliest opportunity.

2. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL :—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 28th February, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

3. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from John Broomfield, Chairman of Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort's Bay, and to establish new Roads in lieu thereof.

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

4. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Butcher presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and surrounding Districts, stating that they hear with satisfaction that it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the present Licensing Act, and that they approve of the amendments suggested by the Trades Defence Association; and praying the House to take into favourable consideration these suggestions when the proposed Bill is under consideration.
Petition received.

5. LETTER CARRIERS :—Mr. Olliffe presented a Petition from Letter Carriers connected with the General Post Office, Sydney, representing that the salaries paid to them are less than are paid to others in the Government Service occupying similar positions, and are not sufficient to support them and their families; and praying the House to take their case into consideration.
Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the number of Porters employed at the Railway Terminus at Redfern, and on the Darling Harbour Line, with their respective hours of work.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Tracing of Plan and Section of the Crossing of the Hawkesbury River at the site of the proposed Bridge on the Homebush and Waratah Railway.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 16th February, 1883,—“Postal Communication with London.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Customs Statistics for the year 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence relating to a Bridge to North Shore.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Roads in the Namoi Electorate.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Copy of Grant, and Tracing, of the Redfern Estate.

Ordered to be printed.

7. RAILWAY THROUGH THE CITY OF SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Pigott moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should during the present year lay upon the Table of this House Plans for the extension of the Railway through the City of Sydney to a point at or near the Circular Quay, and within the same period ask the sanction of this House for the carrying out of such extension.
Question put and passed.

8. SMALL-POX (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) A list of all claims arising out of the late Small-pox visitation.

(2.) The names of the several persons claiming, and the amounts paid to each.

Question put and passed.

9. THE “AUSTRAL” (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and telegrams that passed between the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor, the late Treasurer, and the Marine Board, in reference to the inquiry into the sinking of the “Austral” being stopped here and relegated to England.
Question put and passed.

10. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Redhead Coal-mining Company to construct a Railway from their property near Redhead to join the proposed Railway Line from Homebush to Waratah.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Fletcher 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 Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited)’ to construct a Railway from the Redhead Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*”—read a first time.

11. ROTTON’S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Combes, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Combes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will and for the 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 Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will and for the 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, together with a certified copy of the Probate, with Will annexed.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th March, 1883.*

12. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorize the Creation and Issue of Inscribed 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 authorize the Creation and Issue of Inscribed Stock and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th March, 1883.*

13. SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND MODEL FARMS:—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," Schools of Agriculture and Model Farms should be established in the several different localities of the Colony, having regard to the different climates and their productions.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Dr. Ross 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 "instruction in the elements of "Agricultural Chemistry, Geology, and Botany, should be taught in our Public Schools."

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

14. RAILWAY THROUGH THE CITY OF SYDNEY:—Mr. Burns 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 several Lines of route which have been proposed for continuing the Railway through the City of Sydney to the waters of Port Jackson, and generally to take Evidence on the subject.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Poole, Mr. Cameron, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Moses, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Pigott, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed on 30th October, 1879, to consider the same subject, be laid upon the Table with a view to being referred to this Committee.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Melville, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Ross, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and Mr. Trickett,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at seven minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Employés :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Do Railway employés get full or half-pay when absent from work, caused by accident whilst in the discharge of their duty?
 - (2.) And in the event of employés being disabled for life are they compensated?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for a Superannuation Fund in their Civil Service Bill to provide annuities for Railway employés who have been in actual service for fifteen years and over, and then retire?
 - (4.) Do the men employed in the Traffic Branch of the Railways get the same yearly holidays as those employed in the Locomotive Branch; if not, will the Secretary for Works give directions that they shall have them?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes, if not wholly due to their own culpable carelessness. If they have in no way contributed to the accident they get full pay.
 - (2.) There is not at present any established rule to meet cases of the kind, but provision is generally made either by the payment of a direct money compensation, or by light employment being found for employés disabled from following their usual avocation.
 - (3.) This question will receive consideration when the Superannuation Bill is being prepared.
 - (4.) Yes, with one exception only, viz., the drivers and firemen, who are allowed from three to six days additional leave, owing to the exceptionally arduous and engrossing character of their employment.
- (2.) Orange Railway Station :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Orange Railway Station be declared a second-class Station?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—Provision has been made on the Estimates for 1883 for raising the classification of this Station.
- (3.) Railway Stations at Spring Hill and Spring Grove :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any report been received on the suitability or otherwise of the Stations at Spring Hill and Spring Grove?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The Traffic Manager has reported that they are not inadequate for the present traffic, and as they have been recently repaired and painted the question of building new Stations is not by any means an urgent one. It is admitted, however, that more commodious brick buildings would be an advantage; but this applies to other Stations besides Spring Hill and Spring Grove, where wooden structures have been erected.
- (4.) Railway Foot-bridge, Orange :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In the event of the report on the Foot-bridge for passengers asked to be erected facing Kite-street, Orange, being unfavourable,—Will the Secretary for Works provide an underground crossing similar to the one at Bathurst Station?

Mr. Copeland answered,—An underpass similar to the one at Bathurst Station would not be suitable for Orange, as the drainage would be an insuperable difficulty. The question of a Foot-bridge will be determined shortly.

(5.)

(5.) Draftsmen in Colonial Architect's Department:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many draftsmen are there on the permanent staff of the Colonial Architect's Department?

(2.) How many temporary draftsmen are there in that Department?

(3.) How many years have such temporary draftsmen been in the Department?

(4.) Is it intended to increase the pay of such temporary draftsmen at the present time?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Seven.

(2.) Fourteen.

(3.) Periods varying from two months to seven years.

(4.) An increase of pay to some of the more deserving temporary draftsmen will be taken into consideration when the Estimates are passed.

(6.) John Larkins:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant any compensation to one John Larkins, the fireman who suffered serious injuries in the Railway collision that took place at Emu Plains in January, 1878; if so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No compensation is due to John Larkins. He was allowed full pay till he was thoroughly restored to health; his medical expenses were paid, and a gratuity was granted to him to enable him to visit the country for change of air, and he was paid in addition for injury to and loss of personal property. When the Medical Board reported that his health was thoroughly restored, he was allowed to resume work at his former rate of wages.

(7.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Lands,—If the sum of £4,000 increase on the Estimates for temporary assistance in the Survey Department is to be devoted to paying the extra 12½ per cent. to the temporary draftsmen now employed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The sum of £4,000 is intended to be applied to the purpose of increasing the pay of the temporary draftsmen, though not necessarily to the extent of 12½ per cent. in each case.

(8.) Sewer from Prince Alfred Hospital:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the length and size of the sewer from Prince Alfred Hospital, where does it commence and end, and what has been the total cost to date?

Mr. Copeland answered,—51½ chains of 4 feet by 3 feet oviform brick sewer, chiefly in shale, tunnel lined, commencing at the Prince Alfred Hospital and extending to foot of Ivy-street. A temporary pipe, 6½ chains long, is laid in bottom of watercourse to connect this with existing sewer at the bell-mouth in Cleveland-street, pending completion of Bondi sewer. The cost of both works was £9,870 7s. 10d.

2. EARNSHAW'S ESTATE BILL:—Sir Wigram Allen presented a Petition from Ambrose Thornley, the sole Executor named in and appointed by the last Will and Testament of Ono Earnshaw, late of the Glebe, near Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Ono Earnshaw, deceased, to sell and lease certain Land at Melham, Huddersfield, in the County of York, in England; also Land near Bedlam Point, on the Parramatta River, in the Parish of Hunter's Hill, County of Cumberland, Colony of New South Wales, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof.

And Sir Wigram Allen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Cumberland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Marine Board, and further Opinion of the Attorney General thereon, respecting the sinking of the "Austral."
Ordered to be printed.

4. HELEY'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Purves, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Heley's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Gray, Mr. Machattie, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort's Bay, and to establish new Roads in lieu thereof.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cameron 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 Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort's Bay and to establish new Roads in lieu thereof*,"—read a first time.

6. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Teece, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Melville, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Poole, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. **GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the application, papers, correspondence, declarations, evidence, reports, plans, minutes, and all other documents in reference to the conditional purchase of 319 acres, 76-48, made by one George Dougherty, at the Lands Office, Gunnedah, on 18th May, 1876.
Question put and passed.
8. **UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE (1883) INDEMNITY BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer the Officers of the Treasury and other Public Officers in respect of certain Unauthorized Advances and Payments on the Public Account,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1883.
JOHN HAY,
President.
9. **RABBIT NUISANCE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Abbott 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 2, 8, 10, 12, 18, 20, 23, 35, 42, 43, and 46, and Schedules A. D. E., and for the consideration of a new clause to stand clause 10."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 8, 10, 12, 18, "20, 23, 35, 42, 43, and 46, and Schedules A. D. E., and for the consideration of a new clause to stand clause 10,"—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, 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^d, with further amendments. On motion of Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
10. **INSCRIBED STOCK 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 authorize the Creation and Issue of Inscribed Stock and to make certain provisions auxiliary thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1883.
JOHN HAY,
President.
11. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

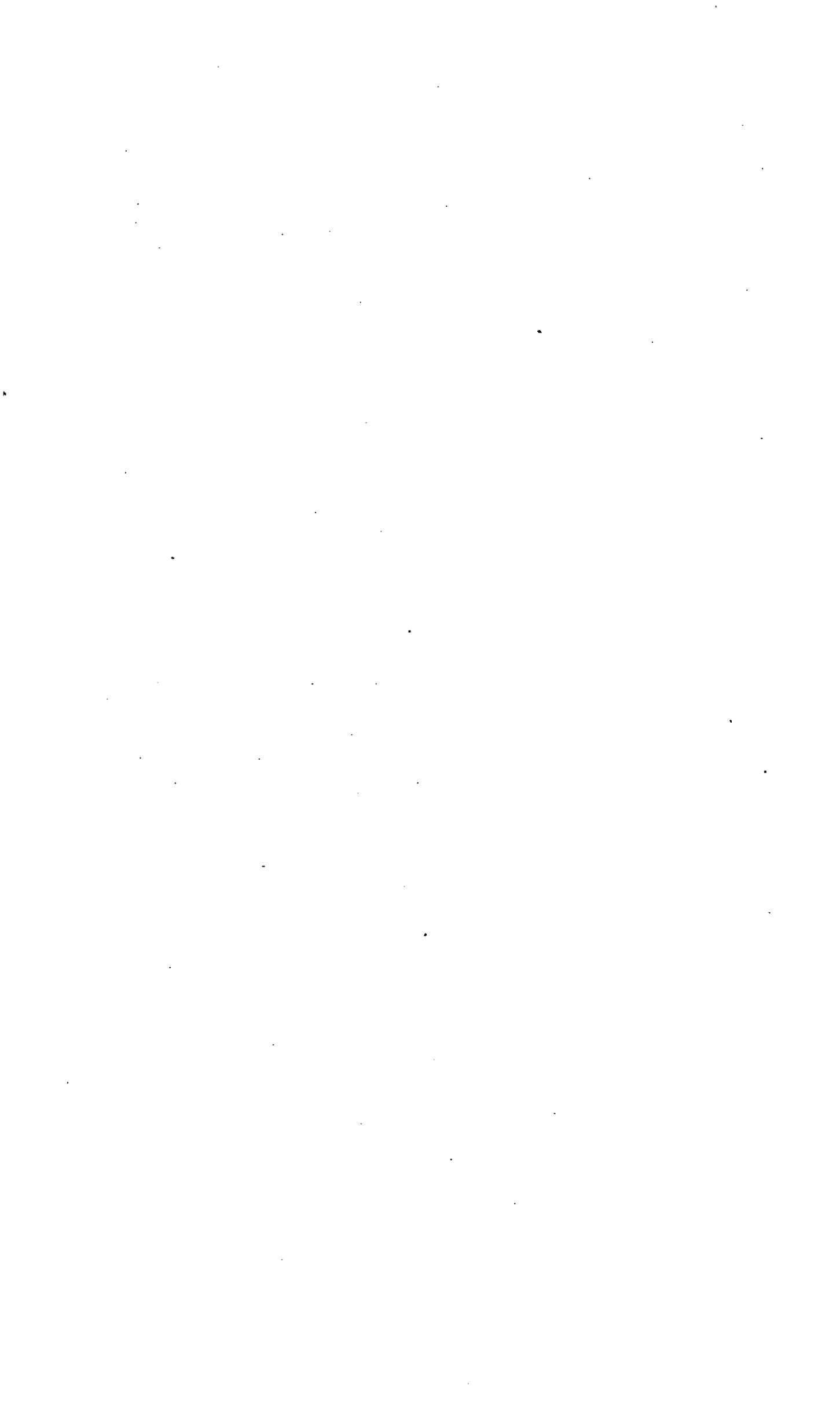
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Two o'clock, a.m. until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Claim of Mr. Richard Harper:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government resumed land, the property of Mr. R. Harper and others, for the Government Water Supply on section No. 1, near Prospect?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Government called upon these parties to forward their claims for such land, and to furnish particulars of titles?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that these instructions were carried out upwards of eighteen months since through a Solicitor?
 - (4.) When is it likely that the claims of Mr. Richard Harper and others will be settled?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The land in question was resumed on the 11th June, 1881. The usual notices were served in this and the other cases referred to. The claim of Mr. Harper can, I understand, be settled in about a week.

- (2.) Parramatta-street Post Office:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that money orders and letters intended for Parramatta-street are sometimes sent to Parramatta in error, thereby causing inconvenience and confusion?
 - (2.) Will the name, therefore, of the Parramatta-street Branch be altered?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Letters, newspapers, &c., for Parramatta-street are occasionally missent to Parramatta if indistinctly addressed.
- (2.) There is no objection to the name being changed to George-street West, and steps will be taken accordingly.

- (3.) Railway Fettleers and Navvies:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the fettleers and navvies working on the Railway road be included in the general increase of pay recently granted?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I have already dealt with this question by promising the men a bonus of £5 each at the end of the year. They will also receive time and a half for over-time and Sunday work. In addition to this concession comfortable wooden cottages will be erected for the men along the Line, for which a nominal rent only will be charged, and to which can be attached free plots of garden ground.

- (4.) Glass Manufactory in Australia-street, Kingston:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the Petition, and signatures, praying the Police to prosecute one J. Ross, glass manufacturer in Australia-street, Kingston, Newtown?
 - (2.) Will the Petitioners be called upon to pay any part of the cost of prosecution?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the document in question.
- (2.) I am informed by the Inspector General of Police that on receipt of this complaint an information was laid against Mr. Ross, as for a nuisance at common law, and that the evidence is not yet concluded, but that some of the parties interested employed an Attorney to assist in the prosecution.

- (5.) The "Austral":—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Attorney General gave his Opinion, as published in the Press lately, in the "Austral" casualty without having before him the documents which guided the Marine Board in the course it took in the matter, or without any reference to the Board whatever; if so, will the Honorable Treasurer inform the House why the documents were not furnished to the Attorney General?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The paper laid upon the Table of the House yesterday is an answer to this question.

(6.)

- (6.) Letters of Registration :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Russell Barton, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Does the Letters of Registration Act, 16th Victoria No. 24, direct that the whole of the £20 (deposited in the Treasury previous to petitioning for Letters Patent) should be expended, and is it absolutely necessary that such sum should be exhausted?
 - (2.) Is not such £20 deposit mainly a guarantee of *bona fides*?
 - (3.) Will he cause to be returned to the applicant the difference between the £20 and the expense of granting the Letters of Registration?
 - (4.) Will he take such steps as he may deem expedient and effective for the immediate cheapening of the cost of Patents?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) The second section of the Act 16 Victoria No. 24 directs that the sum of £20 shall be deposited with the Colonial Treasurer "for defraying the expense of granting the Letters of Registration."
- (2.) This question is answered by No. 1.
- (3.) I cannot see my way to do so, as there does not appear to be anything in the Act directing the return from the Treasury of the difference between the £20 and the expense of granting the Letters of Registration.
- (4.) The subject shall receive the early and careful consideration of the Government.

- (7.) Bridge over Cooma Creek :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Government proceed with the erection of the Bridge over Cooma Creek, for which £1,700 was voted last year?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Tenders will be invited in a fortnight; there was a dispute as to site, which has caused the delay in proceeding with the work.

- (8.) Transport of French Criminals to New Caledonia :—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Government any knowledge or information respecting the intention of the French Government to transport habitual criminals to New Caledonia and other Islands in the South Seas?
 - (2.) With reference to a paragraph to this effect in one of the daily Papers,—Does the Government intend to take any, and if so what, steps in relation to this matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government is not in possession of any recent official information as to the intention of the French Government to do what is alleged, but inquiries will be made immediately in the proper quarter.

- (9.) Fisheries Commission :—*Mr. Pigott*, for Mr. Young, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many trips have the Commissioners of Fisheries made during the past year to Broken Bay and elsewhere?
 - (2.) What are the names of the Commissioners who went upon those trips?
 - (3.) What was the cost of each trip, and out of what Vote was it paid?
 - (4.) What travelling expenses were charged by the Commissioners for themselves on the occasion of those trips, and what expenses for the boatmen who accompanied them?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Four—one to Botany, two to Broken Bay, and one to Port Hacking.
- (2.) To Botany—the Honorable William Macleay and Mr. Alexander Oliver. To Broken Bay,—First trip—Messrs. H. C. Dangar and A. Oliver. To Broken Bay,—Second trip—Messrs. Want and Geddes. To Port Hacking—Messrs. Want, Geddes, and Thomas.
- (3.) The cost of the trips to Botany Bay and of the first trip to Broken Bay cannot be stated, the records thereof having been destroyed in the fire at the Garden Palace. The second trip to Broken Bay cost £18; that to Port Hacking cost £24 4s. The amounts are chargeable against the item under the Fisheries Vote for experiments in the capture and preservation of fish for economic purposes.
- (4.) The Commissioners have not made any charge; but the three boatmen who accompanied them on the Port Hacking trip have lodged a claim for 10s. a day for the three days it occupied.

2. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Messrs. Salter and Barker, Solicitors and Agents for Edward Christopher Merewether, Esquire, representing that land of the said Edward Christopher Merewether and others is proposed to be taken by the Redhead Coal-mining Company for the purposes of the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Bill, and that the interests of the said Edward Christopher Merewether are affected thereby; and praying that they may be heard in person or by Counsel before the Committee appointed to report upon the said Bill.

Petition received, and referred to the Committee on the Bill.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting reappointment of Dinga Dinga as a Polling-place for Young.
 - (2.) Copy of a Petition from Residents and Property-holders of Australia-street, in Kingston Ward, Borough of Camperdown, bringing under the notice of the Inspector General of Police the existence of a nuisance caused by the smoke issuing from the Glass-works of Mr. Joseph Ross.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 7th February, 1883,—“Slaughter-houses at Glebe Island.”
 - (2.) Return of Revenue derived from Glebe Island Abattoirs during 1882.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. BRANCH RAILWAY TO CONNECT CASSILIS AND MERRIWA :—Mr. McLaughlin presented a Petition from Residents of the Town and District of Cassilis, in favour of the construction of a Branch Line of Railway to connect the Towns of Cassilis and Merriwa; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.

Petition received.

5. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to appear on the 14th instant before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace at Goulburn, in a case of voting twice at an Election, to produce the original Writ and Electoral Roll used at the Election for Camdon, held on the 2nd day of December, 1882.
And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summons without the leave of the House,—
Put the Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons personally, or by one of the officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.
6. RABBIT NUISANCE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Abbott, read a third time and passed.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to provide for the abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance.*”
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 abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th March, 1883.*
7. ROADS IN THE COUNTIES OF ASHBURNHAM AND GORDON (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return or List of the various Main or Minor Roads in the Counties of Ashburnham and Gordon, and the amount that has been expended respectively on the same during the last ten years, specifying the nature of the work, where situated, and classification of the same.
Question put and passed.
8. EARNSHAW'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Sir Wigram Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Ono Earnshaw, deceased, to sell and lease certain Land at Melham, Huddersfield, in the County of York, in England; also Land near Bedlam Point, on the Parramatta River, in the Parish of Hunter's Hill, County of Cumberland, Colony of New South Wales, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Sir Wigram Allen 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 Executor of the last Will and Testament of Ono Earnshaw deceased to sell and lease certain Land at Melham Huddersfield in the County of York in England also Land near Bedlam Point on the Parramatta River in the Parish of Hunter's Hill County of Cumberland Colony of New South Wales and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof,*”—read a first time.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Dr. Ross moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from David Mitchell, Chairman, John McFadyen, Treasurer, and James Curley, Secretary of the Coal Miners Mutual Protective Association of the Hunter River District, stating that they view with alarm any attempt to introduce Immigrants into New South Wales at the public expense; and praying the House to strike out of the Estimates the whole sum proposed for Immigration.
Petition received.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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.

12. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, 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 Licensing Act of 1882.
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 Licensing Act of 1882.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4 to 9 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.
14. **MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL** :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Mort's Bay Improvement Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Teece, Mr. Young, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 MARCH, 1883.

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

ELECTORATE OF MUDGEES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 22nd February a.m. last, declaring the Seat of Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Taylor, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) **Water-frontage Reservations, North Shore**:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a plan showing the reservations of water-frontage at North Shore, between Bradley's Head and the Lane Cove River, showing also the alienations that have taken place out of original reservations, the land now applied for and in course of action?
 (2.) Also a Return showing the state of such applications to purchase same, the names of the applicants, who is the agent for the parties, and who was agent for them last year, and what is the date of *Gazette* notice for objections, if any, to their claims?
 (3.) In view of the great scarcity of public land fronting the harbour of Sydney, on which the public have a right to land, will he at once dedicate all such sites left and vest them in Trustees, to prevent them being sold or alienated in any way?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I have directed a special report to be made in reference to this matter.

- (2.) **District Registrars Fees**:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Brown, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 Is it a fact that in many cases the fees to District Registrars have been unpaid since July last; if so, when is it intended to pay the different Registrars to whom fees are owing?

Mr. Stuart answered,—There has been great delay in the payment of these fees by reason of insufficiency of Vote. When the Estimates for 1882 were being prepared, I find that the Registrar General asked that £5,200 should be submitted for this purpose. The Government of the day had reclassified the arrangements with regard to the gentlemen holding the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions, who hold also the appointment of District Registrar. Under such arrangements, consolidated salaries in lieu of fees were provided; but insufficient provision was made for the fees earned prior to the effecting of the changes. This accounts for arrears; but all will be cleared off by the Vote now passed by the House.

- (3.) **Bridge over Delegate River**:—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is being done about the Bridge over Delegate River, Monaro District?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The bond for this contract was signed in November; the contractor is procuring the timber; telegram has been forwarded to local officer to report progress; no late report yet received.

- (4.) **Diamond Drills**:—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many diamond drills or borers have been imported, manufactured, or purchased by the Government during the years 1881 and 1882?

(2.) Where are these drills or borers now, what are employed by the Government, and by private individuals, and where?

Mr.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) There have been no diamond drills imported or manufactured by the Department of Mines, and none were purchased in 1881. Six diamond drills and eight water augers have been purchased during the year 1882.

(2.) Three water augers or borers are at work on the stock route or road from Bourke towards Mount Browne. One is at Giralambone, two at Grafton, one at Gunnedah; one is about to be sent to Orange. Total, eight—employed in search for water by the Department of Mines. Of the six diamond drills which are employed boring for private individuals, one is employed at Holt-Sutherland Estate, one at Stanwell Park, near Clifton, one at Hanging Rock, near Marulan, one at the New Lambton Mine, Newcastle, one at Cooranbung, one at L.T. Creek, Lake Macquarie.

(5.) Billabong Gold-field Reserve:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps to at once cancel the Billabong Gold-field Reserve, No. 510, proclaimed on the 22nd June, 1874, estimated area 166 square miles?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A subdivision is now being prepared with a view to the cancellation of the Reserve.

(6.) The late Mr. R. H. Sempill:—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are all books and all other documents in connection with the official business of the late Mr. R. H. Sempill in the custody of his successor, or of the Government; if not, in whose custody are they now held, and what claim is alleged to be due to persons so holding them?

(2.) What was the gross amount collected in the several Insolvent Estates administered to, the aggregate amount paid as dividends to creditors, the aggregate amount retained as commission and expenses, and the aggregate amount of legal expenses incurred, and alleged to have been paid, or is now due, during the seven years preceding the death of Mr. Sempill, Official Assignee, and in connection with his office?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The books, if any, of the late Mr. Sempill, Official Assignee, could not be found, but those prepared by Mr. H. Selwyn Smith, the gentleman who examined his accounts, are in the custody of the Government.

(2.) The information can only be given for the five years preceding the death of Mr. Sempill, viz.:—1. The gross amount collected in the several Insolvent Estates placed in Mr. Sempill's hands from 1876 to 1880 inclusive, was £49,958 0s. 10d. 2. The aggregate amount paid, or alleged to have been paid as dividends to creditors, was £24,186 19s. 5d. 3. The aggregate amount retained as commission was £5,194 9s. 9d. 4. The legal charges are included under the heading of expenses, which for the five years amounted to £18,265 7s. 8d.

(7.) Railway Platform and Station at junction of Armidale and Nundle Roads:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What action does he intend to take with reference to the Petition presented from the residents of Nundle, Nemingha, and the surrounding District as to a Platform and Siding at the junction of the Armidale and Nundle Roads?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The question has not been finally decided, but it is probable that a small Platform and Siding will be put in at this place.

(8.) Tamworth West Railway Station:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to class the Tamworth West Railway Station as a 2nd-class Station?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Station-master at Tamworth West is to be paid from the 1st January last £250 a year with residence free, and this is considered to be sufficient remuneration for the duties performed.

(9.) Conditional Sales Branch, Lands Department:—Mr. Merriman asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any reports been made by any officers of the Department of Lands on the administration of the Conditional Sales Branch in the year 1881; if so, has the Minister any objection to lay a copy of such reports upon the Table of the House, together with any minutes or memoranda thereon by the Minister of the day, or any officer of the Department?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Reports were made by the direction of the late Minister, Mr. Hoskins, in 1881, by Mr. Freeman, on what was known as the Iron-room and the Record Branch. There is no objection to lay these papers on the Table if the Honorable Member, to whom I shall be happy to show them, considers them of sufficient importance.

(10.) Instruction on Human Physiology and Public Hygiene in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he state whether it is the intention of the Government to take into consideration during the recess the propriety of introducing some system of elementary instruction on Human Physiology and Public Hygiene into our Public Schools?

Mr. Reid answered,—This subject will receive attention.

(11.) Police Buildings at Cowra:—Mr. George Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it proposed to proceed with the erection of Police Buildings at Cowra, and will he say what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—On reference to the Department of Public Works, I learn that plans for these buildings will be prepared as soon as possible. There has been no unnecessary delay in their opinion.

(12.) Railway Trial Survey, Trial Bay:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the Surveyor employed by the Government to survey the Trial Bay end of the proposed Railway between Armidale and Trial Bay carrying out such survey?

(2.) What progress has been made in the trial survey?

(3.) Has the Surveyor communicated with the President of the Railway League on the Macleay River, from whom valuable information as to the route can be obtained?

(4.) If the Surveyor has not so communicated, will the Minister direct him to do so?

Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Two Surveyors were sent to this district in November last, one to make a trial survey from Armidale towards Trial Bay, and the other to work from Trial Bay to meet the Surveyor working towards the coast. These Surveyors were instructed when starting to make a thorough examination of the country in their respective districts, the first to ascertain where there was the best chance of obtaining a route that would give practicable grades by which the descent from the New England tableland could be made, and the other to find the best route for the ascent from the coast-level. By the last report received from the Surveyor on the tableland, it appears that he has selected what he considers the best route for a distance of about 35 miles east of Armidale, without making any descent, being at that point 200 feet higher than where he left the Northern Railway near Armidale. The Surveyor in the Coast District has, by his last report, only succeeded in finding a practicable route from Trial Bay to a point about 9 miles west of Kempsey, and has only gained an elevation of 120 feet above sea-level. Both Surveyors are now engaged in examining the country between the points named, between which there is a difference in level of about 3,550 feet.

(3 & 4.) I am not aware that the Surveyor has communicated with the President of the Railway League on the Macleay River; but the Department will be pleased to receive any information on the subject.

(13.) Yalwal Gold-field:—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, for the information and assistance of persons who are engaged or desirous of engaging in mining pursuits in the district, authorize the Government Geologist to inspect and report upon the Yalwal Gold-field?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A Geological Surveyor has been instructed to examine at once the Yalwal Gold-field.

3. THE LICENSING ACT:—Mr. Abigail presented the following Petitions, praying the House so to amend the Licensing Act as to make it illegal for a publican to sell or serve liquors to any child under twelve years of age, and that a heavy penalty be attached to any infringement of this provision:—

(1.) From Members of the Juvenile Templars, "Scotch Thistle," No. 77, Pyrmont.

(2.) From Members of the "Sunbeam," Juvenile Templars, No. 48, I.O.G.T. Grand Lodge of the World, Temperance Hall, Sydney.
Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 30th January, 1883,—“Railway Drivers and Firemen.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 7th February, 1883,—“Road from Armidale to Glen Innes.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Conditions for the information of Mining Companies, Miners, and Owners of Land who may desire to secure the use of the Diamond Drills belonging to the Government.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CONSTABLE ROBERT DEAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, documents, and other papers, having reference to the removal from the Police Force of Constable Robert Dean, of Wollongong.
Question put and passed.

6. TEMPORARY DRAFTSMEN, SURVEY DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Olliffe moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all Temporary Draftsmen employed in the Survey Department, specifying the class to which each belongs.
Question put and passed.

7. EARNSHAW'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Wigram Allen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That Earnshaw's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

8. TRIAL SURVEY FOR RAILWAY BETWEEN ARMIDALE AND TRIAL BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all instructions given to the Surveyors employed at each end of the Armidale Trial Bay Railway trial survey-line respectively.
Question put and passed.

9. DIAMOND DRILLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of diamond drills bought, or otherwise obtained; whether the drills were new or second hand; from whom purchased, and the amount of purchase money.

(2.) The name of every applicant for the use of the drill received by the Mines Department; the locality proposed to be tested; the date of each application, and how dealt with.

(3.) The localities in which the diamond drill has been used, under the supervision of the Department; the depth of each bore; the mineral bored for; the name of the person or persons for whom the bore was made; the amount paid therefor; and the date and mode of payment.

(4.) The expenditure (other than the purchase money) for working and maintaining the drills purchased; the number of persons employed with each drill, their remuneration, and the nature of their employment.

(5.) The names, designation, remuneration, and date of appointment of the office and superintending staff of the Diamond Drill Department.

Question put and passed.

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10. THE CASE OF ANNIE AUGUSTA COCKCROFT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. Gorrick*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between Edward Reeve, Police Magistrate, Gosford, and the late Attorney General; also all correspondence with the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, and their minutes, relating to the alleged interference of H. Parsons, Public School Teacher at Gosford, with the case of one Annie Augusta Cockcroft, who was brought before the Bench at Gosford on the 9th January, 1882, for protection.
Question put and passed.

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

- (1.) Inscribed Stock Bill (No. 2):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Creation and Issue of Inscribed 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, 9th March, 1883.

- (2.) Unauthorized Expenditure (1883) Indemnity Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer the Officers of the Treasury and other Public Officers in respect of certain Unauthorized Advances and Payments on the Public Account*,"—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, 9th March, 1883.

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after the Orders of the Day of General Business.

13. KIAMA TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Tarrant* 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. Tarrant*, *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. Tarrant* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

14. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT 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 this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

15. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Burns* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

16. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Day* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of *Mr. Day*, the report was adopted.

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

17. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Stuart*, *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.

18. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Fletcher, 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 7th March, 1883 ; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.
Question put and passed.
19. JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
20. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES SALARIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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 increase the Salaries of and provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.
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 increase the Salaries of and provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioners of Insolvent Estates.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH, 1883.

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

ELECTORATE OF THE UPPER HUNTER:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 22nd February a.m. last, declaring the Seat of John McElhone, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. McElhone, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of John McElhone, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Orphanages at Parramatta:—Mr. McCulloch asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the number of children in the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphanages at Parramatta, respectively, on the 14th of January and February last respectively?

(2.) What officials are employed in connection with the management of the Institutions referred to, and what are their respective salaries?

(3.) What is the average cost of the maintenance of the children in the respective Institutions?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to apply the boarding-out system to the children at present in these Institutions?

(5.) Is it possible, pending the establishment of the boarding-out system, to reduce the cost of maintenance of the children by amalgamating the two Institutions?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1, 2, & 3.) There will be laid upon the Table in a few days the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(4 & 5.) This system is already applied to these Institutions from time to time upon applications being made by the Children's Relief Board.

(2.) Wages of Railway Employés:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that although provision has been made on the Estimates-in-Chief for increased rate of salary to the higher officers in the Railway Department, the maximum rates of pay in the classification of goods and station clerks have not been increased; if so, is it the intention of the Government to transfer those who have reached the maximum rates in their respective classes to a higher class, and to raise the maximum of the higher class, so that the staff generally may enjoy the benefits of an increased rate of pay, as extended to those officers set forth in the Schedule?

(2.) Seeing that provision has been made on the Estimates for a temporary addition of 10 per cent. on salaries and wages in the Harbours and Rivers Department to meet increased cost of living, is a similar increase provided for Railway employés in the item of £925,055, shown in Schedule of Railway Estimates?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The classification of the general staff of the Railway providing for an annual increase to each person in the clerical division until he had obtained the maximum of his class was introduced, and the staff obtained the benefit of it four or five years ago, and while the higher officers have only now received an increase the employés referred to have been receiving annual increases for years. There is no reason for increasing the maximum amount of pay for each class, which is ample for the work to be performed.

(2.) The wages generally of the workmen have been revised, and it is believed they are now adequately paid.

(3.)

- (3.) Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the number of children in the Randwick Institution from 1st January to 20th February?
 - (2.) What officials are employed in connection with the management of that Institution, and their respective salaries?
 - (3.) What is the average cost of the maintenance of the children?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to apply the boarding-out system to the children of that Institution?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1, 2, & 3.) I will presently lay upon the Table a statement giving the information which the Honorable Member desires.

(4.) I would refer the Honorable Member to the answer which I gave at considerable length to a question of his on the same subject on the 21st of last month.

- (4.) Manly Pier :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers moved for by me on the 7th February last respecting Manly Pier be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Abbott answered,—These papers will be laid upon the Table this evening.

- (5.) Randwick and Benevolent Asylums :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—What supervision is exercised over the children apprenticed from the Randwick and Benevolent Asylums?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Apprentices from Randwick are visited and reported upon by an officer of the Society who travels for the purpose and to collect subscriptions in aid of the Asylum. The Police also render valuable assistance by seeing such children as are named to them, and returning answers to printed queries as to the general condition, appearance, and health of the apprentices. The Benevolent Asylum does not apprentice; but in a few instances boys or girls, too old for Randwick, are discharged under Colonial Secretary's order to approved employers. These cases (which are few) generally come under the observation of the Inspector of Public Charities.

- (6.) Senior-Sergeant Musgrove :—Mr. Barbour for Mr. Hellyer asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How long has R. Musgrove, now Senior-sergeant, been in the Police Force of New South Wales?

(2.) For what period did he hold the rank of Divisional Inspector in the Metropolitan Police?

(3.) How long has he acted in the capacity of Senior-sergeant of Police?

(4.) From the time he joined the Police Force to the present moment, was any charge of misconduct, neglect of duty, or any other charge preferred against him; if so, what was the nature and result thereof?

(5.) Was Senior-sergeant Musgrove on more than one occasion recommended by his superior officer, Superintendent Lydiard, of Bathurst, for promotion; if so, why was he not promoted accordingly?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Twenty-eight years.

(2.) I am informed that he was Acting Divisional Inspector in Sydney (under the old system) for about a year, the position being somewhat equivalent to a Sergeant 2nd-class at present.

(3.) Twenty-one years.

(4.) Charges have been preferred against Senior-sergeant Musgrove—one of neglect of duty, for which he was severely reprimanded. He was also removed from the charge of the Mint Police for inefficiency in that post.

(5.) Senior-sergeant Musgrove has been favourably reported on by Superintendent Lydiard; but the latter has not recommended Musgrove's promotion to the rank of officer, for which position he is not judged to possess the necessary qualifications.

- (7.) Travelling Stock Route on Deniliquin Road :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he aware that the Crown Lessee of Baratta Station, near Deniliquin, has fenced in along with his purchased land, so that the travelling stock cannot graze upon it, the travelling stock route on the main road leading to Deniliquin; if so, will he cause the fencing to be removed so as to throw the land open to travelling stock?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I am not aware that the travelling stock route is fenced in as stated, but will cause immediate inspection to be made with a view to ascertain the extent of the trespass and subsequent action for its removal.

- (8.) Private Letter-boxes, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—When is it the intention of the Postmaster General to cause the Private Letter-boxes to be erected as promised by him in January last?

Mr. Wright answered,—The order was given in January last to provide these Letter-boxes, but some delay has arisen through the contractor for the work having to cast the metal fronts required for the same; it is expected that they will be ready in a fortnight.

- (9.) Mr. Nathaniel Cartwright :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) When Mr. Nathaniel Cartwright, a member of the English Bar, applied to the Chief Justice and the late Attorney General for permission to practice his profession here, was he told that he must produce his Barrister's certificate, also prove his identity?

(2.) Is it true that he has been refused the right of practising here, after presenting the Chief Justice with his Barrister's certificate, also his passport sighted by Earl Granville to ensure his identification?

(3.) If so, will the Minister state the cause of delay in dealing with this case, also why the permission was withheld or refused?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed that no motion to the Court has yet been made for the admission of Mr. Cartwright to the Bar of New South Wales, and such motion, which should be made in Term, is necessary before he can be admitted. Having the motion for admission made is a matter which rests with Mr. Cartwright. The Attorney General has also informed me that he would have deemed it his duty to move Mr. Cartwright's admission to the Bar had the Attorney General been satisfied of the fact of Mr. Cartwright being a member of the English Bar, and that he caused this intimation to be given to Mr. Cartwright.

(10.) Steam Colliers and Passenger Coasting Steamers :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Steam Colliers are not subject to any kind of survey or inspection in respect of hull, machinery, or boilers under the Navigation Laws?
- (2.) Are Steam Colliers under any obligation to carry a life-boat?
- (3.) Are Steam Tugs permitted to go to sea without boats or life-buoys?
- (4.) Is it a fact that many of our Passenger Coasting Steamers occasionally carry three or four times as many passengers as their boats could possibly save on an emergency?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Those vessels are not subject to the same survey or inspection as vessels to which passenger certificates are issued by the Marine Board, but they are open to ordinary inspection, and their owners render themselves liable to be found guilty of a misdemeanour if they send them to sea in an unseaworthy state.
- (2.) These vessels are obliged to carry the same description of boats as other vessels of the same tonnage; one boat is invariably fitted with corks, as a life-boat.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) It is a fact that our Passenger Coasting Steamers occasionally carry three or four times as many people as their boats can accommodate. The same thing prevails all over Her Majesty's dominions. Some of the Ships of War cannot even carry sufficient boats to hold their crews.

(11.) The Obley Police :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Did the Obley Police, aided by the lessee or his agent of Balderogera Run, lay a trap for a selector by marking sheep; if so, is that Constable still in the Police Force?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The matter is now undergoing investigation.

(12.) Chief Inspector under Fisheries Commission :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he inform this House by whose authority the Chief Inspector was appointed under the Fisheries Commission?
- (2.) Was this item on the Estimates submitted by the Fisheries Commission?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) No such officer has ever been appointed.
- (2.) No.

(13.) Overshot Dam at Jerilderie :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he call for tenders for the construction of an Overshot-dam at Jerilderie, which was promised should be commenced on or about the first of last month, and which is urgently required?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware of any such promise having been made. The question will be considered in conjunction with others of a similar character when the proposed Local Government Bill is being dealt with.

(14.) Matron of the Immigrant Ship "Duchess of Argyle" :—Mr. Tarrant asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Upon what grounds was the Matron of the Immigrant Ship "Duchess of Argyle," which recently arrived in this port, censured by the Immigration Board or Agent for Immigration for not keeping a diary of the events of the voyage?
- (2.) Have the Matrons been instructed by the Agent General for the Colony to keep such diary; if not, by whom?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) On the ground of her neglect to comply with instructions given by the Agent General.
- (2.) Each Matron on being appointed receives her printed instructions, among which is the following:—"The Matron will be careful to keep a regular account of the materials issued to the emigrants as well as of the work done." The Despatching Officer, at time of departure of the Ship, also hands to the Matron a book marked "Matrons Journal," with instructions not only to keep a record of the work given out and returned, but also to note therein the occurrences of the voyage. Such journal is on arrival handed to the Agent for Immigration, by whom it is forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for transmission to the Agent General.

(15.) Endowment of Municipalities :—Mr. Tarrant asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he purpose making provision on the Additional Estimates to increase the Endowment to Country and Suburban Municipalities to the extent of £1 to every £1 of rates collected?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Additional Estimates will be laid upon the Table in a day or two, in which these subjects will be found to be dealt with.

(16.) Calf Lymph :—Mr. Tarrant asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any arrangements been made by the Government to provide the Medical Practitioners of this Colony with a supply of fresh calf lymph for the purposes of vaccination?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Vaccine Farm at Little Bay. But in the meantime Medical Practitioners may obtain an ample supply of the ordinary vaccine lymph from the Superintendent of the Vaccine Institute.

3. **DANCING SALOONS** :—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, praying that provision may be made for bringing Dancing Saloons under the safe-guards of a Licensing Law.
Petition received.
4. **IMMIGRATION** :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Edward W. O'Sullivan, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held in the Masonic Hall, stating their opinion that the present circumstances of the Colony do not justify the expenditure of any portion of the public funds for Immigration purposes; and praying the House to strike out of the Estimates the whole sum proposed for Immigration purposes.
Petition received.
5. **PAPERS** :—
Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 7th February, 1883,—“Manly Pier.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of acres in the Counties of Ashburnham and Gordon respectively upon which the fee of sixpence per acre has been deposited pending survey; the amount deposited on the same, and by whom; also the number of acres surveyed in satisfaction thereof, and the area sold since 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statement respecting the Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 9th March, 1883,—“Constable Robert Dean.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Supplementary Return to an Address adopted on 8th February, 1883,—“Alphonse Bechet.”
(2.) Return to an Order made on 9th February, 1883,—“Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of H. Selwyn Smith, Esq., on Defalcations of the late Mr. Robert Hamilton Sempill, Official Assignee in Insolvency.
(2.) Notice respecting Duty on Stearine.
Ordered to be printed.
6. **MEMBER SWORN** :—Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.
7. **BREACH OF PRIVILEGE** :—Mr. Stuart complained to the House of certain expressions in a Speech of Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, a Member of this House, at a Public Meeting held in the Mudgee District, and reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and in the *Western Post and Mudgee Newspaper*, as containing a charge of Drunkenness against Members of this House :—The *Sydney Morning Herald* of 5th March, 1883, and the *Western Post and Mudgee Newspaper* of 2nd March, 1883, were delivered in.
Mr. Stuart moved, That the expressions complained of be read by the Clerk.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The following extracts from the Newspapers abovenamed were then read by the Clerk :—

Sydney Morning Herald.

“Mr. A. G. Taylor addressed a large and orderly meeting last night. He spoke for over two hours, and defended his conduct in resigning his Seat. He stated in extenuation of his being drunk in Parliament, that he held in his hand “a list of thirty-five Members whom he had seen drunk in the House during the last six weeks; also that many “Members were half-drunk by tea time.”

Western Post and Mudgee Newspaper.

“One would imagine that a Member of Parliament drinking a little more than was good for him was something “unusual; but he would disabuse their minds of any such impression. He had a list of thirty-five Members names, “all of whom he had seen drunk in Parliament. He then asked if they wanted to know their names.” (Loud cries of “No, no.”)

Then Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, was heard in his place, when he admitted having used the words “He had a list of thirty-five Members names, all of whom he had seen drunk in Parliament,”—but acknowledged that the statement had no foundation in fact, and expressed his regret for having made the statement,—and then withdrew.

Mr. Stuart then moved, “That” Mr. Speaker convey to the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Taylor, that he having acknowledged that the imputations made by him against a large number of the Members of this House, and now complained of, were untrue, and having expressed his regret for having used them,—this House will accept his unreserved apology.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McCulloch 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 explanation of the “Honorable Member is exceedingly unsatisfactory, and this House most indignantly protests “against his conduct.”

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

Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 73.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. White,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barbour,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Young,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Garrett,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Teece,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Pigott,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. McQuade.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Humphery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Spring,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Brunker.

Tellers,

Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. McLaughlin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker convey to the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Taylor, that he having acknowledged that the imputations made by him against a large number of the Members of this House, and now complained of, were untrue, and having expressed his regret for having used them,—this House will accept his unreserved apology,—put and passed.

And Mr. Taylor having been recalled to his place,—Mr. Speaker communicated to him the Resolution of the House, when the Honorable Member again expressed his regret for the statement he had made, and apologised to the House.

8. SENIOR-SERGEANT MUSGROVE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Hellyer, moved pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, &c., relating to the application and claim of Senior-sergeant Musgrove, of the Police Force, Bathurst, for promotion to the rank of Acting Sub-inspector.
Question put and passed.
9. PUBLIC WHARF AND ROAD, MOSSMAN'S BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, letters, or other documents, having reference to the applications of Residents of Mossman's Bay for a Public Wharf and Road at that place.
Question put and passed.
10. KIAMA TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Tarrant, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Tarrant then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along and over certain Streets in the Borough of Kiama.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along and over certain Streets in the Borough of Kiama,*"—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, 13th March, 1883.
11. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable 'The Australian Gaslight Company' to increase their Capital Stock to limit the liability of the Shareholders to raise money by the issue of Debentures or otherwise and to extend the powers of the Company to purchase and hold Real Property.*"
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 Australian Gaslight Company' to increase their Capital Stock to limit the liability of the Shareholders*

Shareholders to raise money by the issue of Debentures or otherwise and to extend the powers of the Company to purchase and hold Real Property,—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, 13th March, 1883.*

12. ALBURY GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Albury.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that 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 Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Albury,*"—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, 13th March, 1883.*

13. PUBLICANS LICENSES—LOCAL OPTION :—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some further efficient measure of local option.

Mr. Hugh Taylor moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Melville moved, That the Debate on the Original Question be now adjourned.

Interruption.

14. MEMBER SWORN :—John McElhone, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter.

15. PUBLICANS LICENSES—LOCAL OPTION :—The Debate on this Question,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 14,—resumed.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

16. RAILWAY BRIDGES :—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, and other correspondence, having reference to any alleged defects in the material used in the superstructure of the Railway Bridges at Penrith, Wellington, Bathurst, Wagga, and other places.

Question put and passed.

17. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Licensing Act of 1882,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 21st March.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Katoomba Fall :—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he recommend that the land at and near Katoomba Fall be repurchased, the Fall being one of the most beautiful upon the Blue Mountains?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I purpose having inquiries made as to the necessity for any further Reserves for recreation in the locality mentioned.

(2.) Teachers in Public Schools :—Mr. Spring asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many Teachers are there in the Colony in charge of Public Schools ranking lower than they are entitled to by classification, and how many in charge of Schools higher than they are entitled to by classification?

(2.) Are the different grades paid in accordance with their educational value?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The number of Teachers in charge of Public Schools of lower rank than they are eligible for by classification is 290. The number of Teachers in charge of Public Schools of higher rank than they are eligible for by classification is 541.

(2.) That is the object contemplated by the Regulations of 17th June, 1880.

(3.) Convictions for Drunkenness, &c. :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Number of persons convicted for drunkenness in the Police District of Sydney in the years 1881 and 1882, giving the number in each year separately?

(2.) Number of licensed publicans summoned, and the number convicted for selling during prohibited hours and on Sunday in the Police District of Sydney, giving each year separately?

Mr. Cohen answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member's questions, I will presently lay upon the Table the desired information in the shape of a Return.

(4.) Dam across Beckett's Creek :—Mr. Levien, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any official report been received by the Government as to a Dam which has been constructed across a tidal creek, known as Beckett's Creek, near Granville; and is he aware that owners of land higher up the creek are greatly inconvenienced by the loss of the advantages of the flow of the tide up to their property?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to enforce the removal of the Dam?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) On the 19th of July last Mr. Alfred Williams reported to the Engineer-in-Chief of Harbours and Rivers that Messrs. Taylor and Patterson had placed a Dam across Salt Creek, Granville, and so prevented the flow of the tide. The Dam was made without any authority by Messrs. Taylor and Patterson. It has been reported that the Dam has had the effect of inconveniencing people who have property upon the Creek.

(2.) The people who are inconvenienced can, as is usual in such cases, assert and insist upon their rights, but it is thought that the Government should not move in the matter to procure those private rights for those people.

(5.) Road, Ryde to Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it likely that the Road leading from Ryde to Parramatta, through the Protestant Orphan School Grounds, will be opened for traffic?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The confirmation notice of this Road will appear in the *Government Gazette* of Friday next, and at the expiration of the time allowed by law for receipt of claims for compensation steps will be taken towards its formal opening.

(6.)

- (6.) Police Office, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to have the stone wall at the Police Office in the centre of the town of Parramatta taken down (as promised by the late Secretary for Public Works, and referred to the Colonial Architect) as stated by him in answer to my question in Parliament on 14th April, 1880?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I cannot find any papers in connection with this case; but the matter has been referred to the Colonial Architect.

- (7.) General Cemetery, Old Government Domain, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government have any objection to resume the land granted for a General Cemetery in the Old Government Domain, Parramatta, and dispose of the same, and apply the proceeds thereof to the purchase and improvement of a more suitable site?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This land was originally dedicated to the purpose of a General Cemetery and placed in the hands of Trustees from the different religious bodies, and until those Trustees agree together, and make a request of some kind, it is impossible for the Government to take any steps in the matter.

- (8.) Examination of School Teachers :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When is it likely that the Return in reference to Teachers examinations, which was ordered on the motion of the Member for Goulburn on the 3rd October last, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The Return ordered on the 3rd October, 1882, has been prepared, and will be laid upon the Table to-day.

- (9.) Railway Employés :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant to the men employed at the Darling Harbour and Redfern Goods-sheds the right of working eight hours per diem instead of ten, the same having been granted to other portions of the Railway Service?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The conditions under which these men work are not the same as those of mechanics, because the work of mechanics is continuous, while that of the Goods-shed men is not. The Sheds are open for the convenience of the public from 6 a.m. till 5 p.m., but in the course of the day there are intervals during which the receipt and delivery of goods stop, and the men get a spell. It is not possible to do the work in the Goods-shed within eight continuous hours, although practically the men do not really work beyond those hours, notwithstanding they may be required to be present for ten hours.

- (10.) Mr. Pike's Claim for Repairs to Bridge across the Mandagery :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) If any complaints have been made by Edward Pike, a contractor, against one Mr. Superintendent Coleman, of Forbes, regarding the non-payment of money for certain repairs made by him to the Bridge across the Mandagery, at "Toohey's Hotel," on the Parkes Road, and is he aware that it is over six months since the contract was completed?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in settling Mr. Pike's claim, and when will it be paid?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) A letter was received from Charles Miller, Secretary of Manildra Progress Committee, dated 5th February, 1883, requesting that the money be paid. I am not aware that the work has been six months finished.

(2.) The balance, amounting to £5, was retained for final inspection, which was delayed by the removal of the Roads Officer, and his successor having to make many journeys in other directions. The amount was placed to the credit of Road Superintendent on 5th March, and has no doubt been paid.

- (11.) Dispute between Hon. John Smith and Mr. George Millgate :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that the dispute between the Hon. John Smith and Mr. George Millgate, at the Bell River, and which was decided over two years ago in favour of Mr. Millgate by a previous Minister, viz., Mr. Hoskins, has recently been reversed by the present Secretary for Lands, Mr. Farnell; if so, for what reason, and upon what ground has the former decision been so reversed?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all reports, correspondence, and decisions, &c., in the case?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The case referred to by the Honorable Member was dealt with by Mr. Secretary Hoskins at a certain stage, but not finally decided. At later stages it came before the late Minister (Sir John Robertson, who took certain action with respect to it), and more recently was brought before and decided on its merits by myself. My decision does not carry out the views of Mr. Hoskins, with which I do not concur.

(2.) Most of the papers in the case have already been printed by the authority of Parliament, but there is no objection to the remaining documents being also laid upon the Table of the House.

- (12.) Tram-line to Bondi—Fares to Paddington, &c. :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the route of the promised Tram-line to Bondi determined on, and when is it probable that the construction of the line will be commenced?

(2.) Do not the fares from the Trams to Paddington, Woollahra, and Waverley make that line one of the most remunerative of the suburban Tram-lines?

(3.) Will the Minister recommend the running of some through Trams to the Woollahra terminus?

(4.) Will the Minister recommend the running of Tramcars more frequently to Woollahra and Waverley?

Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) It is not decided upon.
 - (2.) The Returns for 1881 show that the Tramway to Paddington and Waverley was worked remuneratively. The Returns for last year have not yet been completed.
 - (3.) This question will receive consideration.
 - (4.) Yes, when the new design of rolling stock has been obtained.
2. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Edward W. O'Sullivan, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held at Circular Quay, stating that the demand of certain Contractors for the importation at the public cost of 10,000 unskilled labourers is unjust; and praying the House to strike out of the Estimates the whole sum proposed for Immigration.
Petition received.
3. THE LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Lynch presented a Petition from certain Residents of Carcoar and surrounding District, expressing approval of the amendments suggested by the Trade Defence Association; and praying the House to take such suggestions into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
4. SUPREME COURT PROCESS FACILITATION BILL :—Mr. Levien presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the Execution of Process of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd March.
5. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Levien presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the Remedies of Judgment Creditors*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd March.
6. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Edward Harman Buchanan, of Balmain, Architect, in opposition to this Bill; and praying that he may be represented by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee appointed to report upon the said Bill, and that he may give Evidence in reference to the premises aforesaid.
Petition received, and referred to the Committee on the Bill.
7. THE CASE OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG :—Mr. Levien (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Correspondence respecting removal of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island, laid upon the Table on 4th October, 1882, the Report of the Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island, laid upon the Table 17th January, 1883, and the Petition of Inhabitants in favour of reinstatement of Captain Armstrong, presented on 7th February, 1883, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "The Case of Captain Armstrong."
Question put and passed.
8. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1883,—"*Free Railway Passes to Armidale*."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of Convictions for Drunkenness, &c., in the Police District of Sydney in 1881 and 1882.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 3rd October, 1882,—"*Examination of School Teachers*."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 9th March, 1883,—"*Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department*."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—"*Immigration Ship "Euterpe"*."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Letter from the Solicitor, Board of Trade, to Shipping-master, Sydney, and further Opinion of the Attorney General *in re* sinking of the "*Austral*," and the Imperial Board of Trade.
Ordered to be printed.
9. CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS, GRAFTON (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Purves moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a certain letter written by the Police Magistrate of Grafton to the Minister of Justice, in or about the month of February, 1880, complaining of the conduct of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at that place.
Question put and passed.
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.
Question put and passed.
11. WALKA RESERVOIR (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Olliffe, for Mr. Bruncker, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Minister for Public Works and the Department of Harbours and Rivers, respecting tenders received on or about 23rd January, 1883, for the Walka Reservoir, filtering tanks, &c., in connection with the Hunter River water supply.
 - (2.) The names of the parties who, in compliance with the conditions of the Department, deposited the sum of £200 with their tenders.
 - (3.) The names of the parties, if any, tendering who failed to pay the said sum of £200 as required by the conditions.
 - (4.) Copies of all communications which have taken place between the Minister for Public Works and the Harbours and Rivers Department and the parties who have tendered for the said Reservoir, filtering tanks, &c., in compliance with the usual conditions or otherwise.
- Question put and passed.

12. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. O'Connor *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,’*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH, 1883, A.M.,

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

14. JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL :—Mr. Cohen *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
15. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES SALARIES BILL :—
Mr. Cohen *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to increase the Salaries of and to provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dredge, Clarence River:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Purves*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What amount of work has the Dredge performed on the Clarence at the mouth of Sportsman's Creek?
(2.) What is the cost?
(3.) Has the navigation been improved, and to what extent?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) 85,200 tons of silt have been dredged from this place by the "Clarence" to the 3rd instant, the date of the last Return.
(2.) The actual cost was £2,247 3s., but allowing a fair proportion for depreciation and wear and tear of plant, it may be set down at £3,047 3s.
(3.) The Dredge not having completed the cutting through the long shallow bank at this place, the benefit of the deepening is not yet felt.
- (2.) Water Supply from the Nepean:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money paid or to be paid to each party whose land was resumed between the Pheasant's Nest and the Prospect Dam in connection with the water supply from the Nepean?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The information asked by the Honorable Member is too voluminous to be given as an answer to a question. By a reference to a Return laid on the Table of this House on the 8th November last, he will find the particulars he asks with respect to lands resumed to October last. As soon as the information is complete, a supplementary Return shall be prepared and laid on the Table, giving the necessary particulars with regard to land resumed and arrangements made since that date.

- (3.) Survey of the Coast in s.s. "Thetis":—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. O'Connor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to the report of Staff-commander Howard to the Commissioners of Fisheries on his survey of the coast in the s.s. "Thetis," recently presented to Parliament,—Can the Colonial Secretary state whether any banks or large patches of rock were discovered during the survey?
(2.) Why was the survey discontinued after only thirty-five days work, out of which, according to this report, only nine days were occupied in taking soundings?
(3.) What was the period for which the survey was originally authorized and the "Thetis" borrowed from the Harbours and Rivers Department?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied to me by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—

- (1.) The Commissioners have no further information beyond that furnished in the Report.
(2.) In consequence of representations made, that it would take from twelve to fifteen months to complete the survey, and at a cost of £2,500, which the Commissioners did not think themselves justified in recommending.
(3.) It was expected to occupy about three months. Captain Howard had, however, no written instructions, having only been verbally directed in the matter by the late Chairman.
- (4.) Absence of Primary Judge:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps does he intend taking to remedy the serious inconvenience caused by the absence of the Primary Judge both in the Equity and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject is now engaging attention, but I am not aware at present of such serious inconvenience as is suggested by the Honorable Member.

(5.) Mr. W. H. Johnson, District Inspector of Schools:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Moses, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Was Mr. W. H. Johnson appointed District Inspector of Schools?
- (2.) Was Mr. Johnson recommended for the office by the Chief Inspector?
- (3.) Was Mr. Johnson also recommended by the Under Secretary?
- (4.) Was it the practice for the Under Secretary to make such recommendations, or to place any minutes upon papers submitted to the Minister?
- (5.) Was the Under Secretary instructed not to place minutes of any kind upon such papers?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The Under Secretary so informs me, but I may add that no such direction has been in force since I took office.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Spring moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. ROTTON'S ESTATE 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 enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will and for the other purposes therein mentioned,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th March, 1883.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

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| Page 4, clause 4, line 15. | Omit "proviso" insert "power" |
| " clause 4, line 16. | Omit "conferred" insert "contained" |
| " clause 4, line 17. | Omit "ce" in "trustee" |
| " clause 4, line 17. | Omit "in the first place" |
| " clause 4, line 19. | Omit "upon" insert "after" |
| " clause 4, line 20. | Omit "upon any trust" |
| " clause 5, lines 34 and 35. | Omit "as the different nature and quality of the property and the rules of law and equity will permit" |

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 13th March,—"*Senior-sergeant Musgrove.*"

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of hours the Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Guards on Western Line were on duty, according to Time-sheets, from 6th to 23rd September, 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply for Bathurst:—Mr. Hellyer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost of water supply for the city of Bathurst?
- (2.) The size of each reservoir; the number of gallons each reservoir contains?
- (3.) The present population of Bathurst; the daily consumption of water allotted per head of the population?
- (4.) How many days supply of water will the reservoirs hold?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that in the event of the pumping or other machinery breaking down, or in case of fire, the quantity of water for domestic or any or either of the purposes aforesaid is wholly inadequate?
- (6.) If inadequate, will the Secretary for Works make the necessary provision for an adequate water supply for Bathurst?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) About £26,800.

(2.) First reservoir 50,000 gallons; second reservoir, 200,000 gallons; total, 250,000 gallons.

(3.) Population from last Census, 7,221; $17\frac{1}{2}$ gallons per head per diem.

(4.) Two days, at $17\frac{1}{2}$ gallons per head per diem; but as the entire population cannot be reached by the reticulation for many years the reservoir will practically be found to hold sufficient for five or six days consumption.

(5.) No.

(6.) The supply will be quite adequate, and it would be taxing the city with unnecessary expense to increase the storage capacity until it is really required. Sufficient land has been resumed to extend the reservoir when it becomes necessary to do so, but by increasing the working hours of the engine an additional quantity of water to meet any future increase in the population can be supplied.

- (2.) Clarence River Punts:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Tolls charged on the Clarence River Punts are not only double those charged on the Hunter River Punts but are also charged each time of crossing, whereas one charge on the latter River includes passing and repassing once a day?

(2.) Will he lower the charges on the Clarence River Punts to the same standard as the Hunter River Tolls?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the Hunter River rates, which were fixed in the first instance by local bodies, are exceptional. The Tolls charged at the Clarence River Punts are the same as prevail throughout the Colony—at fifty other Punts.

(2.) As the distances are longer, the traffic is less, and the Punts are more expensive than those on the Hunter, I cannot make the concession asked for.

- (3.) Commissioners of Fisheries:—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session of Parliament a Bill to vest in some one of the Ministers the powers now vested in the Commissioners of Fisheries?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session of Parliament such a Bill, but I have already given notice of my intention to make certain amendments in the existing Act.

- (4.) Letter-carriers Salaries :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Postmaster General,—With reference to the representations made to the late Postmaster General by the Letter-carriers as to insufficiency of their remuneration, and also to a similar grievance set out in a Petition to this House, presented by me on 6th March, 1883,—Is it the intention of the Postmaster General to take any, and what, steps to remove the alleged grievance?

Mr. Wright answered,—This matter has received very careful consideration, but I do not see my way to recommend a general increase in the Letter-carriers pay at present. The Estimates now before Parliament provide for increases to several of the Letter-carriers by promotion or otherwise.

- (5.) Court-house and Lock-up for Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Did the Inspector General of Police recommend in the month of August last the necessity for the erection of a Court-house and Lock-up at Cudal, and when will the erection of these buildings be proceeded with?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; and I am informed that the plans for the building are now being prepared, and that the work will shortly be ready for advertising.

2. **EARNSHAW'S ESTATE BILL** :—Sir Wigram Allen, 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 this Bill was referred on 9th March, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Wigram Allen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th March.

Question put and passed.

3. **THE LICENSING ACT** :—Sir Wigram Allen presented a Petition from William Moore, President of the New South Wales and Queensland Conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, praying the House to retain intact the clauses in this Act relating to early closing on business days and entire closing on Sundays; and, in any alteration of the Act, to apply the principle of Local Option to Country Districts; and to extend the distance in the travellers clause to fifteen miles.

Petition received.

4. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881.

Question put and passed.

5. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—

(1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after the Orders of the Day of General Business.

(2.) The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

(1.) Common Lodging-houses Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on }
the motion of Mr. Cameron, "That this Bill be now read a second time." } *until Friday next.*

(2.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

(3.) Blandford Proprietary School Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday next.*

6. **REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

7. **HELLY'S ESTATE BILL** :—Mr. Purves, 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 this Bill was referred on 7th March, 1883; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Purves then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th March.

Question put and passed.

8. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

9. **LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

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

10. JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order.—Mr. Garvan took exception to this Bill on the ground that it was not in accordance with the order of leave, inasmuch as it provided for the increase of the Salaries and Pensions of the Judges, and the leave given was only to regulate such Salaries and Pensions. Mr. Speaker decided that the Bill was quite in order, and that to regulate such Salaries and Pensions (it being obviously not intended to leave them as they had been) must mean either to increase or diminish them. That the object was to increase them was apparent from the Governor's Message of 28th February, 1883.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gorrick,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. George Campbell,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Griffiths,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. White,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Holtermann.
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Merriman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Pigott,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Poole,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. McCourt.

Tellers,

Mr. Stokes,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's ruling had been given thereon.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows:—That Clause 3 (Pensions of Judges already retired) being under consideration a Point of Order was submitted to him, that this Clause was not within the scope or title of the Bill, which, it was argued, provided for Salaries and Pensions to present and future Judges only, and also that such Clause was not covered by the Governor's Message of 28th February, 1883;—that he had given his opinion that the Clause was regular.

Mr. Speaker said he considered the objection fatal to that Clause of the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

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

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

11. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES SALARIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1883.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Stuart informed the House that, owing to circumstances which had arisen since the House last met, his Honorable Colleague the Minister for Works had intimated to him his intention to place the resignation of his office in his hands.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Galathera and Boggy Creek Tanks:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has a special report been called for as to the present condition and state of Galathera and Boggy Creek Tanks, on road Narrabri to Moree; and if such has been received, will there be any objection to state the nature thereof; and what is proposed to be done to render such Tanks available to the public and travelling stock?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A report has been received from the Inspector of Stock, which has been referred to the Public Works Department. It is proposed to lease the tanks, and with that view tenders have been called. They will then be available to the public and travelling stock.

(2.) Crown Lands Office at Gulgong:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he instituted inquiry into the alleged necessity for the establishment of a Crown Lands Office at Gulgong; if so, do the facts to hand justify any further delay in establishing the Office as requested?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The reports obtained do not justify a Crown Lands Office being established at Gulgong. To meet the requirements of the case the boundaries of the Mudgee Land District will be extended so as to include the portions of the Districts of Wellington and Cassilis embraced in the Parishes of Goodman, Puggon, Stubbs, Tallawang, and Rouse.

(3.) Warder Lees:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the inquiry by the Comptroller General into the alleged necessity for the establishment of a Crown Lands Office at Gulgong; if so, do the facts to hand justify any further delay in establishing the Office as requested?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes. The Comptroller General of Prisons reports that it appears from the evidence the Warder acted wrongly, under very gross provocation; but he thinks the case has been sufficiently met by the public censure of the Bench, and in that view I am disposed to concur.

(4.) Light Branch Railways:—*Mr. Badgery*, for Mr. Garrett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit an Estimate to cover the cost of a system of Light Branch Railways in connection with, and as feeders to, the existing main Lines of Railway?

(2.) If so, will one of such Lines be one from Moss Vale to the township of Robertson?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Following up the intentions of our predecessors, this matter, with others, will be considered during the recess.

(5.) Charges made under the Licensing Act:—*Mr. Olliffe* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the number of charges made under the 57th clause of the present Licensing Act, also the number of convictions?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes; but the information can only be obtained by application to the various Licensing Courts, and steps have been taken to obtain the same, which will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return as soon as it may be practicable to do so.

(6.) Wharfage at Circular Quay:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he made any, and if any what, alteration in the terms for wharfage at Circular Quay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There has been no alteration. The dues leviable under the Wharfage Act have been and are strictly adhered to.

(7.)

- (7.) Pacific Mail Service:—Mr. Burns asked the Postmaster General,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any proposal to Parliament during the present Session in reference to the Pacific Mail Service; and if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is the intention of the Government to submit shortly after Easter such a Resolution as will enable the House to express its opinion on this question.

- (8.) School Buildings at Kiandra:—Mr. Badgery asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is he aware that there is insufficient accommodation in buildings unsuitable for the Public School Children at Kiandra?
 (2.) Will he cause steps to be taken at once to provide proper accommodation for the increasing population before winter?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The School Building affords sufficient accommodation, but appears to be in need of repair.
 (2.) Measures are being taken to provide improved accommodation.

- (9.) Bridge over Buckley's Crossing:—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for a Bridge over Buckley's Crossing, Snowy River?

Mr. Stuart answered,—With as little delay as possible as soon as the money is available.

- (10.) Police Protection at Kiandra:—Mr. Badgery asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that there is a large and increasing mining population at Kiandra?
 (2.) Will he make provision for proper Police protection, and suitable accommodation for the Police?

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

- (1.) The Superintendent of the District reports that he is unaware of any large increase of the population of Kiandra, and that during the severity of the winter it usually decreases.
 (2.) Plans and specifications have been prepared for the proper repair of the buildings; and when these are complete a second constable will be sent, if necessary.

- (11.) Public School at Berridale:—Mr. Badgery asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is it true that Petitions have been received at different periods during the last two or three years for a Public School at Berridale?
 (2.) What steps have been taken or will be taken in the matter?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but a Public School was declined, the number of children in the locality being insufficient. Aid, however, was offered to a Provisional School, upon the necessary buildings and furniture being provided by the residents.
 (2.) I have agreed to open the School temporarily in a building offered by Mr. W. Oliver, pending the provision of more suitable premises. A Teacher has been nominated, and will be instructed to take charge of the School immediately.

- (12.) Polling-places for Mudgee Electorate:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to establish polling-places at Capertee, Pine Ridge, and Flatlands, within the Mudgee Electorate?

Mr. Stuart answered,—These places are on the list for appointment, and will be considered as soon as all the recommendations from the other Electorates have been received.

- (13.) Gulgong Common:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Has he been petitioned to cancel all the pre-leases which infringe on the Gulgong Common?
 (2.) Is it his intention to comply with the request?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No; but the Trustees made a request with that object in view.
 (2.) The leases have been cancelled; but as various representations have been made as to improvements placed on the land the matter has been referred to the District Surveyor for report.

- (14.) Timber used on Mudgee Railway:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is he aware that white gum has been and is being used for sleepers, piles, and fencing in connection with the Railway extension to Mudgee?
 (2.) If not, will he make inquiries without delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed, from inquiries which have been made, that no white gum timber has been used for any permanent works on this contract.

- (15.) Water Supplies for Mudgee and Gulgong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to permit no further delay in putting into operation the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act (44 Vic. No. 14)?
 (2.) With reference to his reply to the question concerning Water Supplies for Mudgee and Gulgong,—Does the Government intend to suspend the operations of the said Act until a new Local Government Bill is prepared and assented to?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The provisions of the Act in question are in operation.
 (2.) The Government have neither the intention nor the power to suspend the operations of this Act. The Act provides two ways of dealing with Water Supply and Sewerage. The first gives power to Municipal Councils to perform such works themselves, after the Government shall have approved of the plans, in which event the Government guarantees the payment of the interest on loans in case of default by Municipalities, thereby enabling loans to be negotiated under very favourable terms. The second method provides for such works being carried out under the Minister for Works, after they have been approved by the Governor and Executive Council, but then "only to the extent to which moneys voted or to be voted by Parliament shall be from time to time available"

“available therefor.” With regard to the first, and I think main provision of the Act, I may mention that Municipalities generally have not availed themselves of it, preferring rather to call upon the Government to undertake the work for them, under the second provision. I need hardly point out that funds have not been provided by Parliament for even a small proportion of the claims pressed upon the Government in this behalf. The Government will be only too glad to assist Municipalities to carry out such beneficial works as are contemplated by the Act under its provisions. And in the Local Government Bill, which I hope there will be an opportunity of introducing next Session, greater facilities and powers will probably be proposed to enable Municipalities to carry out such undertakings.

(16.) Prisoner William M'Gowan :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is a prisoner, named William M'Gowan, now confined in Parramatta Gaol under sentence of life-imprisonment for the crime of rape?
- (2.) How many years has the said William M'Gowan served for the offence for which he is now detained?
- (3.) What was M'Gowan's age when convicted?
- (4.) Will the Minister consider the propriety of the remission of the remainder of M'Gowan's sentence?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Since the 24th of April, 1871.
- (3.) Sixteen years of age.
- (4.) The case will be brought forward for reconsideration, conditional upon good conduct in gaol, when he shall have served twelve years of his sentence.

(17.) Tide-waiters Pay :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Prior to the year 1875, what were the working hours allowed by the Customs Regulations for the discharge of cargo from ships arriving at Sydney from British, Foreign, or Intercolonial ports?
- (2.) From 1859 to 1875 what pay per diem did the Government allow to supernumerary tide-waiters while attending to the discharge of such ships?
- (3.) Did it frequently occur that owners, masters, and agents of ships obtained, on application to the Collector of Customs, an extension of the hours allowed in the Customs Regulations for the discharge of cargo?
- (4.) When such extension of working hours was allowed, how much per hour were tide-waiters permitted to charge as overtime, and from what source was this overtime allowance paid?
- (5.) On what date did the Regulations extending the hours for the discharge and loading of ships come into operation?
- (6.) From 1875 up to the appointment of the present Collector of Customs, what was the pay per diem to tide-waiters while attending to the discharge of ships?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Prior to 1875 the hours for the discharge of ships were fixed by the Collector of Customs under 9 Vict. No. 15. Vessels discharged from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., also before and after those hours by special application.
- (2.) 10s. 6d. per day of twenty-four hours attendance on board ships, with one shilling per hour during discharge of cargo beyond the hours specified in answer to question one.
- (3.) Applications were frequently made.
- (4.) Overtime during actual discharge was allowed to tide-waiters in certain cases only at the rate of one shilling per hour. The overtime was paid by the owners, masters, or agents of the ships requesting the additional attendance.
- (5.) The regulations have varied according to circumstances. The latest regulation on the subject is contained in a Treasury Order, dated 4th January, 1881, by which the overtime to tide-waiters was increased fifty per cent.
- (6.) 10s. 6d. per day.

(18.) Crown Prosecutors :—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Minister of Justice—The names of the gentlemen who have been appointed by the present Government as Crown Prosecutors, the dates of such appointments, and the districts to which they are so appointed?

Mr. Cohen answered,—At the time notice was given of this question but one temporary appointment had been made, that of Mr. Tarleton, for the Quarter Sessions at Orange, on the 31st January; at Forbes, 9th February; at Wellington, 11th February; at Dubbo, 22nd February. Since that period Prosecutors have been appointed for the various Circuit Courts to be shortly held. The following gentlemen have received commissions for this purpose, viz :—

Name.	Place.	Date.
R. E. O'Connor	Wagga Wagga	29th March, 1883.
J. G. O'Ryan	Hay	30th " "
J. J. Teece	Mudgee	2nd April, "
C. A. Coghlan	Tamworth	3rd " "
C. A. Irving	Young	6th " "
F. E. Rogers	Albury	6th " "
Edwd. Bennett	Armidale	10th " "
P. J. Healy	Yass	12th " "
C. G. Heydon	Maitland	16th " "
R. J. Browning	Goulburn	17th " "
H. B. McCulloch	Dubbo	18th " "
Augustus Nash	Grafton	20th " "
Frank L. S. Smyth	Deniliquin	23rd " "
George B. Simpson	Bathurst	25th " "

(19.)

(19.) Public School at Stanmore:—Mr. Pigott asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have tenders been called for the erection of a Public School at Stanmore; and if not, when will such tenders be called for?

Mr. Reid answered,—Tenders have not yet been called for, but they will be invited without delay.

3. RAILWAY FROM ORANGE TO FORBES AND WILCANNIA *via* MOLONG:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Town and District of Molong and surrounding neighbourhood, stating that having heard that the Minister for Works had said that he was not quite sure of the advisableness of constructing this Railway, they desire to express their regret at such delay, and urging certain reasons why the Railway should be constructed; and praying the House to take the facts stated into favourable consideration, and apply such remedy in the premises as to the House may seem fit.

Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Further correspondence respecting the dispute between the Honorable John Smith, M.L.C., and Mr. George Millgate, in reference to certain Land in the Parish of Copper Hill, County of Wellington.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 6th March, 1883,—“The *Austral*.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—General Indexes to the Letters of Registration of Inventions.

Ordered to be printed.

5. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Priscilla Cohen and Lewis Solomon, the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Cohen, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen, deceased, to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.

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

6. RAILWAY FROM TENTERFIELD TO NORTH GRAFTON:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Residents of the Clarence, Tenterfield, and Richmond River Districts, in favour of the construction of a Line of Railway from Tenterfield to North Grafton; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.

Petition received.

7. THE LICENSING ACT:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from the “Woman's Christian Temperance Union,” and other Ladies of New South Wales, expressing their pleasure at being enabled to state that the Licensing Act of 1881 has conferred great benefits on the community; and praying that the Act may be amended so as to declare that no one who has travelled less than fifteen miles on Sunday shall be deemed a *bona fide* traveller, and that the employment of barmaids in public houses may be prohibited.

Petition received.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1883, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th March, 1883.

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

9. APPLICATIONS OF MESSRS. STUART AND HARNETT FOR LAND AND WHARF AT ST. LEONARDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Abigail, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, papers, plans, or other documents having reference to the applications of Messrs. Stuart & Harnett for certain land and a wharf at St. Leonards. Question put and passed.

10. POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES, MUDGEE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The dimensions of the room or rooms used for public business at the Mudgee Post Office.

(2.) The like information with reference to the Mudgee Telegraph Office.

(3.) The dimensions of the apartment at the convenience of persons wishing to write telegrams for transmission.

(4.) The dimensions of the apartment for the delivery of letters and newspapers, specially showing the portion set apart as a Money Order Office.

(5.) The number of persons employed in the Post and Telegraph Offices at Mudgee.

(6.) The number of letters and telegrams received and despatched at these offices during the year 1882, and the number and value of the money orders transmitted during the same period.

Question put and passed.

11. LOW-LEVEL BRIDGE AT MELVILLE OR HILLSBOROUGH FORD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Petitions which have been presented to the Minister for Works for the erection of a Low-level Bridge at or near Melville or Hillsborough Ford in the Hunter District.

Question put and passed.

12. POLICE SERGEANT THOMAS SCOLLIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, documents, and papers connected with the removal of Sergeant Thomas Scollin from the Police Force.
Question put and passed.

13. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Redhead Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called 'The Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Redhead Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th March, 1883.*

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing 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 1883" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its "rising" on Thursday next do adjourn until "Wednesday, 28th instant."

Mr. Burns moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "rising," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "to-morrow do adjourn until Thursday, the 29th instant."

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday, the 28th instant," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Tuesday, 3rd April."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Garrett,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McElhone,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. White,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Griffiths.
Sir Wigram Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Quin.
Mr. Cameron,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Fremiin,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Proctor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. George Campbell,	
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Badgery.
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Gill,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Fletcher,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this House at its rising on Thursday next do adjourn until Wednesday, the 28th instant,—put and passed.

16. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Stuart *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fisheries Act 1881,*"—which was read a first time.

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

17. TOLLS ON RANDWICK ROAD:—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the collection of Tolls on the Randwick Road should be abolished.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 30th March.

18. OFFICIAL ASSIGNERS IN INSOLVENCY—Mr. Griffiths moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in view of the astounding disclosures relative to the management of Insolvent Estates, and of the fact that no supervision has hitherto been exercised by the Government as to the appointment of Official Assignees, or as to the auditing of their accounts, it is necessary for the protection of public interests that an inquiry be immediately instituted by the Government regarding

regarding the working of the Insolvency Acts, and particularly regarding the management of Estates officially assigned, and that proper officers be instructed to periodically examine the books and accounts of the Official Assignees.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

19. AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTORAL ACT:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, early next Session of Parliament, introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral "Act," with a view to the prevention of personation at Elections, and instituting a system of registration of voters.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Act."

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

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Original Question then put,—and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

20. LAND OFFICES AT NARRABRI, WALGETT, AND COONABARABRAN:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Dangar, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the business transacted in the Land Offices of Narrabri, Walgett, and Coonabarabran, for the years 1881 and 1882, with respect to number of conditional purchases, aggregate area, deposit money, instalment on conditional purchases, interest on conditional purchases, number of pre-leases, aggregate area, rent of pre-leases, auction sales, after auction selections, miscellaneous receipts (transfers, &c.), and total receipts.

Question put and passed.

21. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

22. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2.):—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dibbs,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Spring.
Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Gray,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Merriman.

Nocs, 10.

Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Quin.

Tellers,

Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Withers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 30th March.

23. ROTTON'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the 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. Burns, 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 Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will and for the other purposes therein mentioned.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th March, 1883.*

24. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until Friday, 13th April.

25. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until to-morrow.

26. JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th March, 1883.*

27. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES SALARIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to increase the Salaries of and to provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Salaries of and to provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th March, 1883.*

28. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

The 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 £518,000, being £408,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1883, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1882, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1883; £100,000 to meet Wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of April, 1883, and to cover the expenditure in March, 1883, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; and £10,000 to meet Wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of April, 1883, and to cover the expenditure in March, 1883, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature.

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

30. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1883, the sum of £518,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

31. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1883.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs 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 1883,*"—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. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1883.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1883,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th March, 1883.*

The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School, Lowther:—Mr. Targett asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is the Department of Education aware of the dilapidated and weather-beaten condition of the Lowther Public School?
- (2.) Will steps be taken to repair it before the approaching winter?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes. A Clerk of Works has recently inspected the building, and reports that it is not worth repairing.
- (2.) Steps will be taken to erect a new School and Teacher's residence with as little delay as possible.
- (2.) Mining on Church and School Lands:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Mines,—Whether it is intended to introduce a comprehensive measure to permit of miners being granted a title for mining upon Church and School Lands?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—This subject will receive consideration. No such intention has yet been arrived at.
- (3.) Springwood Road:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Government Road running from the Springwood Railway Station west, at the south side of the Railway Line, has been fenced off?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to have the said fence removed at once?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) The Government is aware.
- (2.) Instructions have already been given.
- (4.) Election for West Sydney:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that at the last polling for West Sydney the name of an ineligible Candidate was retained on the ballot papers?
- (2.) In view of that fact, is it his intention to refund to Jeremiah Murphy, a defeated Candidate, the £40 deposit now held to be forfeited?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—It appears to me that as no petition was duly lodged against the validity of the election that validity cannot now be questioned, and consequently the £40 alluded to in the second question cannot be refunded under any provision of the Electoral Law.
- (5.) Commission of the Peace:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary—In view of the increased powers proposed to be given to Justices of the Peace under the Criminal Law Consolidated Act,—Does he intend to take any steps to revise the Commission of the Peace by superseding those Justices who through ignorance or prejudice are incompetent to judiciously administer the law?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—When the law is passed this matter shall, with other matters of administration, receive full consideration.
- (6.) American Duty on Wool:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true, as has been reported in certain American newspapers, that Mr. Charles Kahlo, United States Consul in Sydney, has been empowered to treat with the American Government with a view to the reduction of the duty on Wool; if so, what is the nature of his instructions?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware of any.

(7.)

- (7.) Immigration :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the recent Vote of £150,000 for Immigration,—Will the Government take steps to supply a great public want by the regular introduction of suitable Female Servants?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter will assuredly form an important part of the instructions to the Agent General for his guidance under the increased Vote.

- (8.) Boarding-out System—Randwick Asylum :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to my former question, and the answer thereto,—What steps have been taken for extending the provisions of the Boarding-out System to Randwick Asylum?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter is at present being investigated as to the legal impediments which hitherto have stood in the way.

- (9.) Old Domain, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take into consideration the advisableness of setting apart the ground in the Old Domain, Parramatta, granted some years ago for a model farm, as a Reformatory for Boys?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has not yet decided on the best position for the establishment of a Boys Reformatory.

- (10.) Mr. Collyer, Solicitor :—Mr. Purves asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Collyer, a Solicitor, admits having entered into a written agreement to pay Mr. Jervaulx, Sheriff's Officer at Bourke, all reasonable expenses for serving a summons, and that he now refuses to pay because the said agreement is mislaid?

(2.) Is there no way of compelling Mr. Collyer to pay?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed it is true.

(2.) The only way would appear to be for Mr. Jervaulx to sue for the amount, in case he should think fit to do so.

- (11.) Clarence River Punts :—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to my question No. 2, on Friday last, and the reply thereto,—What are the distances traversed by the Morpeth, Hinton, and Raymond Terrace Punts on the Hunter, and what are the distances traversed by Coldstream, Shark's Creek, North and South Arm Punts on the Clarence?

(2.) What is the distance traversed by the Lismore Punt, and the charge made on it?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Steps are being taken to ascertain the exact distances.

- (12.) Clerks in Pre-emptive Lease Branch of the Lands Office :—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. McLaughlin, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it under the sanction of the Honorable the Minister for Lands that the clerks in the Lands Branch of the Pre-lease Department are continually kept at work after 4 o'clock from half-an-hour to one and a half hours, and do they get overtime payment for the services thus rendered?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I am aware that the officers of the Pre-emptive Lease Branch have at times to work after the usual hours, and have had to do so frequently of late to meet the pressure of business. This, however, is not unprecedented throughout the whole of the Ministerial division of the Department. Payment for overtime is not made.

- (13.) Telegraphic Communication with England :—Mr. Burns asked the Postmaster General,—Has the attention of the contracting Governments for the second cable from Singapore and Banjoe-wangie to Port Darwin been officially called to,—

(1.) The circumstance that telegraphic communication between the Colonies and England has recently been interrupted for about nine days?

(2.) That the Eastern Extension Company is bound in terms of its agreement with the contracting Governments to maintain the second cable, and also its old lines, in full working order?

(3.) That the subsidy is to cease for any period of total interruption which may occur, unless the interruption should be caused by war, or a similar cause?

Mr. Wright answered,—This Government is not required by the agreement to call the attention of the other contracting Governments to the conditions of the contract, as those Governments are well aware of its provisions. Care will be taken that no subsidy will be paid for the period during which the cable was recently interrupted.

- (14.) Letter-carriers :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Will he inform this House whether it is a fact that the salaries received by numbers of the Letter-carriers are as low as £100 per annum, and that before a rise to £132 per annum can be obtained many of them have to serve from eight to ten years?

(2.) Is it in accordance with the rate and scale of promotion referred to in question 1 that the increases referred to in the Postmaster General's reply to my question on the 15th instant are to be allotted?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Ten Letter-carriers are at present receiving £100 per annum (being paid out of the Treasurer's Advance Fund, they having been appointed last year in order to expedite the city deliveries), but so soon as the Appropriation Act is passed they will receive the usual salary allotted to fifth-class Letter-carriers of £108 per annum. It is not the case that a service of eight or ten years has to be given before a rise to £132 per annum can be obtained. As a matter of fact, there are several Carriers now receiving £132 who have only been a little over six years in the Department, whilst others who have not yet been that length of time will receive £132 so soon as the Appropriation Act is passed.

(2.) This question is not understood.

- (15.) Tolls on Ferries :—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to the removal of Tolls on Ferries, as asked by a recent Deputation; if so, will he please state the same to this House?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Deputation in question was informed that the then Minister for Works was not in favour of free Ferries, but that the matter would be taken into consideration when the question of the abolition of Tolls on Trust Roads was being dealt with. The matter will receive my consideration as soon as the adjourned debate on the Randwick Trust Road Toll is dealt with.

(16.) Railway Trial Survey from Mother-of-Ducks to Inverell:—*Mr. Proctor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a Petition presented to the Minister for Works some time ago praying that a trial survey should be made for a Railway from the Mother-of-Ducks to Inverell by Wandsworth and Tingha?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make a trial survey of this Line; or what action has the Government adopted towards granting the prayer of the Petitioners?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No such Petition was presented to the Secretary for Public Works.

(2.) The question has not been considered.

(17.) Road from Inverell to Wandsworth:—*Mr. Proctor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much money has been expended on the road from Inverell to Wandsworth within the last three years?

(2.) Is the Minister aware of the dangerous state of this road since the recent rains; and will tenders be called for repairing the worst parts of the roads at once?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the road from Tingha to Wandsworth?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) £763 15s. 1d.

(2.) Not specially dangerous. The road is soft in places, as all unmetalled roads must be in such a season as they have lately had in New England. Yes, as far as funds voted by Parliament will admit.

(3.) It is the intention to place a sum of money for this road specially on the Additional Estimates, but if required a sum may be given from Unclassified Vote.

(18.) June Railway Refreshment Room:—*Mr. McLaughlin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the answer of the Minister given on the 25th January last, in reply to *Mr. Lyne's* question No. 5 on the Business Paper No. 8 of the above date, namely, that tenders for building June Railway Refreshment Room would be called for in the early part of this month,—Will he now say when such tenders will be called for?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A notice inviting tenders has been issued, and will appear in to-morrow's *Gazette*.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 27th February, 1883,—“Steamship ‘Ballina.’”

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 6th February, 1883,—“Treasurer's Advance Account.”

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notifications of Lands resumed for Public School Purposes at Dungarubba, Leichhardt West, and St. Leonards West.

(2.) Report from the Trustees of the Free Public Library for 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—

“Immigration—Ship ‘Roslin Castle.’”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th February, 1883,—“Claim of John Smith and Patrick Byrnes to Land at Reed's Station.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. CLOSING BUTCHERS SHOPS ON SUNDAYS:—*Mr. O'Connor* presented a Petition from Masters and Journeymen Butchers, and the Public generally, praying the House to take the necessary steps to provide for the better working of the Butchering Trade, and to make it compulsory on Butchers to close their places of business on the Sabbath Day.
Petition received.

4. THE LICENSING ACT:—*Mr. Humphery* presented a Petition from the New South Wales Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, praying that the Bill now before the House for the amendment of the Licensing Act of 1882 may be amended in certain respects, and that provision be made for closing public houses during the whole of Sunday.
Petition received.

5. ASSAULT CASES.—BURKE AGAINST SPARKS, AND SPARKS AGAINST BURKE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* 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 the depositions in the assault cases of Burke against Sparks, and Sparks against Burke, decided by *Mr. Dillon* on Thursday, 15th March.
Question put and passed.

6. CONDITIONAL SALES BRANCH OF THE LANDS OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McElhone* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports made by *Mr. Stephen Freeman* in the year 1881, by the special instructions and authority of the late Minister for Lands, *Mr. Hoskins*, on the management of the Conditional Sales Branch of the Lands Office, with all minutes, correspondence, &c., in relation to the said reports.
Question put and passed.

7. MR. WOORE, P.M., CASINO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Proctor 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 letters, papers, minutes, and reports referring to complaints against the conduct of Mr. Woore, P.M., at Casino, in cases of Messrs. John C. T. Bagot, James, and Stocks, or any other complaints against Mr. Woore.
Question put and passed.

8. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the ruling of Mr. Speaker had been obtained thereon.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order*, as follows:—

Clause 3, sub-section (o.)—"The term *Counsel* shall include Attorneys in all Courts where "Attorneys now practise or shall hereafter practise as Counsel,"—being under the consideration of the Committee, an amendment was proposed to add the words "and Barristers and "Attorneys may perform all preliminary work and practise in all Courts without the intervention of each other." To this amendment objection was taken, on the ground that it did not come within the scope of the Bill; and that he (the Chairman) gave his opinion that the amendment was admissible, as applying to the Courts already referred to in the Bill as well as to the clause under consideration.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was not within the scope of the Bill, and was therefore inadmissible.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that another *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the matter had been decided by Mr. Speaker.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order*, as follows:—

The same clause and sub-section being still under consideration, the amendment before proposed was again submitted, but with the word "such" inserted before the word "Courts,"—and on being appealed to, he gave his opinion that the amendment was in order. And an Honorable Member dissenting from this opinion, the matter was referred to Mr. Speaker for his decision.

Mr. Speaker said that the insertion of the word "such" materially altered the matter, and he had too much doubt about the point raised to declare the amendment out of order, the inclination of his opinion being that it was in order.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that another *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's ruling had been given thereon.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order*, as follows:—

The same clause and sub-section being still under consideration, an amendment was proposed to add thereto the following words: "and Barristers and Attorneys shall have an equal right "to practise in all Courts for the trial of offences under this Act,"—and that he had ruled the amendment out of order, on the ground that the Committee had already decided substantially the same question on a motion to omit from the clause all the words after the word "Attorneys" where first used. And an Honorable Member dissenting from this decision, he was directed to report the matter for the opinion of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker said that as by the proposed amendment an attempt was made to raise again a question already decided by the Committee, he had no hesitation in declaring that the amendment was not in order.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, 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 to-morrow.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1883*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fisheries Act:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of fines inflicted under the Fisheries Act?
- (2.) What is the amount of fines paid to the Chief Inspector of Fisheries?
- (3.) What amount has been paid to the other Inspectors, with the names of each Inspector?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Fisheries Commissioners, but owing to the destruction of records in the Garden Palace fire they are able to supply this information only from the 22nd September last:—

- (1.) £16 1s.
- (2.) There is no such officer.
- (3.) Fines to the amount of £9 11s. have been received under informations preferred by Inspector Quinan. *Mr. Quinan* was entitled to moiety thereof under section 59, Fisheries Act 1881. Fines to the amount of £6 10s. were recovered under informations preferred by Senior-sergeant Vaughan, of Deniliquin. The moiety in these cases were paid to the Police Reserve Fund.

(2.) Pymont Bridge Company:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The date of the purchase by the Government from the Pymont Bridge Company of all the roads and bridges except the one crossing Darling Harbour?
- (2.) The prices paid for the same?
- (3.) Was the purchase made at the urgent wish of the Government, or by the desire of the Company?
- (4.) Has the Chairman of the said Company expressed the wish to the Department in writing that all the papers in connection with the Company's claim might be laid upon the Table of the House, in accordance with the Resolution carried at the instance of *Mr. Abigail*?
- (5.) Is it true that the delay in bringing this case before the Supreme Court for settlement is the fault of the Crown Law Officers?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) January, 1873.
- (2.) £10,000.
- (3.) I am not aware that it was at the urgent wish of the Government, but I understand that it became somewhat of a necessity in consequence of the reclamation at Blackwattle Swamp.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No.

(3.) Public School at Whittingham:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has a tender been yet accepted for the erection of the Public School at Whittingham; and if not, when is it probable one will be?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Tenders for this work were received last week, and a contract will be entered into without delay.

(4.) Bridge over the Greg-Greg River:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the Bridge over the Greg-Greg River at Tooma?

Mr. Stuart answered,—As soon as possible after the passing of the Appropriation Act.

(5.)

- (5.) Public School at Gerogery :—Mr. Lyne asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he say why tenders have not already been called for the new Public School at Gerogery and when such tenders will be invited ?
Mr. Stuart answered,—Tenders were not called for because the site for the proposed buildings had not been dedicated. This difficulty has now been removed, and steps will be taken to obtain tenders without delay.
2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
3. THE LICENSING ACT :—Sir John Robertson presented a Petition from Representatives of the Sons of Temperance of Australasia, in Session assembled, stating that many advantages have resulted from the operation of the Licensing Act at present in force ; and praying that in any amendment of that Act the provision relating to travellers may be extended so as to prohibit entirely the sale of intoxicants on the Sabbath Day.
 Petition received.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Health upon the late Epidemic of Small-pox, 1881–1882.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
6. RETIRED JUDGES PENSIONS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cohen 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 increase the Pensions heretofore and now payable to and hereafter to be payable to retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in receipt of Pensions.
 Question put and passed.
7. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
 Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 12, the Second Schedule, and for the consideration of a new clause "to stand clause 21."
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
 Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 12, the Second Schedule, and for the consideration of a new clause to stand clause 21,—put and passed.
 On motion of Mr. 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 the Bill 2^o, with further amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
8. PAPER :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorizing the application of a certain amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with Lunatic Asylums,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Mr. Wilson (*by consent*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until Wednesday next at Seven o'clock."
 Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and passed.
 Question then,—That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next at Seven o'clock,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until Wednesday next at *Seven* o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1883.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Stuart informed the House that on last Thursday evening he received from his late colleague, Mr. Copeland, the resignation of the office he held as Secretary for Public Works, and as a member of the present Administration.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The late Mr. R. H. Sempill:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the answers given by him to Mr. Teece's questions on the 9th instant relative to the late Mr. Sempill's accounts,—Will he be good enough to state how much of the aggregate amount named as commission, say £5,194 9s. 9d., represents compensation assessed to but not received by the late Mr. Sempill in estates where no assets whatever were obtainable?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The aggregate amount named as the Assignee's remuneration was £5,194 9s. 9d., of which £843 3s. was the assessment upon estates in which there were no assets.

(2.) Hustings for Sydney Elections:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who was the contractor for the erection of the hustings at East, South, and West Sydney Elections?

(2.) Did the Returning Officers call for tenders for their erection; if so, how many tenders were sent in?

(3.) What is the name of the successful tenderer, and what amount was he paid for the erection of each hustings for East, South, and West Sydney; and did he also get the timber back when the Elections were over?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) In each case the contractor was Mr. David Elphinstone.

(2.) No, there being no time to call for tenders.

(3.) The amount paid in each case was £193 10s. The timber being the property of the contractor was taken back by him.

(3.) Rules and Regulations of Australian Jockey Club:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all Rules and Regulations in connection with the Australian Jockey Club, and approved of by the Attorney General, up to the present date?

Mr. Cohen answered,—There will be no objection to lay copies of the Rules and Regulations referred to upon the Table of the House.

(4.) Post Office, Emmaville:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for Post Office, Emmaville?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Tenders for this work will be invited in an early issue of the *Government Gazette*.

(5.) Department of Lands:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it customary for a charge to be made by the Department of Lands for giving written answers to written questions and inquiries seeking necessary dates and particulars for the purpose of dealing with conditional purchases, such answers being of the like nature as are daily given verbally at the counter of the Lands Office?

(2.) If such charge is made, by what authority is it made?

(3.) Is there any scale of charges; if not, how and by whom is the amount of charges fixed and exacted?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not customary to make any charge for giving answers, written or verbal, to ordinary questions or inquiries as to conditional purchases; but when applications are made for extracts or copies of documents, or information requiring prolonged searches through official registers and papers, such applications are complied with at the cost of the applicants. The cost is that of the time of the clerks employed in supplying the information, which is notified to the Treasury when sufficient to be worth demanding.

(6.) Station Buildings at Blacktown :—Mr. McCulloch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the new Station Buildings at Blacktown be commenced?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Tenders will be invited in about three weeks from this date.

(7.) Mr. Robert Stewart McDougal :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence having reference to the appointment of Mr. Robert Stewart McDougal to the position of a Justice of the Peace?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I think that it is inexpedient, and not usual, to give publicity to such correspondence.

3. THE LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Officers of the Prince Alfred Division No. 29, Sons of Temperance, at Parramatta, praying the House not to agree to the proposed amendments in the Licensing Bill which permit of Public Houses being kept open to a later hour than eleven o'clock at night, and for one hour on Sunday, for the sale of liquor.

(2.) Mr. Taylor presented a similar Petition from the Officers of the Evening Star Lodge No. 18, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Parramatta.
Petitions received.

(3.) Mr. Olliffe presented a Petition from Residents of West Maitland, Morpeth, and surrounding District, stating that they approve of the amendments in the Licensing Bill suggested by the Trades Defence Association of New South Wales; and praying that the said amendments may receive favourable consideration when the Bill is being dealt with by the House.
Petition received.

(4.) Mr. Teece presented a Petition from Residents of Goulburn, deprecating any attempt to alter the clauses of the Licensing Bill under which Public Houses are closed at eleven o'clock at night, and during the whole of Sunday, and suggesting that the clause relating to travellers be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration.
Petition received.

(5.) Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Thomas Gainford, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Mariners Reading Room, in favour of the present law for the entire closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and suggesting the introduction of clauses under which Public Houses shall be closed on Municipal and Parliamentary election days, and packet licenses on coasting steamers be discontinued; and praying that the principle of local option may be applied to "renewals," and the local option franchise extended to Parliamentary voters.
Petition received.

4. RETIRED JUDGES PENSIONS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cohen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 21.

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 increase the Pensions heretofore and now payable and hereafter to be payable to retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in the receipt of Pensions.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st March, 1883.

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

5. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam Boilers employed on Land 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 for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam Boilers employed on land and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th March, 1883.

6. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen, deceased, to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets, Sydney, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen deceased to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.

7. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH, 1883, A.M.

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

8. **RETIRED JUDGES PENSIONS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, 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 increase the Pensions heretofore and now payable to and hereafter to be payable to retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in receipt of Pensions.

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.

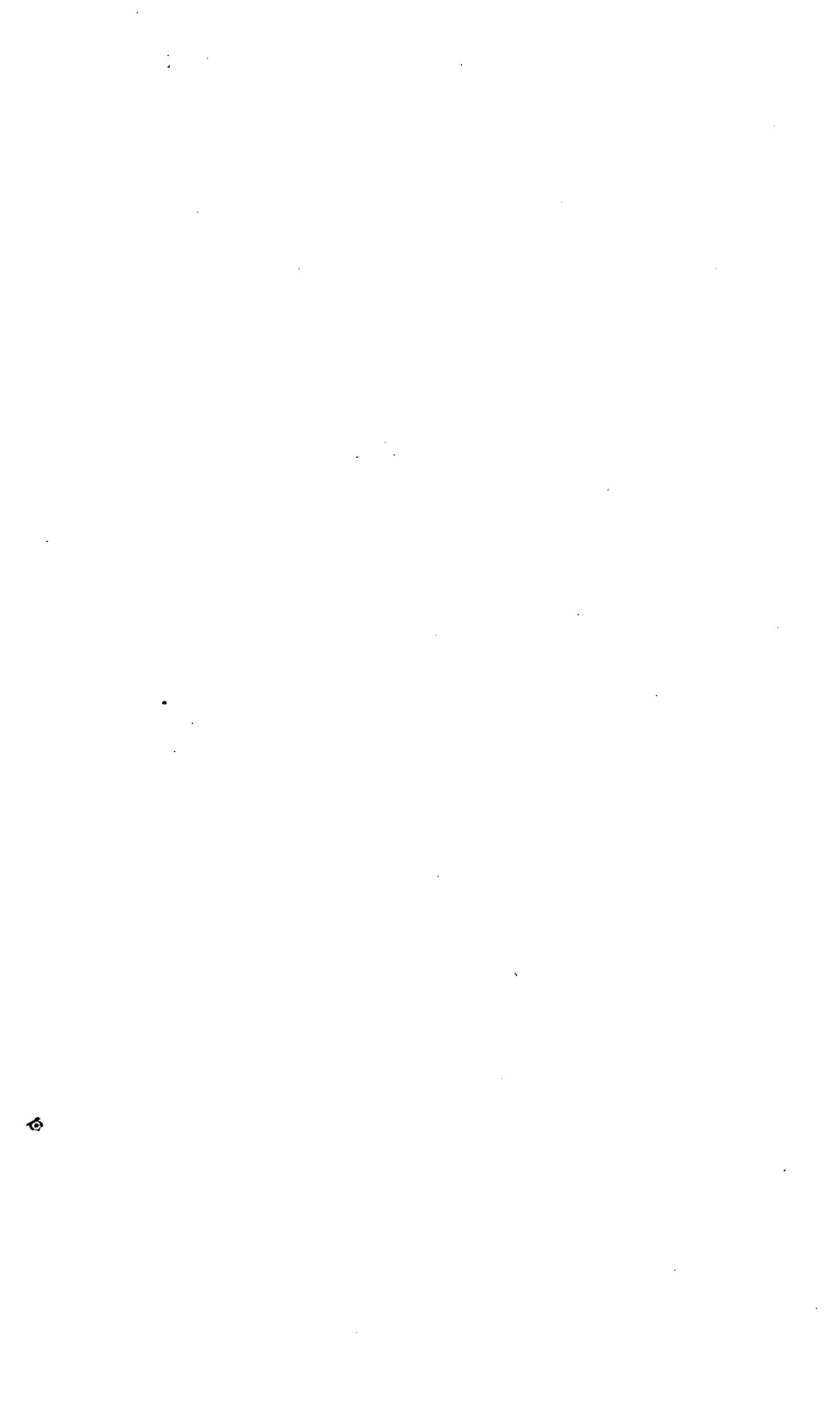
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to increase the Pensions heretofore and now payable to and hereafter to be payable to retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in receipt of Pensions.

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

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Accidents to Railway Carriages and Trucks:—*Mr. O'Connor*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of carriages that have broken down in transit on the Great Western Line from the 1st day of January, 1882, to the 1st day of February, 1883, both days inclusive?

(2.) The number of C and D trucks broken down in transit on the Great Western Line from the 1st day of January, 1882, to the 1st day of February, 1883, both days inclusive?

(3.) The number of carriages broken down in transit on the Southern and South-western Lines from the 1st day of January, 1882, to the 1st day of February, 1883, both days inclusive?

(4.) The number of D trucks broken down in transit on the South and South-western Lines from the 1st day of January, 1882, to the 1st day of February, 1883, both days inclusive?

(5.) What weight of merchandise is allowed to be conveyed in D trucks per mail trains on the Western Lines?

(6.) What weight of merchandise is allowed to be conveyed in D trucks on the South and South-western Lines per mail trains?

(7.) What weight of merchandise is allowed to be conveyed on either Lines per D trucks for ordinary goods or passenger trains?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) 6 carriages, detached from trains through running hot; 1 carriage, detached from train through draw-bar breaking; total, 7.

(2.) C trucks, nil; 3 D trucks, detached from trains, running hot.

(3.) 4 carriages, detached from trains on Southern Line, running hot; 1 carriage, detached from train on Southern Line, tire loose; total, 5. South-western Line, nil.

(4.) 13 D trucks, detached from trains on Southern Line, running hot; 12 D trucks, detached from trains on South-western Line, running hot; 1 D truck, detached from train on South-western Line, spring broken; 1 D truck, detached from train on South-western Line, axle broken; total, 27.

(5.) Fully loaded trucks are only conveyed by goods trains and by mixed passenger and goods trains. The trucks are capable of carrying seven tons, but six tons is the ordinary maximum load, and it is seldom exceeded.

(6.) Answered by No. 5. On the South-western Line the mail is carried by a mixed passenger and goods train.

(7.) Answered by No. 5.

(2.) Water Supply for Hill End:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to take steps to provide the town of Hill End with a pure and permanent water supply?*Mr. Stuart* answered,—This matter will be considered in conjunction with the very large number of others of a similar character which are now under consideration of the Department.(3.) Public School at Menah:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What is the cause of the delay in establishing a Public School at Menah, near Mudgee?*Mr. Reid* answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to furnish more detailed information. No application in connexion with the place named, or proposal to establish a Public School there, can be traced.(4.) Public School at Millsville:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has the Lands Department completed the dedication yet of the land required for the erection of a new Public School at Millsville, near Mudgee?

(2.) On what date was application made to the Lands Department to make such dedication?

(3.) On what date was dedication completed?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) 8th June, 1881.
- (3.) Not yet completed. This, amongst other cases, is being pushed on under a better system than that which prevailed until recently.

(5.) Public Schools conducted in Churches and Chapels :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many Public Schools throughout the Colony are conducted within the precincts of Churches and Chapels?
- (2.) Does he intend to cause suitable School Houses to be erected in localities where at present Churches and Chapels do duty for School Buildings?

Mr. Reid answered,—It will take some time to collect the information sought by the Honorable Member in the first paragraph of his questions. Perhaps he will repeat these questions in about three weeks.

(6.) Warder Lees :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Warder Lees, of Coonamble, has demanded (by himself or agent) £50 or £100 each from those newspaper proprietors who commented adversely on the brutality of the conduct for which he was recently censured by the Coonamble Bench?
- (2.) Has Warder Lees instituted a libel action against any of the aforesaid proprietors, claiming £3,000 damages?
- (3.) Has Warder Lees taken either of the above steps by the advice or with the concurrence of his superior officers?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that such is the case.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No authority appears to have been applied for or given to Warder Lees for the action taken by him in this matter.

(7.) Dam on George's River at Liverpool :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the cost of the Dam on the George's River at Liverpool up to the present time?
- (2.) How many persons have been drowned in attempting to cross on the Dam in time of flood?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a large number of young children have to cross the Dam every day to attend school?
- (4.) Will the Government erect a Bridge over the river at Liverpool, and in the meantime provide a boat for the convenience and safety of persons crossing the river?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Since this work has been in charge of the Department the sum of £15,255 10s. 2d. has been spent thereon, say from 1860 to the 31st December, 1882.
- (2.) Such accidents have occurred, I believe, but I am unable at present to give the number.
- (3.) This is the case, I understand.
- (4.) Surveys are made; when drawings are completed the bridge question will receive attention.

(8.) Conditional Purchases taken up by Agents :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there was a departmental regulation allowing additional conditional purchases and mineral conditional purchases to be taken up by agents?
- (2.) Is he aware that recently the Supreme Court held all conditional purchases, additional, and mineral conditional purchases, must be taken up in person?
- (3.) Will he state if it is the intention of the Government to forthwith introduce a Bill to legalise the additional conditional purchases taken up by agents and sanctioned by the Lands Department?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Instructions were issued to land agents to receive additional conditional purchase applications from agents. Mineral conditional purchase applications have been made through agents; but the general instructions issued in August, 1881, required such applications to be made in person.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.

(9.) Refreshment Rooms on Western Railway :—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that travellers from Nevertire and Dubbo cannot obtain any refreshment until reaching Bathurst, in the middle of the night?
- (2.) When will suitable Refreshment Rooms be opened on the Western Railway, as promised in answer to Question 5, asked on the 6th of February?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) This is the case at present.
- (2.) Temporary provision has been made at Wellington, and will be brought into use very shortly. The plans for Permanent Refreshment Rooms at Wellington are being prepared.

(10.) Gates on Road between Molong and Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it true that several gates have lately been erected on the road between Molong and Cudal, at Sandy Creek; if so, upon whose application, and by whose authority or report have such gates been so erected?
- (2.) Is he aware that this road has been used by the travelling public for over a period of twenty years, and will he see that the necessary steps are taken to have the said obstructions, if erected, removed?

Mr.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Not aware. No application for permission to erect public gates can be traced.

(2.) It has been reported that a track in the direction named has been used for some years, and lately a survey has been made of a short piece of road that will render available to the public boundary and reserved roads already provided, which lie near to the track in use.

- (11.) Refreshment Rooms on Western Railway :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
If he will state definitely, or approximately, when the necessary steps will be completed so as to enable the travelling public on the Western Railway to obtain refreshments between Bathurst and Nevertire, a distance of over 200 miles?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Temporary provision has already been made, and will be brought into operation almost immediately, to admit of passengers obtaining refreshments at Wellington. Plans are being prepared for a good Refreshment Station at Wellington.

- (12.) Sydney Police Courts :—Mr. Merriman asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) If it is a fact that a sum of money has been voted for the erection of a building as a Central Police Court; if so, is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of such building?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide better accommodation for the public at the Water Police Court?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the question of site is not yet determined.

(2.) Yes; but there are difficulties at present in the way of providing better accommodation at the Water Police Court. The matter, however, is engaging attention.

- (13.) Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the printed Return of the details of competing labour in Mudgee Gaol be ready for distribution among Honorable Members?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Copies of the Return for distribution to Honorable Members will, I am informed, be supplied to-day.

- (14.) Messrs. Morris and Ranken :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have Messrs. Morris and Ranken concluded their inquiry into the working of the Crown Lands Acts?

(2.) How many times did the Commission sit, and how many witnesses did they examine?

(3.) How many clerks in the Government employ were engaged in assisting Messrs. Morris and Ranken in compiling the material for their report?

(4.) How many persons not in the Government employ were specially engaged in assisting Messrs. Morris and Ranken?

(5.) What remuneration has been demanded by Messrs. Morris and Ranken, and what remuneration does the Minister propose to give them?

(6.) Has the Government, or any Member of it, promised or hinted to Messrs. Morris and Ranken, or either of them, the prospect of a seat in the Legislative Council, either unconditionally or conditional, on the safe passage into law of the proposed amended Land Act?

(7.) What is the approximate aggregate cost of the said Commission?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The inquiry has been completed, and the report will, it is expected, be in the hands of the Government in a short time.

(2.) This information will be given in the report.

(3.) Messrs. Morris and Ranken received from the whole Departments such assistance as they needed in procuring the materials necessary for the report.

(4.) With the exception of a shorthand writer, none were specially engaged.

(5.) No remuneration has been demanded, nor is the Government prepared, till the report is received and ascertained what work has been done, to state what remuneration is to be given.

(6.) I consider this an improper question, and decline to answer it.

(7.) For the reasons stated in answer No. 5, this information cannot be given at present.

- (15.) Election for West Sydney :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were Charles E. Pilcher and Jeremiah Murphy two Candidates at the last Parliamentary Election for West Sydney, and were both their names placed on the ballot papers?

(2.) Did Pilcher and Murphy each fail to poll votes enough to legally secure them the return of their £40 deposits?

(3.) Was Pilcher's £40 subsequently refunded to him, and was Murphy's application for a similar favour refused?

(4.) Did the Returning Officer recommend the refund of both or either deposits?

(5.) What clause in the Electoral Act empowered the Government to refund Pilcher's £40, and yet forbade a similar refund to Murphy?

Mr. Stuart answered,—When I answered a question which the Honorable Gentleman put to me on the 21st instant I was under an erroneous impression as to the position of Mr. Murphy's application and the power to deal with it. I may now inform the Honorable Gentleman that I find that the Returning Officer recommended that under the circumstances attending Mr. Pilcher's position his deposit should be repaid, and that as that had been done he considered that Mr. Murphy's should be returned also; I find, further, that Mr. Pilcher was repaid, and I have caused Mr. Murphy to be informed that his deposit is payable to him, and has been for some days awaiting his application at the Treasury.

- (16.) Ulladulla Harbour :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Humphery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the harbour at Ulladulla is so rapidly silting up that steamers have recently been aground for several hours, and there is a probability of access to the public wharf being entirely cut off; if he is, will he cause immediate steps to be taken to deepen the approach to the wharf, and also direct that a buoy be placed near the western beach as a stern mooring for vessels?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—There has been no report on the subject, so far as I am aware, but inquiries will be made. It is a fact, however, that owing to the long prevalence of certain winds, and the absence of land floods, large drifts of sand have been coming into all the rivers and harbours on the coast.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Bank for the year 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphanages at Parramatta.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3) :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

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 1883*,"—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, 29th March, 1883.

(2.) Rotton's Estate Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Henry Rotton to sell and grant Mining Leases of certain Lands devised by the said Will and for the 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, 29th March, 1883.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Kiama Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along and over certain Streets in the Borough of Kiama*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Australian Gaslight Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable 'The Australian Gaslight Company' to increase their capital Stock to limit the liability of the Shareholders to raise money by the issue of Debentures or otherwise and to extend the powers of the Company to purchase and hold Real Property*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Rabbit Nuisance Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

RABBIT NUISANCE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th March, 1883.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. Omit "second" insert "first" -
 " clause 1, line 7. Omit "April" insert "May"
 " 2, clause 2, line 19. Omit "two" insert "fifty"
 " 2, clause 2, line 33. After "same" insert "once in the Government Gazette and"
 " 3, clause 8, line 17. Omit "seven" insert "fourteen"
 " clause 10, line 36. Omit "seven" insert "fourteen"
 " clause 10, lines 42 to 45. Omit "with the approval of the Minister and upon the Minister
 " being satisfied that the owner has commenced and is continuing to do all things
 " necessary to clear such land of rabbits as aforesaid"
 " clause 11, line 50. Omit "last preceding" insert "ninth"
 " clause 11, line 50. After "section" insert "hereof"
 " clause 11, line 57. Omit "last preceding" insert "ninth"
 " 4, clause 11, line 5. Omit "one-half" insert "three-fourths"
 " clause 18, line 57. Omit "equal to" insert "not exceeding." At end of clause add "Pro-
 " vided that any person who has not contributed to the Rabbit Account as hereinafter
 " provided shall not be entitled to any assistance from that Account towards the cost of
 " clearing the land of such person"
 " 5, clause 19, line 4. After "assessment" omit "of" insert "from"
 " clause 19, line 4. After "all" insert "stock"
 " clause 19, line 7. After "all" insert "stock"
 " clause 20, lines 22 and 23. Omit "or before"
 " clause 20, line 26. After "howsoever" insert "as well as the number of acres liable to
 " assessment exceeding twelve thousand acres"
 " clause 21, line 35. After "sheep" insert "and acreage"
 " 6, clause 26, line 31. Omit "six" insert "five." At end of clause add "Provided also that
 " the assessment on such lands shall be made and the payment thereof enforced in the
 " same manner as hereinbefore provided for the making and enforcing of the same on
 " horses cattle and sheep."
 " 7, clause 31, line 5. After "prohibit" insert "within certain proclaimed districts"
 " clause 32, line 16. Omit "five" insert "two"
 " clause 32, line 16. Omit "twenty" insert "ten"
 " clause 34, line 26. Omit "without the consent of the owner"
 " clause 38, line 54. Omit "owner" insert "person"
 " clause 38, line 56. Omit "owner" insert "person"
 " clause 39, line 58. Omit "working burrows"
 " clause 39, line 58. Omit "or"
 " 8, clause 45. After clause 45 insert the following new clause:—
 " 46. This Act shall continue in force until the first day of May 1886"
 " 9, Schedule C, line 34. After "depastured" insert "and the number of acres held"
 " 10, Schedule E, line 19. Omit "thirty-first" insert "thirtieth"
 " Schedule E, line 19. Omit "May" insert "June"

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into considera-
 tion to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Targett moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
6. RETIRED JUDGES PENSIONS BILL:—Mr. Cohen presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to increase the
 Pensions heretofore and now payable to and hereafter to be payable to retired Judges of the Supreme
 Court now in the receipt of Pensions,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. DAVES POINT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Merriman 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 letters, telegrams, and correspondence between the Imperial
 Government and the Government of New South Wales; and all other documents, papers, and
 minutes, &c., relative to the handing over of Dawes Point to the Imperial Naval Authorities.
 Question put and passed.
8. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the
 Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration
 of this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen
 in the Committee.
 The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows:—

Clause 342 being under consideration,—

Every accused person shall in all Courts be admitted to make full answer and defence by counsel "as the
 " term is by this Act defined" and in every case may reserve his address until the close of the evidence for the
 defence and in the latter case all evidence in reply for the Crown shall be given before such address And in all
 proceedings before Justices the accused shall be admitted to make full answer and defence and to have all
 witnesses examined and cross-examined by counsel or attorney.

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An amendment was proposed to omit the words "as the term is by this Act defined," with a view of inserting the words "or Attorney." And objection being taken to this amendment, on the ground that the same amendment substantially had been negatived in a previous part of the Bill, he (the Chairman) sustained the objection, and gave his opinion that the amendment was not admissible.

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, 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 to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at seven minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 MARCH, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Lock-up at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have complaints been made to him that the Lock-up at Mudgee is tumbling down and fast becoming uninhabitable?

(2.) Will he take steps to expedite the erection of a new Lock-up for the convenience of those residents at Mudgee who require one?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Such complaints have been made.

(2.) Plans for a new Lock-up have been prepared, and are now undergoing revision.

(2.) Sir Alfred Stephen and Mr. Hargrave:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many years was Sir Alfred Stephen employed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales?

(2.) What is the aggregate amount of money paid by the State to Sir Alfred Stephen, and how much was by way of salary, and how much by way of pension?

(3.) How many years was Mr. John Fletcher Hargrave employed as Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales?

(4.) What is the aggregate amount of money paid by the State to Mr. John Fletcher Hargrave, and how much was by way of salary, and how much by way of pension?

(5.) How many ex-Judges of the District Court of New South Wales are now in receipt of pensions, and is it proposed to increase their pensions *pro rata*?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Sir Alfred Stephen was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court on 6th May, 1839, and Chief Justice on 20th October, 1844. During that period his salary was £1,500. His salary as Chief Justice from 20th October, 1844, to 6th November, 1853, was £2,000. From that date to 6th January, 1857 (including the addition termed gold increase), it was £2,300; and from the last-mentioned date to the day of his retirement, on 5th November, 1873, was £2,600. From the 5th November, 1873, to the present date, his pension has been £1,400 a year. From this there have been deducted sums, amounting in the whole to £558, in respect of his having on two occasions received payment for service as a Circuit Court Judge, and on one occasion as Acting-Governor of the Colony.

(2.) Amount paid as salary, from 30th April, 1839, £82,293 8s. 7d.; amount paid as pension, to 28th February, 1883, £12,421 9s. 7d.; aggregate, £94,714 18s. 2d.

(3.) From 23rd June, 1865, to 11th October, 1881.

(4.) Amount paid as salary, £41,087 3s. 11d.; amount paid as pension, to 31st December, 1882, £1,281 9s.; aggregate, £42,368 12s. 11d.

(5.) Not any.

(3.) Leichhardt Tramway:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The date of the expiration of contract of the Leichhardt Tramway?

(2.) The amount of penalty for non-fulfilment to time?

(3.) Will the said penalty be enforced if the work is not completed to time?

(4.) Has any extension been granted to the contractor; if so, will the Minister state upon what grounds?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) 4th April, 1883, for the portion at present being made.
- (2.) £20 per day.
- (3.) Yes, unless cause satisfactory to the Government be shown.
- (4.) No extension of time has as yet been granted.

(4.) Destruction of the Garden Palace:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) If any clue has yet been obtained as to the origin of the destruction of the Garden Palace by fire; if not, is it the intention of the Government to offer any substantial reward, with the view if possible of leading to some discovery of the same?
- (2.) Have the Government in their possession any information that would lead to the belief that the fire originated spontaneously or otherwise?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have to reply to both questions, No.

(5.) Railway Station-house at Petersham:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Moses, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to construct a new Railway Station-house at Petersham?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Instructions have been given for plans for this work.

(6.) Pilot Boat for Clarence River:—*Mr. Purves* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will a proper Pilot Boat be provided for the Clarence?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Inquiry is being made as to the condition of the Boat now in use, and if found to be unsuitable for the service it will be replaced by another.

2. WARDER LEES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* 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 letters, reports, documents, and papers connected with the inquiry into the charge of brutal behaviour preferred against *Warder Lees*, of Coonamble Gaol. Question put and passed.
3. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That *Cohen's Estate Bill* be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Sir Wigram Allen*, *Mr. Griffiths*, *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Tighe*, *Mr. Moses*, *Mr. George Campbell*, *Dr. Ross*, *Mr. Bruncker*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
4. PINE SCRUBS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McLaughlin*, for *Mr. Cramsie*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Report on Pine Scrubs, ordered to be prepared by the late Minister for Lands. Question put and passed.
5. EQUITY AND BANCO BUSINESS EXPEDITING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 - (1.) *Mr. McLaughlin* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable any of the Judges of the Supreme Court to exercise the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Court in certain events. Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. McLaughlin* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable any of the Judges of the Supreme Court to exercise the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Court in certain events*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. EXEMPTION OF CIVIL SERVANTS FROM SITTING ON JURIES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Connor* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the late Minister of Justice and certain public officers respecting the exemption of Civil Servants from sitting upon Juries, together with all minutes or other papers relating to the subject.
 - (2.) Also copies of any letters or memoranda addressed to the Department of Justice in 1881 and 1882 respecting suggested improvements in the accommodation for Jurors in Court-houses, together with all minutes and other papers relating thereto.
 Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after Order No. 3 of General Business.
8. EARNSHAW'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Sir Wigram Allen* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of *Sir Wigram 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 without amendment. On motion of *Sir Wigram Allen*, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. HELEY'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Purves* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of *Mr. Purves*, *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. Purves*, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day in reference to the abolition of Tolls on the Randwick Road postponed until Friday next.

11. **RABBIT NUISANCE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended one of the Council's amendments.

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

12. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker had given his ruling thereon.

The Chairman then stated that, clause 446 of the Bill being under consideration, the following *Point of Order* had been submitted for his opinion :—

“ That clause 346 of the Bill authorizes the expenditure of money from the Public Revenue
“ in payment of witnesses whose presence at Courts of Quarter Sessions or Assizes is required,
“ or thought to be required, on behalf of accused persons; that such expenditure converts the
“ Bill into a Money Bill, which ought therefore to have originated in the Legislative Assembly,
“ and to have been covered by a Message from His Excellency the Governor,”—

And that he had given his opinion that the Bill was irregularly before the Committee, clause 346 involving an expenditure of public money not recommended by Message from the Crown.

Mr. Speaker said that as the Committee had passed on to the consideration of other clauses than that on which the *Point of Order* had been raised, it was questionable whether the matter referred was properly before the House—the proper stage at which to decide such a question being when the Bill was again in the possession of the House, and therefore he would now only give an *opinion*, and not *rule*; but if the question were again raised at a subsequent stage, he would then give a decided ruling.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

Mr. Cohen (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Tighe.
Mr. Garran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Young,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Brunker.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Gannon.

Tellers,

Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Sec.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.

14. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until Friday next.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1883.

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

PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had been subpoenaed to attend at the Metropolitan District Court holden at Sydney in a case—Goodsell and another *v.* Millar and another—to produce all Papers relating to the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales authorizing the making of the Railway Line from Sydney to Illawarra.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) High School at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he been requested to establish a High School at Mudgee?

(2.) Is it his intention to comply with the request?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The claims of this important town will be considered when I am in a position to decide upon the most eligible localities for beginning these Schools in the interior.

(2.) Court of Petty Sessions, Windeyer:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Does he intend to re-establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Windeyer?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Having made further inquiry as to necessity, I regret that I am unable at present to recommend the re-establishment of Petty Sessions at Windeyer.

(3.) Police Magistrate for Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he say what are his reasons for refusing to appoint a Police Magistrate at Rylstone?

Mr. Cohen answered,—After having made careful inquiry, and from the official and other reports upon the subject, it appears to me that the appointment of a Police Magistrate (in addition to a Clerk of Petty Sessions) at Rylstone is not necessary. I understand there are several local Magistrates always available for Bench duty.

(4.) Dancing Saloons:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he introduce the necessary legislation to render dancing saloons amenable to license and Police surveillance?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This subject is at present under consideration; there are considerable difficulties surrounding it.

(5.) Mining on Private Property:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session to permit and regulate mining on private property; if not, will he prepare a Bill during the recess to deal comprehensively with that subject?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No; if time will permit it will be considered during the recess.

(6.)

- (6.) Examination of Candidates for the Civil Service:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he include in the proposed Civil Service Bill provision for periodical competitive examinations of Candidates, with a view to filling up future vacancies in the Civil Service with the most proficient competitors, if of good repute?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is impossible for me to give any reply to a question so very vague in its character as this is. In the proposed Civil Service Bill certain rules will be laid down, and the Honorable Member will be able to see whether there is sufficient periodicity to merit his approval.

- (7.) Public School at Guyong West:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have tenders been received for the erection of a Public School at Guyong West?
- (2.) If so, what is the cause of delay in dealing with these tenders?
- (3.) Is the Minister aware that the accommodation provided in the new School for Guyong West is insufficient for the number of children now in attendance at the temporary School?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on the 26th February last.
- (2.) A tender was accepted yesterday.
- (3.) No. The new School Building provides accommodation for 60 pupils. The average attendance at the School during the past three months was 37·5 only.

- (8.) Tent-schools:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he be good enough to call for a report of all Schools held in tents in the Electorate of Orange, with a view to their re-placement by substantial buildings, the severity of the climate in winter in the Electorate of Orange being productive of ill results from the use of Tent-schools?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Inspectors have already reported that School-tents are not suitable for places where, like Orange, the winters are very cold. Steps are being taken to provide suitable School Buildings in such places.

- (9.) Cootamundra and Gundagai Railway:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Bruce Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What progress has been made with the survey of the Cootamundra and Gundagai Railway?
- (2.) Is the Minister aware whether the tenders will be called for this or next month, as stated some weeks since?
- (3.) Has he yet finally determined upon the site for the Gundagai Railway Station?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The re-survey of this Line, as originally staked, has been completed.
- (2.) Tenders will be invited this month if the survey of the deviation to Gundagai be finished in time.
- (3.) A trial survey is now being made, in accordance with a request made by the residents of Gundagai, with a view of altering the site for the Station which had been selected by the Department. This trial survey will be completed in about a fortnight.

- (10.) Hall's Conditional Purchases at Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What decision has been arrived at in the cases of John E. and E. A. Hall's conditional purchases 7325, portions Nos. 15 and 16, taken up 27th March, 1873, at Narrabri, Parish of Queenbri, County of Jamison, through whose selections a road 10 chains wide has been marked in lieu of the usual 3 chains wide?
- (2.) Has Mr. Surveyor Dove reported on this matter, and to what purport, and when are the cases likely to be finally dealt with?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter is now under consideration, and Mr. Surveyor Dove has reported that a deviation could be laid out which would avoid Hall's selections and be less liable to inundation. It is probable that his suggestion will be adopted, but additional information is being sought before taking further action.

- (11.) The Lands Department:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is there any written regulation in the Lands Department whereby charges are imposed for giving written answers to written inquiries seeking necessary dates and particulars for the purpose of dealing with conditional purchases?
- (2.) If so, will he cause a copy of such written regulation to be laid upon the Table of this House?
- (3.) If there is no written regulation, who made any verbal rule or regulation imposing charges for extracts or searches, and when was such rule made?
- (4.) What amounts have been received, and from whom, for extracts or searches furnished by the Lands Department officials during the last twelve months?
- (5.) What amounts for such extracts or charges have been notified to the Treasury during the last twelve months?
- (6.) By what authority or Statute are such charges made?
- (7.) By whom is the amount of such charges fixed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1. & 2.) There is no such regulation, and, as stated by me in reply to the Honorable Member's question under date 28th ultimo, no such practice. What the practice is I then also stated.
- (3.) It has been customary for very many years for parties requiring copies or extracts of documents or records to pay for them. An instruction on the subject was approved by the late Minister early in 1882, and subsequently modified by a verbal understanding.
- (4.) M'Carthy, Robertson and Fisher, £4; J. M. Thompson, £1 1s.; Dawson & Son, £3.
- (5.) £8 1s.
- (6.) The charge is not an impost requiring statutory or other such authority, but payment for a service rendered outside of departmental routine when thought fitting to persons seeking it for their own convenience.
- (7.) By the departmental officers, acting under the control of the responsible Minister.

(12.) Railway Sleeping-cars:—*Mr. Levin*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the alteration in price between lower and upper berths in sleeping-cars, as proposed in reply to Question 3, asked on 27th February last, will be effected?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Arrangements are at present being made, and probably in the course of two or three days at furthest will be completed.

(13.) Railway and Tram Rails:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to the answer recently given by him to the Deputation from the Lithgow Iron Miners relative to the cost of colonial and imported rails,—Was he comparing Railway rails with Tramway rails in stating the price of the colonial rails at £9 as against £6 for imported rails?

(2.) Are not Tramway rails dearer than Railway rails, in consequence of their more difficult design; and if so, can the cost of the former be properly compared with the cost of the latter?

(3.) How many tons of Tramway rails have been imported and are now under order from England, and when the present English contracts for Tram rails are completed, what will be the average cost per ton of the whole of the Tram rails imported, including charges for freight, insurance, &c.?

(4.) What is the latest contract price for the manufacture of Tram rails in the Colony?

(5.) What is the estimated tonnage of material in coal, limestone, iron ore, and manufactured rails passing over the Railways of the Colony for every ton of iron rails manufactured in the Colony; and was the profit directly and indirectly made upon this traffic calculated when comparison was made between the cost of colonial and imported rails?

(6.) Can such calculation be left out, with justice to the Colony, in determining the relative cost to the Colony of the home-made and imported rails?

(7.) Have any of the steel rails laid on our Tramways been worn out, and are there any iron rails made at Lithgow which have lasted longer than such steel rails?

(8.) Has he any objection to a fair test being made of the relative wearing qualities of the imported Scottish Steel Company's Tram rails and the iron rails made at Lithgow from colonial ore, the test to be made at some point where the Tram traffic is greatest, but where the rail is not subjected to the friction of the ordinary road traffic?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I understand that £9 was the price paid for Colonial Tram rails of iron, and £6 for English Railway rails of steel.

(2.) Yes, they are dearer, which makes a comparison more difficult.

(3.) 4,155 tons. The average cost of the whole quantity will be £9 11s. 3d. per ton; these are steel.

(4.) £8 per ton; these are iron.

(5.) This depends on the distance. At present, I understand, the coal is on the spot, but the ore and limestone are brought some short distance by the rail, and probably amount to four tons. The profit (if any) made upon the carriage of the material was not calculated.

(6.) There can be no doubt that consideration should be given to this source of profit, if it exists, and Colonial-made rails should be credited with it, although it might be nullified by additional carriage on rails (if any). It is not easy to reckon exactly what it is, but probably it does not exceed 5s. per ton on the rails.

(7.) No.

(8.) There can be no objection to make the test with these as well as with other imported steel rails.

(14.) Parramatta Cemeteries:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to my previous inquiries,—What steps (if any) have been taken for the interment of the Dead from the Government Institutions, Parramatta, at Rookwood?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Arrangements are being made; I expect they will be published in a day or two.

(15.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—*Mr. Murray* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that no Railway Surveyors are employed on the Line from Glen Innes to Inverell; if so, what is the cause, and when will the survey be resumed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—One Surveyor lately employed on this survey has been dismissed for misconduct. Another Surveyor will be sent to resume the survey when the plans completed by the first named Surveyor have been inspected.

(16.) Alignment of Streets of Uralla:—*Mr. Proctor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was an application made by the Municipal Council of Uralla for the services of a Surveyor to align the Streets in that Municipality; if so, when will the application be complied with?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes. At present there is no suitable Surveyor whose services are disengaged; but the earliest opportunity will be taken to carry out the work.

(17.) Public School Buildings at Armidale:—*Mr. Proctor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) When were tenders accepted for the erection of the new Public School Buildings at Armidale?

(2.) Whose tender was accepted, and what was the amount of the tender?

(3.) Has the usual contract been signed, and who are the bondsmen or sureties for the due performance of the work, and has the bond been executed?

(4.) Is it a fact that the work has not yet been commenced; and if so, will steps be taken to compel the contractor to proceed with the work with due diligence and speed?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) On the 9th October, 1882.

(2.) Charles A. Ramsay's, for £5,450.

(3.) Yes. Edmund Lonsdale, builder, Armidale; and Charles Townsend Cook, builder, Armidale. The bond has been executed.

(4.)

(4.) No. I am informed, however, that delay has occurred in consequence of the difficulty in obtaining good bricks. A letter has, however, this day been received from the contractor, wherein he states that he will now proceed with the work at once.

(18.) Public School at Waterlow :—Mr. Proctor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that a Public School was established at Waterlow, Walcha, seven months ago; and is it a fact that no Teacher has yet been appointed; if so, when will a Teacher be appointed?

Mr. Reid answered,—It is not the fact that a Public School was established at Waterlow seven months ago. On the 27th February last a Teacher was instructed to take charge of the School alluded to, which has been named "Hartford."

(19.) Subsidy for Postal Service :—Mr. Dalton asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) In the event of the Government proposing to subsidize to a greater or less extent the San Francisco Service,—Is it their intention, in view of the many Colonial owned steamers available for such service, to invite tenders for same?

(2.) If so, do they propose to co-operate with the New Zealand Government in doing so?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) In the event referred to by the Honorable Member, this question will not be overlooked.

(2.) Any arrangement for the continuance of this Service must, of course, be made in co-operation with the Government of New Zealand.

3. THE LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Licensed Victuallers residing in Parramatta, expressing their opinion that the Licensing Act of 1882 has conferred great benefits on the Colony, and objecting to certain amendments proposed to be made in the Act; and praying the House to retain intact the clauses relating to early closing on the business days of the week, and the entire closing on Sundays, and that the distance in the travellers clause be extended to ten miles.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 20th March, 1883,—“Low-level Bridge at Melville or Hillsborough Ford.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 23rd February, 1883,—“South Coast Road through Shoalhaven.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th March, 1883,—“Post and Telegraph Offices, Mudgee.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 21st March, 1883,—“Conditional Sales Branch of the Lands Office.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. RAILWAY EXTENSION FROM MURRUMBURRAH TO BLAYNEY :—Pursuant to the requirements of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19, Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the second part of the proposed Railway from Murrumburrah to Blayney, being the length from Young to Blayney, a distance of about 92½ miles.

6. RABBIT NUISANCE BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Abbott, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 29th March, 1883, in reference to certain amendments made by the Council in the "Rabbit Nuisance Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 1, 2, 8, 10, and 11.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 18, line 57,—but

Disagrees to the addition of the Proviso to that clause,—because it would have the effect of throwing a burden upon persons who might be quite willing to contribute to the fund, and could not do so under the provisions of the Bill as it now stands.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 19.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 20, lines 25 and 26, which omits the words "or before,"—because the Council's amendment would enable owners to do an act only on one day, whereas by the re-insertion of the words owners will not be limited to one day to perform the act required.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 20, line 29, which inserts *after* "howsoever" the words "as well as the number of acres liable to assessment exceeding twelve thousand acres," but proposes to amend it by omitting therefrom the word "twelve" and substituting the word "ten,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Council.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 21, 26, 31, 32, 34, 38, and 39.

Disagrees to the amendment which inserts new clause 46,—because the rabbit nuisance is already so widespread in this Colony, and has attained such a hold in the neighbouring Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, more especially upon the borders of this Colony, that it is doubtful whether the nuisance can ever be wholly eradicated; and the expiration of the Act after three years may render abortive all the work done during that time, whilst the failure to re-enact the Act would destroy the machinery created to carry out its provisions; and further,—because under the 19th clause the Governor has power to reduce or wholly remit the assessment raised, and this power

power could be used at any time if it was found that rabbits had been exterminated, thus leaving the machinery in existence to proceed again to check the nuisance should it reappear.

Agrees to the amendment in Schedule C.

Disagrees to the amendments in Schedule E,—So as to bring it into harmony with the enacting clause of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1883.*

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Albury Gas Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Albury,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1883.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Redhead Coal-mine Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Redhead Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1883.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. EARNSHAW'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir Wigram Allen, read a third time, and passed.

Sir Wigram Allen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Ono Earnshaw deceased to sell and lease certain Land near Bedlam Point on the Parramatta River in the Parish of Hunter's Hill County of Cumberland Colony of New South Wales and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Ono Earnshaw deceased to sell and lease certain Land near Bedlam Point on the Parramatta River in the Parish of Hunter's Hill County of Cumberland Colony of New South Wales and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Probate of the Will of the late Ono Earnshaw.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1883.*

9. HELEY'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Purves, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Purves then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Edward Joseph Rubie and Thomas O'Connor the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Heley and the duly appointed Committee of Albina Heley an insane patient and also the Trustees of a certain Indenture of Settlement dated the twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five to sell certain Lands and Hereditaments in the Schedules A and B hereto described and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale 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 Edward Joseph Rubie and Thomas O'Connor the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Heley and the duly appointed Committee of Albina Heley an insane patient and also the Trustees of a certain Indenture of Settlement dated the twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five to sell certain Lands and Hereditaments in the Schedules A and B hereto described and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale 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, together with a copy of the Will of the late Michael Heley.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1883.*

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn,—and in the course of his address having used certain words to which exception was taken, the words were, at the instance of the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Sir John Robertson, taken down by the Clerk, and are as follows,—“a son of dirty Lucas, a Member of the Upper House.”

Mr. McElhone admitted the correctness of the words attributed to him, withdrew the words, and apologised for having used them.

Debate on the motion for adjournment then ensued.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

11.

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

(1.) Additional Estimates for 1883:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1883.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1883.*

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

(2.) Loan Estimate for 1883:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Loan Estimate for the year 1883.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1883.*

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

12. MR. EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER:—

(1.) Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That Counsel learned in the Law be now heard at the Bar of this House in support of the Petition of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, in accordance with the leave granted on the 2nd March.

Question put and passed.

Walter Edmunds, Esquire, Counsel learned in the Law, was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolution of the House, just passed, under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the subject under consideration,—and then withdrew.

(2.) Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, having taken into its careful consideration the Petition of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, which was presented on the 1st March last, is of opinion that the Resolution agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 8th November, 1881, censuring the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker, by alleging that he had been guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, should be rescinded, and it is hereby rescinded.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Question proposed,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an order of the Day for "Thursday, 26th instant."

Mr. McElhone moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Thursday, 26th instant," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day fortnight."

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

Question then,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight,—put and passed.

13. RIGHTS OF ATTORNEYS EXTENSION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Rights of Attorneys of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Taylor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the Rights of Attorneys of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. EQUITY AND BANCO BUSINESS EXPEDITING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McLaughlin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, 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. McLaughlin (*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 half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Supply for Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of the survey made at Mudgee recently by Mr. Gipps, then of the Harbours and Rivers Department?

(2.) Does he intend to utilise this expenditure by establishing Water Works at Mudgee on the basis of Mr. Gipps's report?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) £316 3s.

(2.) The information obtained by this expenditure will doubtless be taken into account when the matter of the Mudgee Water Supply is being dealt with; but this cannot be done at present, for reasons which I explained at length on the 20th ultimo in reply to the Honorable Member in respect to this and another Water Supply case.

(2.) Crown Lands Office, Gulgong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many persons residing at Gulgong, or within a radius of 10 miles from Gulgong, have conditionally purchased land at the Mudgee Crown Lands Office during the last five years?

(2.) Does the business thus detailed justify the establishment of a Crown Lands Office at Gulgong?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The number of persons who have selected land within a radius of ten miles from Gulgong within the last five years is reported to be forty-five. The area selected being 2,806 acres.

(2.) I do not think so.

(3.) Court of Petty Sessions, Capertee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) On the extension of the Railway to Mudgee, will the township of Capertee be left without Police protection?

(2.) By what officer was this proposal recommended?

(3.) Will the residents of Capertee have to journey 72 miles to obtain summonses and prosecute cases before a Police Court or Court of Requests?

(4.) Will he reconsider his refusal to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Capertee; if not, will he state how many places inferior in population, prospects, and importance to Capertee enjoy the benefits of a Court of Petty Sessions?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) It has not been so decided, and before any such step is taken the matter would of course be fully considered.

(2.) I am not aware that any recommendation has been made upon the subject.

(3.) No. The residents of Capertee are, I understand, within 20 miles by rail or road of Wallerawang, at which place a Court of Petty Sessions is held.

(4.) I cannot see my way to alter the decision in this case, as the official reports show that a Court of Petty Sessions is not necessary at Capertee; and it is impracticable to answer the concluding portion of this question.

(4.) The late Robert Brennan:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it intended to afford any assistance to the widow and family (six small children) of the late Robert Brennan, who died from an accident received out of a trolley that came into collision with a train on the North-western Railway, near Boggabri?

(2.) Did the jury at the Coroner's inquest return a verdict that his death was mainly attributable to the train having left Narrabri before the time?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Inquiry is now being made, with a view to a situation as gatekeeper being found for Mrs. Brennan, which is the course usually followed in such unfortunate cases.
 - (2.) Yes, the jury added a rider to this effect to their verdict; but there seems to have been some misapprehension on the subject, as the train was not before its time at the spot where the accident occurred.
- (5.) Railway Trial Surveys between Grafton and Glen Innes, and Grafton and Tenterfield:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 19th instant of the trial surveys going on between Grafton and Glen Innes and Grafton and Tenterfield, giving the distances between the three towns above mentioned, and making comparisons as to the routes and gradients, &c.?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that up to the 30th March last no plans or reports of the above surveys were received by the Department from the officers making these surveys?
 - (3.) Can he say from whom the information supplied to the *Herald* reporter was received; if not, will he make immediate inquiries from the Surveyors to find out how information that ought first to be in the Department was given to outsiders?
 - (4.) What are the names of the Surveyors making these surveys during the months of January and February last?
 - (5.) Can he say if the above surveys were completed early in March, as reported?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Portions only of the plans of these surveys have been received.
 - (3.) It is impossible for me to say.
 - (4.) On the South Grafton and Glen Innes survey, Messrs. Warren, Harwood, and Stuart, in January; and Messrs. Harwood and Stuart, in February. On the Grafton and Tenterfield survey, Messrs. Hogg and Millner, in January and a portion of February.
 - (5.) Complete plans have not yet been received in this office of either of the lines mentioned.
- (6.) District School Boards:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Do the District School Boards as at present constituted work satisfactorily?
 - (2.) Has the improvement of the prestige and usefulness of District School Boards ever engaged the attention of the Minister?
 - (3.) Have District School Boards a voice in every case of defaulting school attendance, recommending for prosecution with a view of supporting the Officer, and increasing the influence of public opinion?
 - (4.) As School Districts are in many cases of considerable extent, would it not be advisable to divide such into Sub-districts, each having its own Local Board?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I have reason to believe that in some cases they do not.
 - (2.) This matter has not escaped my attention.
 - (3.) Public School Boards are expected to use every endeavour to induce parents to send their children regularly to school, and to report cases of neglect, but they have nothing to do with the working of the compulsory clauses of the Public Instruction Act.
 - (4.) This question is being considered, and steps have already been taken to subdivide some of the Districts already proclaimed.
- (7.) Maltese Immigration:—*Mr. Purves* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he received a letter from the Malta Commissioner relating to a scheme of Maltese Immigration?
 - (2.) Has he any objection to lay a copy of all the papers relating to Mr. De Cesare's mission in New South Wales upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I have no objection.
- (8.) Letter-carriers:—*Mr. Olliffe* asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) If, during the time the Honorable Alexander Campbell held office as Postmaster General, a Petition was presented by the Letter-carriers asking for an increase of pay?
 - (2.) By whom was that Petition presented?
 - (3.) To whom was that Petition presented?
 - (4.) Did it reach the hands of the Secretary, Mr. Lambton?
 - (5.) Did it reach the hands of the Honorable Alexander Campbell?
 - (6.) Was it registered in due course?
 - (7.) Was its receipt acknowledged?
 - (8.) Was any action taken on it?
 - (9.) What became of it?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) In September last a letter was received, signed by six Letter-carriers, on behalf of the whole, asking for increase of pay.
- (2.) By Letter-carrier Guinery.
- (3.) It was handed to Mr. M' Mahon, Clerk in charge of the Receiving Branch.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) No. It is not usual to send formal acknowledgments of letters received from officials employed in the Department, and in this particular case such acknowledgment was hardly necessary, as, in reply to questions asked in Parliament, consideration was promised to be given to the matter of increasing the Letter-carriers salaries, and it has since been determined not to propose a general increase. (8.)

(8.) Yes; the matter received careful consideration by the late Postmaster General, Mr. Campbell, who, however, did not make any provision on the Estimates for increasing the Letter-carriers salaries.

(9.) It is on record in the Post Office, with the other papers on the subject.

2. **COTTON'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th March, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

3. **THE LICENSING ACT**:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Fletcher. From Residents of Newcastle and the surrounding District, approving of the amendments suggested by the Trades Defence Association of New South Wales to be made in the Licensing Act Amendment Bill; and praying the House to take such suggestions into favourable consideration.

(2.) Mr. Hellyer presented a similar Petition from Residents of Bathurst and surrounding District.

(3.) By Mr. Roberts. From Residents of Coopernook and Mitcheli's Island, stating that they view with alarm any attempt to relax the principles of the present Licensing Act; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

(4.) Mr. Garvan presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Pambula.

(5.) By Mr. Gould. From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other Ladies of New South Wales, expressing their satisfaction at the great benefits conferred on the community by the present Licensing Act; and praying that in any amendment of that Act the employment of Barmaids in Public-houses may be prohibited.

(6.) By Mr. Melville. From Members of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales of the Independent Order of Templars, under the R.W.G.L. of the World, in Annual Session assembled, in favour of the principle of Local Option in the issue or renewal of Publicans Licenses; and praying that certain amendments may be made in the Licensing Act Amendment Bill.
Petitions received.

4. **COLONIAL WINES**:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Winegrowers and others resident in the Northern District, praying that Winegrowers may be permitted to sell the produce of their own Vineyards in quantity of not less than a reputed quart bottle, not to be drunk on the premises, without a license, and that the license fee may be reduced to an annual fee of one pound.
Petition received.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Gray moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 30th March, 1883,—“Pine Scrubs.”

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

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.

7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents in certain cases.

Question put and passed.

8. **WOLLONGONG GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Wollongong Gas-light Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Poole, Mr. Gray, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Garrard, Dr. Ross, Mr. Teece, Mr. Young, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

9. **EQUITY AND BANCO BUSINESS EXPEDITING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. McLaughlin, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McLaughlin then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable any of the Judges of the Supreme Court to exercise the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Court in certain events.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable any of the Judges of the Supreme Court to exercise the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Court in certain events,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1883.

10. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cohen, "That the report be now adopted,"—

Mr. A. G. Taylor again raised the *Point of Order* reported from the Committee of the Whole and recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of Friday last, and which he had raised upon the motion for the adoption of the Report being originally made, the said point relating to clauses 340 and 346 of the Bill, which he submitted involved the expenditure of public money.

Debate ensued upon the said points,—

And Mr. Speaker proceeding to give his ruling thereon,—Mr. A. G. Taylor, addressing him, said "Is it your ruling on the clause, or the Attorney General's?"

And the words having been taken down by the Clerk, at the instance of Mr. Stuart,—
Mr. Taylor withdrew the words, and apologised to the House for having used them.

Mr. Speaker then ruled that the Bill was properly before the House. He was of opinion that neither the 340th nor the 346th clause involved an expenditure of public money. The latter clause proposed to give to witnesses for the defence as much right as, and no more than, witnesses for the Crown now have to demand payment of their expenses from the Crown. Notwithstanding the "Claims against the Government Act," witnesses for the Crown had no such right enforceable in law, nor could he find any Statute nor any principle of Common Law giving them such a right. These clauses did not necessitate a Message, and a Bill containing them could lawfully originate in the Legislative Council.

Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

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

11. RABBIT NUISANCE 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 3rd April, 1883, in reference to the Rabbit Nuisance Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

12. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL :—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.

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

13. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the number of Truck Loads of Goods and Live Stock received, and the number despatched from Orange, Bathurst, Wellington, and Dubbo Stations, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1882; together with the Gross Earnings received from Goods, Live Stock, and Coaching Traffic during the same period.

(2.) Copy of Instructions given to Mr. George Downe, Superintendent of Tramway Rolling Stock.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prisoners under Sentence for Cattle Stealing:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) How many persons have served sentences for stealing, receiving, maiming, or killing cattle (including goats and pigs) during the past ten years?
 (2.) How many of them served imprisonment for those offences in excess of three years?
 (3.) How many served a less sentence of imprisonment than three years?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It is impracticable to answer these questions at present. The information will, however, be obtained, and shall be laid upon the Table of the House with the least possible delay.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) How many acres of Crown Land have been conditionally purchased from the day the Government suspended auction sales up to last Thursday?
 (2.) Is that acreage below or in excess of the acreage conditionally purchased during a corresponding period for 1882, and in either case by how much?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) To Thursday 22nd March inclusive, 348,834 acres 0 roods 35 perches.
 (2.) This shows a decrease of 132,318 acres 3 roods 20 perches as compared with the corresponding period of 1882.

- (3.) Real Property Index:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The amount expended during the last five years in remodelling the Real Property Index?
 (2.) By whom was the work performed?
 (3.) What position do they hold in the Government Service?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have given instructions for the preparation of this information; but as it will take some days to prepare, I must ask the Honorable Member to wait until next week, when I shall be able to lay a Return upon the Table giving the desired information.

- (4.) Copying Wills:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) What amount was expended in copying Wills during the years 1881 and 1882?
 (2.) The names of persons employed, and positions (if any) they hold in the Government Service?
 (3.) Where was the work performed, and during what hours?
 (4.) How much money did each receive?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the sum of £632 13s. 3d. was paid for this purpose.
 (2.) The following are the names of the persons from time to time employed, and the amounts received by each person:—Murphy, £105 3s.; C. M. Deane, £43 5s. 6d.; Abbott, clerk, £94 15s. 6d.; Elyard, clerk, £42 9s. 9d.; Swete, clerk, £52 4s.; Lander, £23 8s. 6d.; Newman, £129 17s. 6d.; O'Connor, clerk, £31 7s.; E. T. Deane, clerk, £44 5s. 3d.; Hiddilston, clerk, £17 10s. 9d.; M'Cauley, clerk, £17 18s. 6d.; Mallon, clerk, £22 15s.; Ormiston, clerk, £7 13s.

(3.) I am informed that the work was done in the offices of the Registrar General's Department before and after office hours by the clerks above named, and by those who were not clerks throughout the day.

- (4.) This question is answered by paragraph (2.)

(5.)

(5.) Pay of Railway Workmen :—*Mr. Olliffe*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a promise made to increase the pay of the Railway workmen by 10 per cent.?
- (2.) If so, will the permanent-way men, porters, and other workmen of the Great Northern, Southern, and Western Railways get this 10 per cent. increase to their pay; and will porters and others employed on the Railways also receive 10 per cent. increase to their pay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware that such a promise was made, but think the Honorable Member is under some misapprehension.

(6.) Cowper Wharf :—*Mr. Olliffe*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What has been the gross return of the wharfage received from the Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo, for the years 1879, 1880, and 1881?
- (2.) How many wharfingers are employed, and what is the salary paid to each of them?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Gross revenue, 1879, was £314 13s. 1d.; gross revenue, 1880, was £627 15s. 4d.; gross revenue, 1881, was £1,433 9s. 3d.
- (2.) One wharfinger only is employed, at £150 per annum. The Manager of the Circular Quay supervises, at no additional charge to the revenue.

(7.) Proposed Railway to Cassilis :—*Mr. Olliffe*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When is it likely that trial surveys will be made of the proposed Railway to Cassilis from Seone and Muswellbrook?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to have the trial surveys of both Lines commenced without delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—These surveys will be commenced as early as practicable.

(8.) Travelling Stock Reserves :—*Mr. Olliffe*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any proposal been made by Mr. G. Lewis, or any other person, to do away with Travelling Stock Reserves, and substitute Camping Reserves in lieu of them?
- (2.) What is the nature of the proposal (if any) made by Mr. Lewis, or other persons, in regard to the above, and what are the names of the persons who propose to abolish Travelling Stock Reserves?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) By direction of Mr. Hoskins, when Secretary for Lands, a scheme was propounded in the Survey Office and submitted by the Surveyor General.
- (2.) It was suggested that Travelling Stock Routes should be reduced in width, with Camping Reserves at intervals; but the suggestion was not adopted by the late Secretary for Lands, and I have concurred in the decision.

(9.) Free Libraries for Municipalities :—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. Pigott, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What Municipalities have taken advantage of the 142nd section of the Municipalities Act of 1867?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will lay upon the Table a Return giving this information when it has been compiled.

(10.) Site for Roman Catholic Church, Walgett :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the land in the town of Walgett, originally marked on the plan as a site for the Roman Catholic Church, be submitted to auction, as long since promised?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The land has not yet been surveyed. A Surveyor has been instructed to make the survey without unnecessary delay.

(11.) Warders in Darlinghurst Gaol :—*Mr. Trickett* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Warders and employes in Darlinghurst Gaol work twelve hours a day?
- (2.) If so, will steps be taken to reduce such hours of labour so as to make them the same as those of other Government employes?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Warders of superior grades do twelve hours duty daily, with relaxation of one day's leave in thirty, reducing the average to eleven and three-quarter hours. Other grades when doing day duty serve the same time, with the same leave. On their weeks of night duty they serve an average of seven and a half hours. General average, nine and three-quarter hours.
- (2.) The Comptroller General of Prisons informs me that the duties in their character cannot be regarded as "labour." They are parallel with the hours of most prisons in other countries, and could not be reduced without very considerable additional expenditure; but I will make further inquiry into the matter.

(12.) Bondi Tramway :—*Mr. Trickett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does the Government intend to come to an early decision as to the route for the Bondi Tramway?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes.

(13.) Analyses of Liquor taken from Licensed Premises :—*Mr. Trickett* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many Police or other Inspectors have been appointed under section 18 of the Licensing Act of 1882?
- (2.) How many sealed samples of liquor have been taken from licensed premises by any such Inspectors in pursuance of section 19 of said Act?
- (3.) Have any analyses of liquors taken from licensed premises ever been made under section 19 of said Act?
- (4.) Have any, and if so how many, prosecutions been instituted under said section 19 against licensees for selling adulterated liquor?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) 108.

(2 & 3.) About 200 samples have been obtained and submitted to the Government Analyst for examination.

(4.) None of the samples submitted contained any ingredient injurious to health such as it is considered would constitute the sale of it a subject for prosecution under the Act.

(14.) Clock for Post Office, Forbes:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Coonan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a Clock in the tower of the Post and Telegraph Offices at Forbes?

(2.) Is it a fact that Clocks have been given to the towns of Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, to be placed in the towers of the Post and Telegraph Offices in such towns?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No application that I am aware of has been received for a Clock at this building.

(2.) Yes. In accordance with a promise made by a former Administration, Clocks have been promised to the towns of Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, to be placed in the towers of the Court-house, Bathurst, the Post and Telegraph Offices, Goulburn, and the Post Office, West Maitland.

(15.) Charges made under the Licensing Act:—*Mr. Olliffe* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all the information available with reference to the question asked by me on the 20th March *re* Licensing Act 1882?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; I will presently lay the desired information upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(16.) Address to *Mr. J. E. Redmond*:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether any, and if any what, explanation has been received from the Magistrates who signed the seditious and disloyal address which was presented to *Mr. J. E. Redmond* at Orange?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Explanations have been received from them, and I will have no objection to lay them upon the Table of this House as soon as certain correspondence arising out of them has been concluded.

(17.) Police Magistrate, Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is he aware that the district of Molong for years has been contributing to the support of no less than three Police Magistrates of the adjoining townships, *viz.*, Orange, Carcoar, and Dubbo; and will he say what are his reasons for refusing to appoint a Police Magistrate at Molong?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No, I am not aware that such is the case; but I find, after the fullest and most careful inquiries, that the official reports concur in the opinion that a Police Magistrate is not required at Molong at present, and the existing arrangements are sufficient.

(18.) Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent, Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—(1.) Is it true that the District Registrarship at Molong has recently been taken from the Clerk of Petty Sessions and given to the Land Agent, and for what reason, and by whose authority or recommendation?

(2.) Did the Clerk of Petty Sessions receive any salary or fees while holding the office, and is the Land Agent at present in receipt of any remuneration for the same, and how much; also, the amount of salary that the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent each receive annually respectively, and the time each has been in the Government Service?

(3.) Are there any special regulations for the appointment of these officers?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes; on authority of a minute of the Executive Council, confirmed 29th August, 1882, with a view to carry out certain re-arrangements of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions determined upon by the late Government.

(2.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions received no fees as District Registrar, except such as were allowed under Schedule B to Registration Act. The Land Agent receives in respect of the same duties, in addition to the Statutory fees, a sum of 3s. for each entry, averaging about £150 per annum. The present salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions is £300, and the salary of the Land Agent is £300; the former has been seven years in the Public Service, and the latter since 10th September, 1882.

(3.) The Registration Act, 19 Vict. No. 34 sec. 4, gives the Governor power to appoint District Registrars, and by *Gazette* notice of 21st October, 1856, the Governor vests this power in the Registrar General for the time being.

(19.) *Emma McDougall's* Conditional Purchases at Urana:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he say what is the reason for the long delay in issue of Certificate of Conformity to *Emma McDougall's* Conditional Purchases at Urana, Nos. 49 of 1877 and 67 of 1877?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The delay has arisen chiefly from the case having been one of those embraced in the last Validating Bill, and which involved exceptional action. It is at present under reference to the Treasury as to the payments.

(20.) The Financial Statement:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The cost to the Government of sending a report of the last Financial Statement by electric telegraph to London?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£1,305 19s. 2d.

2. THE LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) *Mr. Abigail* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Pymont, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Young presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Port Macquarie
- (3.) Mr. Suttor presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Bathurst.
- (4.) Mr. Garrard presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Balmain.
- (5.) Mr. Barbour presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Deniliquin.
- (6.) Dr. Ross presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Molong.
- (7.) Sir John Robertson presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Mudgee.
- (8.) Mr. White presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Barrington.
- (9.) Mr. Purves presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of the Clarence River.
Petitions received.
- (10.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from John H. Goodlet, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, and others, held in the Masonic Hall, expressing their satisfaction with the beneficial working of the Licensing Act of 1882, but objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquors; and praying that a clause may be introduced into the amending Bill now before Parliament prohibiting the employment of Barmaids in Public-houses.
- (11.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a similar Petition from Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others.
Petitions received.
- (12.) Mr. William Clarke presented a Petition from Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, praying that a clause may be inserted in the Licensing Act Amendment Bill, by which the principle of Local Option may be applied to the issue and renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.
- (13.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from the Rev. Thomas A. Gordon, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, on behalf of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, expressing satisfaction at the beneficial working of the Licensing Act of 1882; and praying that, among other things, the principle of Local Option may be extended so as to embrace the whole Colony on the basis of the Electoral Roll.
Petition received.
- (14.) Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from Residents of West Maitland, protesting against the provisions of the 16th clause of the Licensing Act Amendment Bill, extending the hours for the sale of liquor on week days, and providing for the opening of Public-houses and Colonial Wine-shops on Sundays; and praying that the 63rd clause of the Licensing Act of 1882 may be retained inviolate.
Petition received.
3. MUNICIPALITIES ACT:—Mr. Gibbes presented a Petition from Mayors and Aldermen of certain Municipalities, praying that in the event of any new Bill for Local or Municipal Government being enacted provision be made therein for securing to Municipal Councils certain powers similar to those possessed by the City Council of Sydney.
Petition received.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table a Return showing the number of Charges and Convictions under the 57th section of the Licensing Act of 1882.
Ordered to be printed.
6. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McElhone moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 APRIL, 1883, A.M.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

7. PAPER:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Opinion of the Attorney General (Mr. Dalley) *in re* Executive Councillors (Functions Substitution) Act.
Ordered to be printed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Passenger Engines :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Gray, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many passenger engines for running the fast trains on the Railways of this Colony have been ordered?
- (2.) What is the size of the cylinders, and whether inside or outside?
- (3.) Length of stroke?
- (4.) Diameter of driving-wheels?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-six for the Southern and Western Lines, and four for the Northern Line.
 - (2.) The cylinders are placed inside the frames, and are 17 inches in diameter.
 - (3.) The length of stroke is 26 inches.
 - (4.) These engines are to have driving-wheels of 6 feet diameter.
- (2.) Forbes Common :—*Mr. Barbour* for Mr. Stokes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill early next Session to extend the Forbes Common farther back, with a view to permit the existing Common to be purchased by present occupants and others, some of whom have resided thereon for twenty years?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It has been determined to introduce a Bill to resume the Permanent Common, with a view to another area being dedicated and the present Common made available for sale. Instructions have been issued for the survey of the new Common.

2. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL :—*Mr. Cameron*, 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 March 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

3. PRISONERS CONFINED IN GAOLS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Hutchinson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The average number of prisoners confined in each Gaol of the Colony during the year 1882, specifying the number of males and females in each.
- (2.) The amount received during the same year in each Gaol for labour or work done for the general public, specifying the kind of work and the rate at which it is paid for.
- (3.) The value to the Colony of the work done by the prisoners in each Gaol other than that done for the general public during the same year.

Question put and passed.

4. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the cost each year since the introduction of Responsible Government of sending by electric telegraph to England, at the public expense, a report or *précis* of the Financial Statement.

Question put and passed.

5. **THE LICENSING ACT:—**
 (1.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from certain adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, stating that in their opinion the present Licensing Act has conferred great benefits on the Colony; and praying that no alteration be made in the hours of closing Public-houses,—that the principle of local option be applied to the renewal of licenses, and be extended to country districts, and that the clause relating to travellers be extended to fifteen miles.
 Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Balrañald, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.
 Petition received.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS:—**The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after the Orders of the Day of General Business.
7. **TOLLS ON RANDWICK ROAD:—**The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Trickett, "That, in the opinion of this House, the collection of Tolls on the Randwick Road should be abolished",—
 And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS:—**The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
 (1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
 (2.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading.
 (3.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading.
9. **COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—**The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Cameron, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—**The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
11. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—**The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **SUPPLY:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
14. **PAPER:—**Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 29th March, 1883,—
 "Dawes Point."
 Ordered to be printed.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS:—**The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 postponed until Tuesday next.
16. **MR. LAMONT YOUNG AND PARTY:—**Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report to this House on the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Lamont Young and Party at Bermagui in 1881.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Moses, Mr. Melville, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Coonan, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Friendly Societies Act:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the report of the Royal Society Commission to inquire into the working of Friendly Benefit Societies, and the serious disclosures made therein,—Will the Government, during the recess, frame a new Friendly Societies Act, to give a more perfect measure of assistance by official supervision to the thousands of members of the different Benefit Societies?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have not had time to read the whole of the report, although I am aware of the main features of it; and if I possibly can I will during the recess frame a Bill in such a manner as will help to mitigate some of these evils.

- (2.) Trial Survey from Orange of the Forbes Railway Line:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to order an additional trial survey from Orange of the Forbes Railway Line; if so, will he state when such survey shall be commenced, and the probable date of its completion?

(2.) In the event of such trial survey being deemed by the Government unnecessary or inexpedient, will he immediately invite tenders for the construction of the Line *via* Molong, as adopted by the late Parliament?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This survey is in progress, and will be completed as early as possible.

- (3.) William Marr:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that William Marr, on the 30th November, 1882, whilst at work at the Orange Railway Station, lost the sight of one of his eyes?

(2.) Has he been paid his wages from that date until the 31st March?

(3.) If not paid, what is the cause of delay, and when will he be paid?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) He has been paid wages from 31st January, on which date he resumed duty.

(3.) He has not been paid for December and January because he was not at work. His case, however, has been under consideration, and it has been decided to pay him his wages for that period.

- (4.) Passenger Foot-bridge, Kite-street, Orange:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Passengers Foot-bridge asked to be erected facing Kite-street, Orange, be sanctioned; if so, when will it be erected?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes; and tenders for its erection will be called for within two months from this date.

- (5.) White Spirits:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The quantity of White Spirits imported into the Colony during the years 1880, 1881, and 1882 respectively?

(2.) The names of the parties, and the quantities imported by each for the same years?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The answer to this question involves a lengthy Return, which I propose to lay upon the Table, and will move that it be printed.

- (6.) Levelling Land near Eveleigh Railway Platform:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The prices at which the work of forming and levelling the land in connection with Railway near Eveleigh Platform was tendered for, particularising each tender?

(2.) The cost of this work when completed under tender accepted?

(3.) Why fresh tenders have not been called for this work?

(4.) The cost of this work when completed, if completed by the Railway Department itself?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will lay upon the Table in the form of a Return the answers to these questions.

(7.) Mudgee Railway:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What sort of timber is to be used on the Mudgee Railway for sleepers, bridges, and other sorts of work, as per specifications under which the contract for above Railway tender was accepted?
- (2.) Is he aware that the contractor for the above Railway is using white-gum and other inferior timber for sleepers, bridges, and other purposes on the above Railway; if not, will he cause inquiries to be made into the above matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am advised that ironbark or any other approved hardwood, but white-gum is not to be used for any purpose. Inquiries have been made, and the officers of the Department report that no white-gum timber has been used in any of the works on this contract.

(8.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Trickett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there any written rule or regulation as to the issuing of free passes on the Government Railways; if so, will he lay the same upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) Will he state on what system the issuing of free passes rests; and who are the persons that are entitled to give away such free passes; and what recommendation is considered necessary to entitle applicants to free passes; and is there any limit to the number of free passes issued on the recommendation of Members of Parliament or any other person?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following letter from the Commissioner for Railways, which accompanied a return of free passes granted, laid upon the Table of the House in August, 1881, will show how the matter stands:—

Sir,

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch, Sydney, 8th July, 1881.

In forwarding the enclosed information respecting the issue of free passes, called for by the Order of the Legislative Assembly, I would mention, with reference to the wording of paragraph (1) of the Resolution, that no pass has been issued by me except under Ministerial authority.

In the case of the passes issued to Judges on Circuit, this course was approved of by the Governor and Executive Council, and has been in force for some years. With regard to the issue of passes to Officers of H.M. Ships, Competitors in Intercolonial Contests, Commissioners at Exhibitions, Representatives of the Press, and Visitors to the Colony, passes have been granted in accordance with the rules which have been in force for many years under the sanction of the various Secretaries for Public Works.

In reference to the free passes issued to visitors, I may state that in no instance have passes been issued without careful inquiry, and in strict accordance with precedent.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP,

Commissioner for Railways.

The Secretary for Public Works.

(9.) Steamer "Pacific":—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the steamer "Pacific" was ever condemned by the Marine Board, or any officials of the Government, as stated by the Honorable the Treasurer to this House on 15th March?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Marine Board ordered three separate prosecutions against the owner, master, and engineer of the "Pacific," in connection with the going to sea of that vessel on 9th ultimo with an engineer holding a third-class certificate, after it had been reported to the Board, or given in evidence by the Board's own Surveyor, that it is impossible to get competent second-class engineers for all these small steamers of her class going outside?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Marine Board ordered a prosecution to be instituted against the owner and the master of the "Pacific" for sending her to sea without a proper Limited Coast Trade Certificate?
- (4.) Is it a fact that it has been reported to the Marine Board during the past year that third-class engineers have been employed to go in these small steamers, where, by law, second-class engineers are supposed to be employed without action being taken to prosecute for such breach of the law?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The vessel was removed from the ferry at the instance of one of the Marine Board Inspectors because she was unfit for service.
- (2.) The Marine Board held an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the casualty to this vessel, and ordered prosecutions in every case wherein the law had been broken. It was stated by one of the Surveyors during the inquiry that it was almost impossible to get 2nd-class engineers to go into vessels of the "Pacific" class.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No such report was ever made to the Marine Board.

(10.) Females employed in the Post and Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Lynch*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Postmaster General,—The number of Females at present employed in the Post Office or Telegraph Department as operators, probationers, or otherwise?

Mr. Wright answered,—In the Postal Department, the number of postmistresses, official and non-official, and female postal assistants, is 280. The number of female receiving office-keepers is thirty-eight. One female office-keeper and eight female servants are employed in the General Post Office. In the Electric Telegraph Department the number of females employed as operators is thirty. None are employed as probationers or otherwise.

(11.) Gold-field Reserve near Parkes:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Coonan*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he at once throw open the surveyed portion of the Gold-field Reserve near Parkes, estimated at about 4,000 acres?
- (2.) Will he also take steps to have the residue of the said Reserve thrown open without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) A design only for the survey has been prepared. The survey will be made and the land thrown open for sale if not required for mining purposes, on the subject of which a report has now been asked for from the Department of Mines.
- (2.) I have issued instructions for the survey of the whole Reserve, with a view to the cancellation of such portions thereof as are not required in the interest of mining.

(12.)

(12.) Conservation of Water in the Interior:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any steps been taken by the Government, in view of the sum of £2,000 included in the Estimates of Expenditure, to make inquiry concerning the conservation and distribution of water over the dry regions of this Colony; and if not, whether it is intended to obtain the services of a competent Engineer to gather information and report upon this question?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have not yet taken any steps in the matter, the Estimates having only recently been passed.

(13.) Bordeaux Wine Exhibition:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Executive Secretary for the Bordeaux Exhibition yet furnished his report; and if so, is there any objection to a copy of the same being laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Executive Secretary has furnished his report; I will lay it upon the Table this evening.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Two Reports upon the representation of the Colony at the Bordeaux Wine Exhibition.
- (2.) Return showing the amount expended in remodelling the Real Property Index.
- (3.) Return respecting the forming and levelling of land near the Eveleigh Railway Platform.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Register of Wrecks on the Coast of New South Wales during the year 1882.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 6th March, 1883,—“Small-pox.”
- (3.) Return respecting White Spirits imported into the Colony during the years 1880, 1881, and 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

3. RESUMPTION OF LAND IN GEORGE AND PITT STREETS FOR TRAM OR RAILWAY PURPOSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, memorandums, and valuations in connection with the resumption for Tram or Railway purposes of certain land and buildings in George and Pitt Streets, near Circular Quay.

Question put and passed.

4. PYRMONT BRIDGE COMPANY:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, papers, deeds, plans, or other documents, having reference to the purchase by the Government of the Roads and Bridges from the Pyrmont Bridge Company.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Holtermann moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the sum of “£25,000” should be apportioned out of the sum of £150,000 voted by this House for Immigration generally for the introduction into this Colony of German Immigrants, to embark direct from Hamburg, under the approval and control of the Agent General in London.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. McElhone moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the figures “£25,000,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the figures “£15,000.”

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

Debate continued.

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

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

Main Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the sum of £15,000 should be apportioned out of the sum of £150,000 voted by this House for Immigration generally for the introduction into this Colony of German Immigrants, to embark direct from Hamburg, under the approval and control of the Agent General in London.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Roberts,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Fremlin.
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Coonan,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Griffiths,	
Mr. George Campbell,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Purves,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Pigott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. White,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Tighe,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SYDNEY :—Mr. Holtermann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the purpose of procuring photographs of Sydney (in panorama), its public buildings, street and other architecture, also of the most important public buildings, and public works throughout the Colony, and distributing the same amongst the various Art Galleries, Mechanics Institutes, and Institutions of a like character throughout Europe, with the view of thereby exciting the attention of the most desirable class of Immigrants and others to the advantages offered for the introduction of skilled labour into this Colony.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. SUBSIDIES FOR CONVEYANCE OF MAILS :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in view of the large number of fast and powerful unsubsidized steamers now trading between the Australasian Colonies and the various European ports, this House is of opinion that no new contracts should be entered into, or existing contracts extended, whereby subsidies are granted for the conveyance of Mails.

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday, the 25th instant.

8. MAIN AND MINOR ROADS :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution, viz. :—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on Additional Surplus Revenue Estimate for 1883 to add to the Grants set apart for the repair and maintenance of the Main and Minor Roads of the Colony for the present year, at the following rate, viz. :—Main and 1st and 2nd class Minor Roads, 25 per cent. ; 3rd and 4th class Minor Roads, 50 per cent. ; 5th and 6th class Minor Roads, 100 per cent. ; and the sum of £8,000 for Unclassified Roads.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Proctor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Pigott,	Mr. Young.
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. Teece,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. White,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Cass,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. PYRMONT BRIDGE :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to complete the resumption of the Pyrmont Bridge, and that the tolls now being collected from foot passengers and vehicles each time they pass through should be abolished.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. THE LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Heydon presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Yass, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor ; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

(2.) Mr. Melville presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Greta.

(3.) Mr. Stokes presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Parkes.
Petitions received.

11. BRIDGE OVER THE PATERSON RIVER :—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £6,000, for a Bridge over the Paterson River in lieu of the Punt at that place.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

12. RIGHTS OF ATTORNEYS EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday next.

13. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 20th April.

14. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell 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. Farnell, *passed*.
 Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents in certain cases.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents in certain cases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 10th April, 1883.*

15. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Point of Order:—Mr. A. G. Taylor drew Mr. Speaker's attention to clauses 337, 416, 419, and 420 (but particularly to clause 420) of the Bill, and contended that these clauses involved a charge upon the Public Revenue, and that therefore the Bill not having been recommended by Message from the Crown was not regularly before the House,—and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was properly before the House.

Question proposed,—“That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Cohen 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, 29, 92, 150, 165, 166, 170, 191, 193, 308, 377, 418, 446, and Schedules “1 and 6.”

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 29, 92, 150, 165, 166, 170, 191, 193, 308, 377, 418, 446, and Schedules 1 and 6,—put and passed.

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

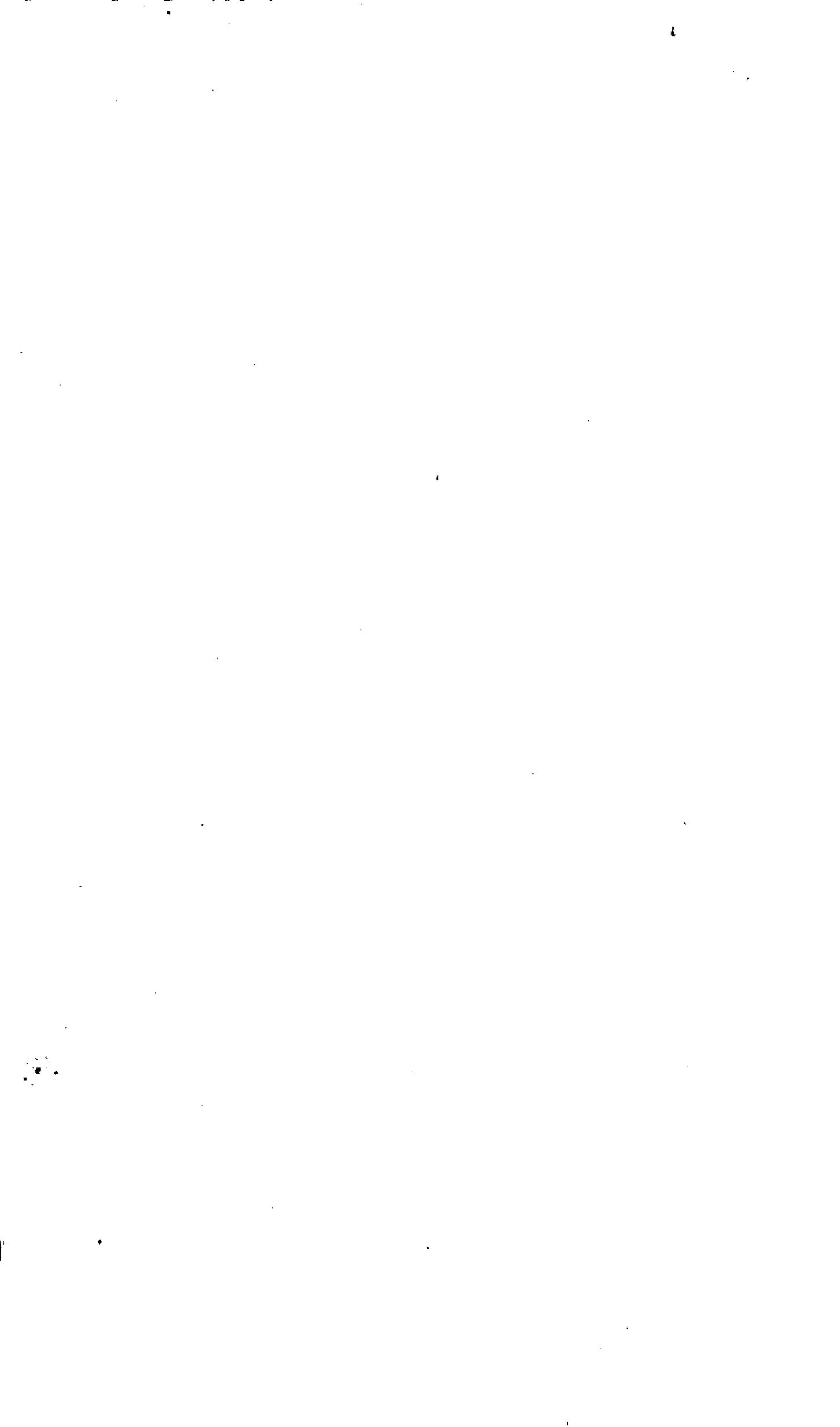
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL, 1883, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Construction of Dams—Conservation of Water—Fencing:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it intended to introduce early next Session Bills for Construction and Legalizing of Dams, Conservation of Water in the Interior, and compelling Lessees of Runs to pay half-cost of Fencing, as in Victoria and Queensland?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The question will be considered during the recess if time will permit.

- (2.) Bridge over the Namoi River at Wee Waa:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will a sum of money be placed on next year's Estimates for a Bridge over the Namoi River, near Wee Waa, as requested in Petition presented, signed by 384 residents of that district and others?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is not at present intended to bridge the Namoi River near Wee Waa. Its ultimate necessity will be considered when the question of Railway extension from Narrabri is decided.

- (3.) Woodburn Telegraph Office:—Mr. Proctor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What is the number of telegrams sent from and received at the Woodburn Office, Richmond River, for the six months ending 31st March, 1883, and amount paid for same?

(2.) How many telegrams were received by people resident on the north bank of the river, and amount paid for same; also, how many sent by people resident on north side, and amount paid?

(3.) Similar particulars respecting telegrams received and sent by people residing on the south side?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Revenue for half-year ending 31st March, 1883, £104 3s. 6d.; number of messages sent during that period, 1,732.

(2.) The number of telegrams sent by people resident within 2 miles of the township of Woodburn north side, 1,377; value, £82 16s. 6d.; number received, 614.

(3.) Similar particulars respecting south side, sent 355; value, £21 7s.; number received, 362. The Telegraph Office is on the north side of the river.

- (4.) Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Attorney General given an Opinion that the Boarding-out Society can take children from the Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum for the purpose of boarding them out?

(2.) Was the Opinion given after consulting the Act of Incorporation of the said Society, or only in view of the Boarding-out Society Act?

(3.) Is it true that the conditions of the Randwick Society Act clearly forbid the Boarding-out, or any other Society removing any of the children without express approval of the governing body?

(4.) Will the Minister have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Attorney General's Opinion given on this question?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) In a letter addressed to the Boarding-out Officer, of date the 29th March, 1883, the Attorney General advised that the Boarding-out Officer was authorized to remove, when so directed, any child from the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children who had been admitted into that Asylum by an order from the Colonial Secretary.

(2.) The Opinion was given after full consideration of the whole case.

(3.) This question requires no answer.

(4.) I have no objection to lay upon the Table copies of two Opinions given by the Attorney General on this matter.

(5.)

- (5.) Approaches to Railway Station, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that in wet weather the pathway approaches from Church-street to the Railway Station, Parramatta, are in a very dangerous condition; if so, will he give immediate instructions to have the same asphalted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware that the pathway referred to is in a dangerous condition, but instructions have been given to have it examined and repaired if found to be necessary.

- (6.) Over-crowding Tram-cars:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give immediate instructions to prevent the inconvenience and possible danger to travellers by the over-crowding of Tram-cars?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The over-crowding of the Tram-cars is resisted by the conductors as much as possible; they have received instructions to obtain, with the view to legal proceedings being taken, the names and addresses of the persons who persist in getting on to the cars after being warned that they are already full.

- (7.) Examination of School Teachers.—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When is it likely the Return in reference to Teachers examinations will be printed and distributed to the Members, as ordered by this House a month ago?

Mr. Reid answered,—Printed copies of the Return will be laid upon the Table to-day.

- (8.) Railway By-laws:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether the 26th By-law, approved of by His Excellency the Governor, for the management of Railways, and which inflicts a penalty of five pounds on any person making use of insulting, indecent, or abusive language in any carriage or upon any Railway platform or premises, or who shall wilfully impede any Railway officer or servant while in the execution of his duty, has not been found unworkable in practice?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No; in some cases the Magistrates have not inflicted the full penalty; but the By-law has not been found inoperative.

- (9.) Manly Pier:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the Port Jackson Steam Company, or Lessee of the Pier at Manly, power to charge a fee of £1 to all private or public picnic parties landing at the Pier in steamers other than those belonging to the said Company; if so, will immediate instructions be given to remove this charge?

(2.) Is it a fact that application has been made to renew the lease of the said Pier exclusively to the Port Jackson Steam Company at the rental of £25 per annum?

(3.) Will the Secretary for Mines, in the interest of the public, also allow other steamship proprietors the use of the said Pier on the same terms and conditions proposed to be granted to the Port Jackson Steam Company?

(4.) If it is intended that the Port Jackson Steam Company is to have the entire monopoly of the said Pier, will provision be made in the lease for increased accommodation for the travelling public, and that the return fare shall not exceed 1s.?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The Lessee of the Pier at Manly has sublet his lease to the Port Jackson Steam Company under certain conditions, one of which is that private steam launches and yachts shall be allowed to land private parties free of charge at such one of the Company's wharfs at Manly as may be most convenient to the Company.

(2.) In the Return called for by the Honorable Member, and printed under Order of the Legislative Assembly, 13th March last, it is shown that the Pier is leased to Mr. R. M. Pitt until 30th November, 1884, and the circumstances under which it was leased. The Company have no lease from the Crown, and have not applied for a renewal; but the Municipal Council of Manly have applied on behalf of Mr. R. M. Pitt, the present lessee.

(3.) The Borough Council of Manly do not think that such a course would be in the interest of the public.

(4.) Increased accommodation to the public has been provided for in the agreement under which the Company hold a lease, and there will be no objection to make these provisions public.

- (10.) Engine-sheds at Wallerawang:—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that the Wallerawang engine-sheds are completed, and are not being utilized; if so, will he give instructions that the sheds be brought into use?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The sheds are to be brought into use immediately after some trifling but necessary alterations are made.

- (11.) Deposits on Contracts:—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that deposits on contracts are sometimes held by the Department of Works some considerable time after such contracts are completed and paid for, to the great inconvenience and loss of contractors; if so, will he urge upon the officers of the Department the advisableness of using greater celerity in returning such deposits?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware. Deposits accompanying tenders are lodged at the Treasury, and on the acceptance of the most eligible tender the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade is requested to return the amounts to the unsuccessful tenderers on application. If any delay occurs after this it must rest with the parties themselves. Deposits given as security in lieu of bondsmen are sent to the Treasury for repayment on the certificate of the proper officer that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Government.

- (12.) Sir Alfred Stephen and Mr. Justice Hargrave:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—In the event of the Retired Judges Pensions Bill becoming law by (say) the 1st proximo,—What arrears of pension will Sir Alfred Stephen and Mr. John Fletcher Hargrave be respectively entitled to claim?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Sir Alfred Stephen, to 30th April, £3,979 10s.; and Mr. Justice Hargrave, to same date, £543 16s. 4d.

- (13.) Deposits on Contracts:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a notice been published in the *Government Gazette* from the Colonial Architect's Office requiring successful tenderers in certain cases to place £500 on each contract to the credit of the Public Treasury?
 - (2.) What has caused the alteration of the rule by which the guarantee of bondsmen was hitherto held to be sufficient to protect the Treasury from any loss through inefficient performance of contracts?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) I am not aware of any alteration in the rule.
- (14.) Day Train from Wallerawang to Capertee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to run a day train from Wallerawang to Capertee; if not, what are his reasons for refusal?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—The traffic does not justify the running of two trains, and it would seem that the substitution of a day for a night train would interfere seriously with the postal service.
- (15.) Tide-waiters:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he discharged one tide-waiter, or assistant tide-waiter, and suspended others, for sending a private letter to a Member of Parliament in complaint that their wages were unjustly reduced from 15s. to 10s. per diem; if so, will he consider the propriety of reinstating these men?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—One tide-waiter has been removed from office for insubordination and misrepresentation. No tide-waiters have been suspended. The pay of tide-waiters from 1875 has been 10s. 6d. per day when employed.
- (16.) Attorney General's Opinion in reference to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was the Opinion of the Attorney General upon the Point of Order raised by Mr. A. G. Taylor with regard to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill made public prior to the ruling given on Wednesday night by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly?
 - (2.) Did the Attorney General read that Opinion to the Members of the Legislative Council (in Session assembled) at a time when the Point of Order was being debated in the Legislative Assembly?
 - (3.) Will he solicit the Opinion of his Attorney General as to the political impropriety of such an act?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1 & 2.) I am unable to state the precise moment when my Honourable Colleague made this reading.
 - (3.) I have no intention of asking the opinion of the Attorney General.
- (17.) Railway Station at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in accepting tenders for the erection of the Railway Station at Mudgee?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—The lowest tender for this work was accepted yesterday.
- (18.) Public Schools at Ilford and Wilbetree:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) When will the erection of a class-room in connection with the Ilford Public School, as promised some months back, be proceeded with?
 - (2.) When will he establish a Public School at Wilbetree, near Mudgee, as petitioned for by a number of residents of that locality and recommended by the District Inspector some months ago?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) A tender for the class-room was accepted on the 29th of last month, and the work will be proceeded with at once.
 - (2.) A Public School has been in operation at Wilbetree for a long period. No petition for another School has been received.
- (19.) Water Supply for Public Schools:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the children attending most of the Public Schools in the Colony have in many instances to go without water all day unless the Teachers provide a supply at their own expense?
 - (2.) Will he set aside a small annual sum to provide water for the pupils attending the Public Schools, and to recompense the Teachers for their outlay in that respect?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) No; and it is not a fact that children attending most of the Public Schools have to go without water unless supplied by the Teachers. Provision is always made for the supply of water. Trust that any failure in this respect will be reported to me without delay.
 - (2.) No, it is not necessary.
- (20.) Tide-waiters:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In 1875 did the late Mr. William Forster, then Colonial Treasurer, extend the working hours of tide-waiters, or assistant landing-waiters, from seven hours to nine hours per diem, and their pay from 10s. 6d. to 15s. per diem?
 - (2.) Since 1881 has the extension of labour been retained and the extension of pay withdrawn, and have any of the parties affected been dismissed or disgraced for representing these facts by letter to Members of Parliament?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Forster, when Colonial Treasurer, did not extend the working hours of tide-waiters. The pay of tide-waiters was fixed at 10s. 6d. per day in 1875, and has so remained.
 - (2.) The pay of tide-waiters is unaltered, and there has been no withdrawal of pay. One tide-waiter was dismissed, and two are disgraced, but not for representing facts to Members of Parliament.

- (21.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Mudgee :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Are certain slight alterations and improvements being made to the Post and Telegraph Offices at Mudgee?
 - (2.) Is it intended that these alterations will suffice, or is it designed to follow them up by erecting new and adequate buildings?
 - (3.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House to-morrow Postal-Inspector Buchanan's latest report?

Mr. Wright answered,—The frequency with which this matter has been brought before the Assembly lately has entailed considerable delay, as it has been necessary to obtain the papers on several occasions from the Inspector to whom the matter was referred for report after specially visiting the locality. The papers are now with Mr. Postal-Inspector Buchanan for this purpose, and replies to the above questions can therefore only be given from recollection.

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Some alterations were suggested, but pending a final decision on the question of erecting a new building it is not intended to proceed with them.
 - (3.) The whole of the papers on the subject are now with Mr. Postal-Inspector Buchanan, at present in the country. He has been instructed to expedite his final report, and when received there will be no objection to lay it upon the Table.
- (22.) Compensation to Mr. John Neale, of Burrundulla :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How much compensation has been allowed to John Neale, of Burrundulla, near Mudgee, for the land which the Government resumed from him for Railway purposes?

Mr. Stuart answered,—£38 13s. 6d.

- (23.) Henry Barton's Conditional Purchases at Mudgee :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When will certificates of conformity be issued to Henry Barton, of Mudgee, in connection with 100 acres selected by William Willis, at Mudgee, on 28th February, 1878, and sixty acres, selected by Willis, at Mudgee, on 11th July, 1878, both selections having been legally transferred to Henry Barton?
 - (2.) Has not Inspector Franks reported in favour of the issue of these certificates?
 - (3.) What has occasioned the extreme delay in respect to issuing them?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I am not at present in a position to state.
 - (2.) No. The Inspector's Report does not satisfactorily verify the residence of the claimant. No one was resident on the land at the time of his inspection.
 - (3.) The case has been ordered for further inquiry before the Commissioner of the District.
- (24.) Leichhardt Tramway :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The cause of the Leichhardt Tramway contractors stopping their works?
 - (2.) How many days have they been delayed by the Government failing to supply rails and other materials?
 - (3.) Has the Minister decided to allow these contractors an extension for all the time lost by Government delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The inability of the Department to supply rails.
 - (2.) Sixty days.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (25.) Travellers Clause in Licensing Act :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Inspector General of Police sent in a report, dated August, 1882, upon the working of the Travelling Clause of the Licensing Act; if so, will the Minister state the purport of it?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The report mentioned by the Honorable Member contains no reference to the subject, but in the report of the 17th June the Inspector General alluded to it.

- (26.) Oyster Culture :—Mr. White asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps the Government intend to take to protect the Oyster Culture below high-water mark, which is not now protected under the Amended Fisheries Act?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I think a clause in the Bill now before the House would meet the Honorable Member's question upon this matter.

2. THE LICENSING ACT :—

- (1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Tingha, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

Similar Petitions were presented by—

Mr. Fergusson, from Inhabitants of Glen Innes.

Mr. A. G. Taylor, from Inhabitants of Frogmoor.

Mr. Burns, from Inhabitants of The Hunter, Bolwarra, and Forster (three Petitions).

Mr. Poole, from Inhabitants of Sydney.

Mr. Cameron, from Inhabitants of Milson's Point and Sydney.

Mr. Cameron (for Mr. Fletcher), from Inhabitants of Newcastle (two Petitions).

Mr. Roberts, from Inhabitants of Manning River.

Mr. Henry Clarke, from Inhabitants of Moruya, and Inhabitants of Merimbula (two Petitions).

Mr.

Mr. Young, from Inhabitants of Manning River.
 Mr. Proctor, from Inhabitants of Mount Vincent.
 Mr. A. G. Taylor, from Inhabitants of Wallomba River.
 Dr. Ross, from Inhabitants of Garra Creek, and Inhabitants of Cudal (two Petitions).
 Mr. William Clarke, from Inhabitants of Orange.
 Mr. Humphery, from Inhabitants of Broughton Creek, and Inhabitants of Nowra (two Petitions).
 Mr. Gibbes, from Inhabitants of Newtown.
 Mr. William Clarke, from Inhabitants of Spring Hill.
 Mr. De Salis, from Inhabitants of Queanbeyan (two Petitions).
 Mr. Lynch, from Inhabitants of Carcoar.
 Sir Henry Parkes, from Inhabitants of Tenterfield.
 Mr. Pigott, from Inhabitants of Five Dock.
 Mr. Tighe, from Inhabitants of Branxton.
 Mr. Dalton, from Inhabitants of Spring Grove, and Inhabitants of Orange (two Petitions).
 Mr. George Campbell, from Inhabitants of Mount Macquarie.
 Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. William Clarke presented a Petition from Residents of Benerece, and others, praying that the system of local option may be applied to the renewal as well as to the issue of Publicans Licenses.

Mr. Clarke presented similar Petitions from Residents of Nambuccra River, and others; from members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others; and from Residents of Lismore, and others.

Petitions received.

(3.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Glen Innes, expressing their satisfaction at the great benefits conferred on the community by the present Licensing Act; and praying that no alteration may be made in the present hours of closing Public-houses, and that the employment of Barmaids may be prohibited.

Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. William Clarke from—

Inhabitants of Blayney, Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others.

Residents of Benerece, and others.

Residents of Dubbo, and others.

G. Withers, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Congregational Church, Bourke-street, Sydney.

Residents of Lismore.

Petitions received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 9th March, 1883,—“Diamond Drills.”
 Ordered to be printed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Judges Salaries and Pensions Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 11th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

(2.) District Court Judges and Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates Salaries Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to increase the Salaries of and to provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 11th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

5. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to correct an erroneous date in the 213th section of the “Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.”
 Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to correct an erroneous date in the 213th section of the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o, with further amendments.

Mr. Reid (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, “That” the report be now adopted.

Mr. Cohen 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 447, 449, and Schedule 3.

Question,—

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 447, 449, and Schedule 3,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, 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^d, with further amendments.

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

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

7. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stuart, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, 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.

8. PAPERS:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) Return to an Order made on 14th March, 1883,—“Walka Reservoir.”

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

The 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 1882 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1880 and previous Years.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,437 16s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head “Services of 1880, and previous Years.”

Services of 1881.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,839 17s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head “Services of 1881.”

Services of 1882.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £387,993 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head “Services of 1882.”

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1883.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1883, a sum not exceeding £1,389, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £978, for Executive Council, for the year 1883.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,990, for Legislative Council, for the year 1883.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,543, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1883.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,125, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1883.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,520, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1883.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,036, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1883.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,600, for Protectorate of Aborigines, for the year 1883.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,050, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1883.

(17.)

- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77,336, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1883.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,815, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1883.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,000, for Training-ship "Wolverene," for the year 1883.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £247,190, for Police, for the year 1883.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, for Government Analyst, for the year 1883.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,478, for Lunacy, for the year 1883.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1883.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1883.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,640, for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, Medical Officers, &c., for the year 1883.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,875, for Department of Audit, for the year 1883.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,695, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1883.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,330, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1883.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,314, for Immigration, for the year 1883.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £360, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1883.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,050, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1883.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,650, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1883.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,112, for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1883.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,350, for Branch Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1883.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,400, for State Children's Relief Board, for the year 1883.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,930, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1883.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £770, for Nursery Garden—Campbelltown, for the year 1883.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,183, for Government Domains, for the year 1883.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,870, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1883.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74,904, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1883.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,742, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1883.

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

- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,620, for Treasury, for the year 1883.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,675, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1883.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,035, for Customs, for the year 1883.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,380, for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1883.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1883.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,800, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1883.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,593, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1883.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £111,396, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1883.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,413, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1883.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, for Board of Health, for the year 1883.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,433, for Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1883.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,399, for Quarantine, for the year 1883.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,737, for Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1883.

- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1883.
 (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,375, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1883.
 (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,405, for Glebe Island Abattoir, for the year 1883.
 (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,002, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1883.
 (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Lifeboats, for the year 1883.
 (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,023, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1883.
 (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600,713, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vict. No. 23, for the year 1883.
 (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500 for Public Scholarships, for the year 1883.
 (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,350, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1883.
 (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,810, for Orphan Schools, Parramatta, for the year 1883.
 (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,590, for Observatory, for the year 1883.
 (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,900, for Museum, for the year 1883.
 (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,300, for Technological Museum, for the year 1883.
 (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,222, for Free Public Library, for the year 1883.
 (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,516, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1883.
 (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,717, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1883.

NO. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,310, for Department of Justice, for the year 1883.
 (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,374, for Department of Master in Equity, for the year 1883.
 (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,496, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1883.
 (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,805, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1883.
 (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,620, for Insolvency Court, for the year 1883.
 (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,107, for District Courts, for the year 1883.
 (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,975, for Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1883.
 (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,346, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1883.
 (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £95,153, for Prisons, for the year 1883.
 (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £873, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1883.
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £220, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1883.
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,448, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1883.

NO. VII.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,515, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1883.
 (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,999, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1883.
 (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,731, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1883.
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,295, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1883.

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,148, for Department of Lands, for the year 1883.
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,971, for Conditional Land Sales Branch, for the year 1883.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,300, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1883.
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £333,831, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1883.
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,795, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1883.
 (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,133, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1883.

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,435, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1883.
 (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £155,376, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1883.
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £243,311, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1883.
 (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £687,647, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1883.
 (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,960, for Miscellaneous for the year 1883.

No. IX.—RAILWAYS.

- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,365, for General Establishment, for the year 1883.
 (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,071, for Engineering Establishment, for the year 1883.
 (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,104,947, for Existing Lines—Working Expenses—for the year 1883.
 (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,044, for Miscellaneous for the year 1883.

No. X.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £320,730, for Post Office, for the year 1883.
 (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,620, for Money Order and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1883.
 (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,008, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1883.
 (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,577, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1883.
 (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for New Zealand Cable Subsidy, for the year 1883.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,350, for Department of Mines, for the year 1883.
 (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,107, for Minor Roads Branch, for the year 1883.
 (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,675, for Occupation of Lands, for the year 1883.
 (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,583, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1883.
 (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £720, for Imported Stock, for the year 1883.
 (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,150, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1883.
 (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,027, for Public Tanks and Wells, for the year 1883.
 (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1883.
 (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,350, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1883.

To be defrayed out of Surplus Revenue.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,000, to defray charge under the head "Works of Defence."
 (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, to defray charge under the head "Immigration."
 (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,500, to defray charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, to defray charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

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

- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,000, to defray charge under the head "Ordnance Department."

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NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,000, to defray charge under the head "Harbours and River Navigation."
 (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250,000, to defray charge under the head "Public Works and Buildings."
 (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,800, to defray charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."

NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,000, to defray charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, to defray charge under the head "Public Instruction."
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1883.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."
 (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Analyst."
 (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Medical Adviser, Vaccination, Medical Officers, &c."
 (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Audit."
 (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Registrar-General."
 (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute."
 (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Botanic Gardens."
 (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,340, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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

- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."
 (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,100, to defray additional charge under the head "Marine Board of New South Wales."
 (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £640, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,747 10s., to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in Aid of Public Institutions."

NO. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Justice."
 (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge under the head "Master in Equity."
 (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £526 13s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "District Courts."
 (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
 (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £919, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £172 19s. 2d., to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."

NO. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,602 5s. 11d., to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and River Navigation."
 (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,364, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect."
 (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,577, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."
 (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, to defray additional charge under the head "Sewerage."

NO. X.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £950, to defray additional charge under the head "Post Office."

NO. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £475, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines."
 (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Minor Roads Branch."
 (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray additional charge under the head "Occupation of Lands."

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE—1883.

To be defrayed out of Surplus Revenue.

- (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and River Navigation."
 (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £103,800, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect."
 (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,192 14s. 9d., to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."
 (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Tanks and Wells."

LOAN ESTIMATE—1883.

- (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1883, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £155,000, under the head "Harbours and River Navigation," being £100,000 further towards improvements, Clarence River Heads; £20,000 further towards improvements, Lake Macquarie Heads; £10,000 further for Prison Buildings, Trial Bay; and £25,000 Dredging Plant for the Richmond and other Northern Rivers.
 (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1883, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, under the head "Sewerage," being for Southern Extension from original Sewerage Farm at Shea's Creek to Webb's Grant, including Syphon, and resumption of Land at Rushcutter's Bay, Double Bay, and Waterloo, for Sewerage purposes.
 (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1883, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,645,000, under the head "Railways," being £580,000 for providing Additional Rolling Stock, and the purchase of Machinery, Tools, &c.; £400,000 for construction of Tramways, including Motors, Rolling Stock, Machinery, &c.; £40,000 Trial Surveys; £400,000 alterations, additions, and improvements at Stations, increased siding accommodation, and other purposes; £140,000 towards construction of a Line from North Shore to Junction with Southern and Northern Junction Railway; and £85,000 doubling Line from Parramatta to Penrith.
 (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1883, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, under the head "Electric Telegraph," being for construction and extension of Telegraph Lines generally.

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

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

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

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

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

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1882 and previous years, the sum of £470,271 3s. 4d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1883, the sum of £6,720,344 3s. 2d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £2,000,000 be raised by the issue and sale of Debentures, or in the form of Funded Stock in the Colony or in London, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works of the Colony, and for other purposes.

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

11. **APPROPRIATION BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 5 and 6, 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 1883, and for the year 1882 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intitled "*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 1883 and for the year 1882 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

The House adjourned at half-past Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Leary v. Page*:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Minister of Justice,—(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the depositions and proceedings, together with any correspondence thereon, in the case *Leary v. Page*, heard and decided by the Police Magistrate of Bathurst, at the Police Court, Bathurst, in the early part of March last?

(2.) Has the Honorable the Attorney General made any inquiries, or taken any steps with reference to the above matter; if so, what was the nature, effect, and result thereof?

(3.) Has the matter been brought under the notice of the Minister; if so, what has been done in the matter?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) There will be no objection to do so when the correspondence is closed.

(2 & 3.) Yes; but the subject is under consideration.

(2.) *Mittagong Police Station*:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to carry out the alterations and additions to the Mittagong Police Station, in accordance with the representations made?

(2.) Is he aware that the building, which is occupied by a constable, his wife, and five children, only contains four small rooms, and that one of these is used as a lock-up?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Steps have been taken to carry out alterations and enlargements at this Police Station.(3.) *Camden Tramway Terminus*:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What decision, if any, has been arrived at with regard to representations made for affording better facilities to farmers for loading produce, &c., at the Camden Tramway Terminus?

(2.) Is it intended to revise the present rates charged for goods and passenger traffic?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It has been decided to afford better facilities, and the work is in hand.

(2.) I am not aware that any further revision is necessary; but inquiry will be made.

(4.) *Wages of Workmen on Southern Railway*:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he considered a Petition presented by the men employed in the flying gangs on Southern Railway to be placed upon the same footing as the felters and mechanics labourers with regard to extra pay when called away to work at a distance from their usual place of abode; if so, will he state his decision?*Mr. Stuart* answered,—This matter will receive consideration on an early day.(5.) *Mining on Crown Lands*:—*Mr. Copeland* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many permits or leases for mining on or under Crown Lands are now in force in which the Government have reserved a royalty on the produce of the mines?

(2.) What is the total approximate area subject to such royalties?

(3.) What is the rate of royalty charged?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) There are no permits issued at any time to mine on or under Crown Lands; but twenty-six have been issued to mine under Reserves, and one lease of Crown Land has been granted subject to royalty.

(2.) The area under such permits is 82,966 acres; the area of the lease is 154 acres.

(3.) Of the area under permits, 82,686 acres are subject to a royalty of 6d. per ton, and 280 acres to a royalty of 8d. per ton of coal or shale. The lease is subject to a royalty of 1 per cent. upon the gross yield of gold. (6.)

(6.) Railway Extension from Scone to Cassilis:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the proposed Railway Extension from Scone to Cassilis still in abeyance?
- (2.) Is a trial survey being made from Muswellbrook to Cassilis?
- (3.) Will he consider the propriety of causing a trial survey to be made across the perfectly level country between Cassilis and Mudgee, with a view to adopting that means of connecting Cassilis with the Metropolis by rail?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1 & 2.) The surveys of these Lines have not yet been commenced, owing to the pressure of other important work in connection with the authorized Railway Extensions.

(3.) I will take into immediate consideration the propriety of causing this trial survey to be made.

(7.) Mr. Robinson, Telegraph Operator:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Robinson, night officer and telegraph operator at the Springs, near Wellington, been two years in the employ of the Railway Department?
- (2.) How long was he employed at Wellington in the same capacity?
- (3.) Was his salary then, and is it now, only £60 per annum?
- (4.) Is his successor at Wellington in receipt of £108 per annum?
- (5.) Had Robinson to open gates and oil trains; and is it true that his successor, though in receipt of higher pay, has none of these menial services to perform?
- (6.) Will the Minister take steps to give Robinson an increase of salary?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes, he has been two years in the Service, but not always in the capacity of night officer and telegraph operator.

(2.) From 1st October, 1881, till 25th November, 1882; he was previously a probationer.

(3.) Yes, since 1st October, 1881.

(4.) Yes; but it was found necessary to make Wellington a Repeating Station, and Robinson was not competent to undertake the work.

(5.) Yes, and his successor performs the same duties.

(6.) Further inquiry will be made, and if Robinson be found to be deserving of an increase he will get one.

(8.) General Cemetery, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will he take steps to render the General Cemetery at Mudgee fit and ready for use?
- (2.) Is he aware that the electors of that constituency are in danger of an epidemic in consequence of the several Cemeteries in the heart of the town being over-crowded?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The subdivision of the Cemetery will be completed without unnecessary delay, and it will then be made available for use.

(2.) No representations have been made to me on the subject.

(9.) Compensation to Frederick Moore:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to recommend compensation to Frederick Moore, of Tara, near Ilford, for the $4\frac{3}{4}$ acres which the Department deprived him of through the mismeasurement of the 40 acres selected by Moore, in the Parish of Warngoora, County of Roxburg, district of Rylstone?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Frederick Moore has not been deprived of $4\frac{3}{4}$ acres. He selected 40 acres, and the measurement made embraced an area of $44\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and for the additional $4\frac{3}{4}$ acres Moore has paid.

(10.) Clerical Staff of Lands Office:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the great reduction in the return of land conditionally purchased, and of the abolition of sales of Crown Land by auction,—Will he take steps to reduce the clerical staff of the Lands Office, and increase the staff of Surveyors?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Neither the falling off in the returns of land conditionally purchased, nor the suspension of auction sales, will for a considerable time affect the business of the Department in such a manner as to permit of any reduction of the staff. It is reported that the difficulty to be contended with is the obtaining of competent draftsmen.

(11.) Joseph Hextell's Conditional Purchase at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did Joseph Hextell select at Mudgee, on 16th June, 1881, fifty acres of land withdrawn from gold-fields, and was not his selection declared void in consequence of its being then barred by value of improvements?

(2.) Was the land selected by another person on 29th December, 1881?

(3.) Why was not this second selection cancelled?

(4.) Did Joseph Hextell apply for an appraisement to determine the value of improvements on the land at date of selection?

(5.) Why was the appraisement refused him?

(6.) Is it his intention to cancel the re-selection of the land?

(7.) Will he revoke the cancellation of Joseph Hextell's application pending appraisement?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The land had been, in ignorance, improved by the applicant himself prior to the modification of the gold-field, and the only objection to the selection was that it contained his own improvements.

(4.) Yes, but has not paid the appraisement fee required in all cases.

(5.) The appraisement was not refused; but the applicant was informed under date 2nd December, 1882, that he would have to pay the prescribed fee.

(6 & 7.) No case has been made to appear to call for such action.

(12.)

(12.) Maps of Auction and Pre-emptive Lease Lands:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Government cause maps showing auction and pre-emptive lease lands to be exhibited for inspection at the various Crown Lands Offices throughout the Colony?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is reported by the Surveyor General that until the services of additional draftsmen are obtained the maps cannot be prepared. At present tracings are sent to the different Crown Lands Agents throughout the Colony.

(13.) George Frederick Brown:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How much money is now lying in the Suspense Account, sent by George Frederick Brown of Mudjee?

(2.) When will George Frederick Brown receive an answer to his various letters to the Department with reference to this money?

Mr. Farnell answered,—From the information given, the case cannot be traced in the Department of Lands.

(14.) Suspense Account, Treasury:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is done with the unclaimed moneys lying in suspense in the Treasury at Sydney?

(2.) Will the Minister cause yearly lists to be gazetted of the amounts so lying unclaimed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I cannot answer this question in the present form. There are no unclaimed moneys in suspense in the Treasury.

(15.) Mining Schools:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to make provision as early as practicable for the establishment of Mining Schools at Sydney and in the chief mineral centres in the Provinces?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The question has not yet engaged the attention of the Government, but during the recess will be considered.

(16.) Water Supply for Germanton:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he send an officer to report upon the proposed Water Supply for the township of Germanton, and examine the locality for the purpose of fixing a site for Reservoir?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes, as soon as an officer can be spared for that purpose.

(17.) Surveyor in Charge of Moree District:—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he please state who is the Surveyor in charge of the Moree District, his usual place of residence, and whether it is near the centre of his principal work?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Solling, whose address is Moree.

(18.) Railway to Illawarra, and from Homebush to Waratah:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to carry on the Extension of the Illawarra Railway prior to that authorized from Homebush to Waratah?

(2.) In arriving at a conclusion, has regard been had to the present state of the labour market and to the relative national importance of the two Lines?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I believe further tenders for these two Lines will be advertised for at nearly the same time. They will be advertised as soon as plans and so forth are completed.

(19.) Bridge over the Murray River at Howlong:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause action to be at once taken with a view to erecting a Bridge over the Murray River at Howlong, provided the Victorian Government will pay half the cost?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Instructions will be given for the necessary detailed surveys and borings to be made to ascertain the cost of the Bridge; and if the concurrence of the Victorian Government to the design and cost is obtained, the matter will be submitted to Parliament on the Estimates during next Session.

(20.) Through Passengers by Railway to Melbourne:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he issue instructions to allow through passengers from Melbourne to Sydney, or from Sydney to Melbourne, to break the journey at Albury?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This question will be further considered. The privilege of breaking journey had to be put a stop to, owing to its being abused by some passengers, who were not through passengers, purchasing through tickets and selling the portions of them which they did not use, thereby gaining an advantage which was not contemplated when the cheap through tickets were introduced.

(21.) Mail Train from Sydney to Albury:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has inquiry been made why the mail train from Sydney to Albury has been repeatedly late during the past month, and has he taken steps to prevent a recurrence?

(2.) Is it true that a number of engines now used are out of repair, and numerous breakdown the result?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) During the month of March, out of thirty-one mail trains from Albury to Sydney twenty ran to exact time, five were less than 10 minutes behind time, and six were behind time varying in duration between 15 and 34 minutes.

(2.) I am informed that this is not the case.

(22.) Tram Guards:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the Tram Guards work on holidays from 7 a.m. till 12:30 at night?

(2.) Is it also a fact that for such long hours they are only paid at the rate of one and a half day?

(3.) Will he say if he will have the overtime payment reconsidered?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) On one or two special occasions this has been the case.

(2.) No, they were paid for two days.

(3.) I am not aware that the rate for overtime requires revision. Inquiry will, however, be made.

- (23.) Illawarra Railway :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that many owners of land over which the Illawarra Railway is being carried have consented to accept as compensation the sums offered by the Government?
 - (2.) Is it also true that no interest on such sums can be allowed to the claimants on the respective sums to which they are entitled?
 - (3.) Has any claim of this kind yet been settled?
 - (4.) Will the Minister cause the uncontested claims for compensation to be settled without further delay?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No, but many are in an advanced state for settlement.
 - (4.) All unnecessary delay will be avoided; but delays repeatedly occur owing to the difficulty of ascertaining the numerous subdivisions of the properties which have been made since the Line was surveyed. Those interested in the land resumed could greatly facilitate the settlement of the claims if they furnish the required information promptly.
- (24.) Wages of Railway and Tramway Employés :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did the Government increase the pay of engineers and other tradesmen in Railway employ; if so, by what percentage?
 - (2.) Has the pay of the tradesmen in Tramway employ been raised to same rate; if not, will he cause it to be raised to same extent as that of tradesmen in Railway employ?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that when Mr. Copeland was Minister for Works he promised to increase the pay of Railway porters, fettlers, and other men in Railway employ by same rate as the tradesmen's pay was increased; and will the Government during the recess take into their consideration the advisableness of increasing the pay of porters, fettlers, and other working men in Government employ, including police and postmen?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) The wages of these men were increased; the percentage of increase varied.
 - (2.) The wages of the Tramway employés were increased; and the question of making the increase commensurate with that given to the Railway Employés is under consideration.
- (25.) Pymont Bridge Company :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In the Act of Parliament under which the Pymont Bridge was erected, had they not to make the road, including penny bridge over the Blackwattle Swamp, a distance of 2 to 3 miles?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that the Bridge Company got a large sum of money (if so, what sum) for this road and bridge from the Government, and by selling the road to the Government they saved themselves (the Bridge Company) a large sum of money yearly, which it cost to keep the road in repair, and which made the bridge property more valuable by saving this yearly road expenditure?
 - (3.) What amount has the Government paid for keeping Pymont Bridge Company's roads in repair since they took them over?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) The works referred to came within the terms of the Pymont Bridge Company's Act.
 - (2.) The Government purchased these works for the sum of £10,000. When the works in question came into the possession of the Government the Company were relieved of the expense of keeping them in order.
 - (3.) The sum of £11,076 13s. 10d. has been spent in maintaining these works, distributed over a period of about ten years.
- (26.) Railway Engine-drivers and Fireman :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If any steps have been taken with the view to afford better protection from exposure to the weather of engine-drivers and firemen during night travelling in winter on our Railways, especially on the Western Line?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—Some of the engines have greater "cab" protection than others; but no complaints have been made by the men; inquiry will be made.
- (27.) The Case of Mrs. Clyne :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) If any decision has been arrived at in the case of Mrs. Clyne with regard to the granting of compensation, the same having been referred to a Select Committee and reported on; and will he state his reasons why this case was not dealt with on the Additional Estimates?
 - (2.) In reference to a previous question in January last respecting the conduct of Mr. Surveyor Simpson in the above case, will he state if anything has been done in the matter, or if it is the intention of the Government to dismiss him from the public service?
 - (3.) What is the cause of delay in dealing with these two matters?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—
- (1.) The case could not be considered before the Additional Estimates were prepared. As the Honorable Member was some time ago informed, it will be dealt with when the Supplementary Estimates are being prepared.
 - (2.) Mr. Simpson was called upon to explain his valuation of Mr. Lord's improvements, and he adheres to his report. He is no longer employed as a Surveyor, and after the lapse of time, I do not consider that the matter calls for further action.
- (28.) Bridgewater Public School :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is he aware that the black-board in use at the Bridgewater Public School is only 22 inches by 15 inches, and will he see that the necessary steps are taken to forward a more suitable board without delay?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—A black-board measuring 40 inches by 24 inches was despatched from Sydney for the use of the School on the 27th March ultimo.

2. THE LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Nambuccra River, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

Mr. R. B. Smith presented two similar Petitions from Inhabitants of Croki and Carrawobbity.

Mr. Purves presented two similar Petitions from Inhabitants of Woodford Island and Chatsworth.

Mr. Tarrant presented two similar Petitions from Inhabitants of Jamberoo and Gerringong.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Rules and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Opinions of the Attorney General in reference to Boarding-out Children from the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children.

(2.) Minute of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and River Navigation on Clarence River Works.

Ordered to be printed.

4. STEPHEN MURPHY:—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from Stephen Murphy, of No. 20, George-street, Waterloo, alleging that he was arbitrarily expelled from the Loyal United Brothers Lodge No. 3,592 Independent Order of Oddfellows, and by such expulsion was deprived of his interest in the said Lodge,—that he took his case into the District Court, Sydney, and through a mistake a verdict was registered for the defendant instead of the plaintiff; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

5. HELEY'S ESTATE 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 Edward Joseph Rubie and Thomas O'Connor the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Heley and the duly appointed Committee of Albina Heley an insane patient and also the Trustees of a certain Indenture of Settlement dated the twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five to sell certain Lands and Hereditaments in the Schedules A and B hereto described and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 7, to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. EXPENDITURE ON HARBOURS AND RIVERS (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of money that has been expended on our Harbours and Rivers up to the present period, specifying the nature of the work, the amount expended in each case, and the name of the place.
Question put and passed.

8. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

9. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, passed.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law.*"

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 consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1883.

CRIMINAL

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th April, 1883.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.Wife or child
desertion

- Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *Omit "May" insert "July"*
- " 3, clause 3, line 22. *After "affirmation" insert "promise"*
- " clause 3, line 23. *After "affirmation" insert "promise"*
- " clause 5, line 37. *After "only" omit remainder of clause.*
- " 4, clause 9, line 15. *After "to" insert "human"*
- " clause 14, line 45. *Before "No" insert "No act or omission which was not malicious or for which the accused had lawful cause or excuse shall be within the aforesaid ninth section and"*
- " clause 14, line 46. *After "defence" omit remainder of clause.*
- " 6, clause 29. *Add to clause "And whosoever being legally liable to maintain his wife and child or children wilfully and without lawful excuse deserts such wife or any such child and remains absent from his home for the space of thirty days leaving such wife or child without the means of support shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years."*
- " 7, clause 42, line 48. *After "whosoever" insert "unlawfully and"*
- " clause 42, line 49. *Omit "twelve" insert "fourteen"*
- " clause 42, line 50. *After "intent" insert "unlawfully and"*
- " clause 43, line 55. *After "teacher" insert "unlawfully and"*
- " clause 43, line 56. *After "girl" insert "of or above the age of ten years and"*
- " 8, clause 43, line 1. *Omit "under that age" insert "between such ages"*
- " clause 43, line 2. *Omit "ten" insert "fourteen"*
- " clause 43, line 5. *Omit "five" insert "seven"*
- " clause 43, line 7. *Add to clause "Provided that nothing in this clause contained shall prevent such schoolmaster, teacher or parent from being prosecuted under either section forty-one or forty-two of this Act"*
- " clause 44, line 9. *Omit "twelve" insert "fourteen"*
- " clause 44, line 11. *Omit "twelve" insert "fourteen"*
- " 10, clause 63, line 46. *After "months" insert "or to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds"*
- " 11, clause 64, line 1. *After "months" insert "or to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds"*
- " 14, clause 92, line 13. *Omit "so armed"*
- " 16, clause 112, line 4. *After "for" insert "a period not exceeding"*
- " 20, clause 148, line 49. *Omit "the" insert "a"*
- " clause 148, line 49. *Omit "of" insert "not exceeding"*
- " 21, clause 150. *Add to clause "But where the accused has not consented as aforesaid or the Justices are of opinion that the charge ought to be prosecuted by indictment or they are equally divided in opinion on that point they shall deal with the case as if this section had not been passed"*
- " 21, clause 153, line 33. *After "cause" omit remainder of clause*
- " 23, clause 165, lines 23 and 24. *Omit "imprisoned for a term not exceeding twelve months" insert "liable to pay the value of the property stolen or intended to be stolen or the amount of the injury done in addition to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds"*
- " clause 166, lines 32 and 33. *Omit "imprisoned for a term not exceeding twelve months" insert "liable to pay the value of the property stolen or intended to be stolen or the amount of the injury done in addition to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds"*
- " 24, clause 170, line 4. *Omit "imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to"*
- " clause 174, lines 42 and 43. *Omit "and not less than one month"*
- " 25, clause 175, lines 2 and 3. *Omit "and not less than ten pounds"*
- " 27, clause 191, line 4. *After "bark" insert "or to any grain or hay housed in a barn or shed"*
- " clause 193, line 13. *After "vineyard" insert "or garden"*
- " 31, clause 222, line 15. *After "Justices" omit remainder of clause insert "pay above the value of the property destroyed or the damage done a sum not exceeding five pounds and for any subsequent offence a sum not exceeding twenty pounds above such value or amount of damage"*
- " clause 223, line 23. *After "Justices" omit remainder of clause insert "pay the value of the property destroyed or the amount of the damage done in addition to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds"*
- " clause 224, line 30. *After "Justices" omit remainder of clause insert "pay above the value of the property destroyed or the damage done a sum not exceeding twenty shillings and for any subsequent offence a sum not exceeding ten pounds above such value or amount of damage"*
- " clause 225, line 37. *After "Justices" omit remainder of clause insert "pay above the value of the property destroyed or the damage done a sum not exceeding five pounds and for any subsequent offence a sum not exceeding twenty pounds above such value or amount of damage"*
- " 32, clause 227, line 5. *After "Justices" omit remainder of clause insert "pay above the value of the property injured or damage done a sum not exceeding five pounds and for any subsequent offence a sum not exceeding twenty pounds above such value or amount of injury. In the case of private property the compensation for the injury done shall be paid to the party aggrieved and in the case of property of a public nature or wherein any public right is concerned shall be applied as the Justices think fit"*

- Page 45, clause 308, line 20. *After* "committed" *insert* "nor for stating the time wrongly"
- " 46, clause 316, line 30. *Omit* "and to proceed therein for all or any of them"
- " clause 317, line 40. *Omit* "shall be" *insert* "is"
- " 51, clause 348, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "person called on behalf of an accused person as a witness to his character" *insert* "witness examined as to character whether of the accused or of any other person"
- " clause 348, line 33. *Omit* "accused's"
- " clause 348, line 34. *Omit* "if any" *insert* "of such person"
- " clause 348, lines 35 and 36. *Omit* "and the like where a person is examined respecting the character of any witness"
- " 52, clause 354, line 12. *After* "evidence" *insert* "for or"
- " clause 354, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "did not know and had no" *insert* "on"
- " clause 354, line 16. *Omit* "for believing" *insert* "believed"
- " clause 354, line 17. *Omit* "to be alive" *insert* "at the time of the second marriage not to be living"
- " 54, clause 369, line 35. *Omit* "twelve" *insert* "fourteen"
- " clause 369, line 41. *Omit* "twelve" *insert* "fourteen"
- " 55, clause 372, line 12. *Omit* "If" *insert* "Where"
- " clause 372, lines 12, 13, and 14. *Omit* "where the indictment alleges or includes an allegation that the accused wounded a person" *insert* "under the twenty-second section of this Act"
- " clause 372, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "such wounding" *insert* "the wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm mentioned in the indictment"
- " clause 372, line 16. *Omit* "in such indictment" *insert* "therein"
- " clause 372, line 17. *Omit* "of unlawfully wounding" *insert* "under the twenty-fourth section of this Act"
- " clause 377, line 48. *Omit* "next following section" *insert* "the two hundred and ninth section of this Act"
- " 61, clause 418, line 53. *After* "offender" *insert* "for any felony"
- " 67, clause 446, lines 37 and 38. *Omit* "if the Magistrate thinks fit to be there once privately whipped" *insert* "in any case in which upon conviction the offender would be liable to whipping under this section or the four hundred and forty-ninth section of this Act the Court adjudicating in such case shall consist of two or more Justices one at least of whom shall be a Police or Stipendiary Magistrate and such Court may upon conviction of the offender either unanimously or by a majority order him to pay a penalty as aforesaid or to be detained in the place and for the period mentioned and referred to as aforesaid and to be there once privately whipped"
- " 68, clause 447, line 2. *Omit* "convicting Magistrate" *insert* "Court"
- " clause 449, line 21. *Omit* "Magistrate" *insert* "Court"
- " 70, clause 462, line 13. *Omit* "fifty-second" *insert* "fifty-third"
- " clause 466, line 54. *After* "violence" *insert* "to the person"
- " 74, Third Schedule. *Omit* Third Schedule, *insert* new Third Schedule.
- " Sixth Schedule. *Omit* Sixth Schedule, *insert* new Sixth Schedule.

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

10. RETIRED JUDGES PENSIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. White,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Melville,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Holtormann,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Spring.
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Gorrick,	Mr. O'Connor.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Poole,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hellyer,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Gannon,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Young,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Proctor,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Pigott,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Targett,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. De Salis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, 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 with an amendment in the Title.

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

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

11. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, 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. Stuart, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Ah Cooley's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did Ah Cooley, of Merrendee, select 95 acres of land about two years ago as an additional conditional purchase?
 - (2.) Is it true that this 95 acres is still unmeasured, although land selected subsequently by Ah Cooley has been measured by Surveyor Abernethy?
 - (3.) Will the Minister see that Ah Cooley's selection is measured without further delay?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Ah Cooley selected 240 acres, which were reduced to 95 acres on account of excessive frontage.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Instructions for measurement of the reduced area have now been issued, the applicant having recently replied to a communication addressed to him in January, 1882, offering the option of measurement of that area or refund of deposit.
- (2.) George Baker's application for a Conditional Purchase:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did George Baker apply at Mudgee, on 19th January, 1882, to conditionally purchase 40 acres of land in the County of Phillip, and Parish of Price?
 - (2.) Is it true that the land was not measured within twelve months from the date of application?
 - (3.) Is it also true that the area applied for is on a Reserve for Travelling Stock, that Baker has since withdrawn his application, and that the Department exhibits unreasonable delay in refunding Baker his deposit?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No. A Travelling Stock Reserve was notified subsequent to the conditional purchase, which is embraced within the boundaries of the Reserve, of which, however, the land conditionally purchased does not form a part. It does not appear that any application has been made to withdraw the deposit.
- (3.) Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has it been decided to extend the Wallerawang-Mudgee Railway Branch beyond Mudgee; if so, has the route been decided upon?
 - (2.) Will he cause a trial survey to be made without delay between Mudgee and Coonamble?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) The late Government proposed to connect Coonamble with Dubbo by a light Railway, and it is not therefore necessary to make such a survey.
- (4.) Bridges over Merrygoen and Salabalar Creeks:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did the Estimates for 1882 include money for the erection of a Bridge over Merrygoen, and one over Salabalar Creek?
 - (2.) Why has the erection of these Bridges not been proceeded with?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Money was provided for Salabalar Bridge on 1882 Estimates. It is believed that money was provided for Bridge at Merrygoen, though not by that name, on previous Estimates.

(2.) These Bridges were not proceeded with, as it was subsequently decided that a sum should be asked for a Bridge at Gilgandra, which has been done on the Estimates recently before this House; and these other amounts will be allowed to lapse.

(5.) The Police Force:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention, with a view to encourage good conduct and respectability in the New South Wales Police Force, to restore the old rule whereby Policemen received good-service pay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Inspector General of Police reports on this subject as follows:—The system of granting good-service pay was discontinued when the present Act came into operation twenty-one years since. The number of grades in the Force has been increased, with corresponding addition of pay, which answers the same end as good-service money, and more beneficially, as only efficient and deserving men obtain advancement. Constables, 1st class, receive 6d. a day extra.

(6.) William Flack's Case:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was £52 4s. 6d. offered to William Flack, of Burrundulla, near Mudgee, for 5 acres 22 perches of land resumed by the Government for Railway purposes?

(2.) Does this amount include the £35 odd which Flack has to pay his landlord for seven years lease of the resumed land?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes, and accepted.

(2.) The amount named is for loss of the use of the land taken.

(7.) Lock-up at Mudgee:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Colonial Architect reported yet on the plans and specifications for the new Lock-up at Mudgee, and is it intended to proceed with the erection of that structure without longer delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The plans for this building are at present under consideration. When a decision is arrived at tenders will be invited for the work.

(8.) Public School at Tabrabucca:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the furniture in use at the Tabrabucca Public School is mainly donated by private individuals, and is insufficient and scanty at that?

(2.) If so, will he cause a sufficient and requisite supply of school furniture to be provided for the Tabrabucca Public School?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) This School was opened in 1879 as a Provisional School, and, in conformity with the regulations then in force, the residents supplied the furniture. The local Inspector visited the School in November last, and reported that the furniture was fairly suitable. Another Inspector had previously stated that the supply of furniture was sufficient.

(2.) The question of erecting a new building is now being dealt with, and the matter of furniture will also receive attention.

(9.) Public School at Wollar:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will he take steps to have a Public School erected at Wollar?

Mr. Reid answered,—When the average attendance in the present building warrants the expenditure. For March quarter the average attendance was only 15½.

(10.) Public School at Wilpinjong Creek:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the school accommodation at Wilpinjong Creek, near Mudgee, is the subject of sore complaint from the residents of that locality?

(2.) Will he take steps, in view of the approach of winter, to provide better school accommodation at Wilpinjong Creek?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) In February last a representation was made by one of the residents to the effect that the building was unfit for school purposes. The matter was referred to the local Inspector, whose report thereon is daily expected.

(2.) Yes, if found to be necessary.

(11.) Bridge over Clarke's Creek, near Windeyer:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have repeated complaints been made to him concerning the necessity for constructing a Public Bridge over Clarke's Creek, near Windeyer?

(2.) Will he make provision for that work?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Applications have been made, and the local officer reported the work as of a trifling nature and fairly chargeable to the amount at disposal of Trustees of road, who have been requested to carry it out.

(12.) Narrabri Common:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended to convert the Temporary Common at Narrabri into a Permanent one; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—An area of 650 acres is to be proclaimed as an addition to the Permanent Common. An amended survey of the land has recently been found necessary, and upon its receipt the dedication will be proceeded with.

(13.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—*Mr. Roberts*, for *Mr. Fremlin*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many animals were slaughtered at the Glebe Abattoirs for the year ending 31st December, 1882?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Cattle, 69,991; calves, 8,348; pigs, 31,269; sheep, 524,415. In all, 634,023.

(14.) Site for Public School at Upper Lansdown River:—Mr. Young asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Was a site for a Public School surveyed at Upper Lansdown River about three years ago?
- (2.) Were the usual forms sent in, and all usual preceding steps taken by the inhabitants to cause the establishment of a Public School at that place?
- (3.) Is the Minister aware that there are twenty-eight children of school age in the locality utterly unable to obtain instruction?
- (4.) Will he take immediate steps to supply the necessary buildings and Teacher?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The date of the survey is not known in this Department. The land was formally applied for on the 31st March, 1881, and the notification of dedication was received on the 30th March, 1882.
- (2.) Yes, in November last.
- (3.) In the application it was stated that there are thirty children without the means of education.
- (4.) I have required the necessary information to be furnished without further delay, and will lose no time in coming to a decision.

(15.) Public School at Bungay:—Mr. Young asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When was the Master of the Bungay Public School removed to Marlee?
- (2.) Has the School at Bungay been without a Master since that time?
- (3.) When is it intended to appoint a new Master for this School?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) On the 14th March last.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Another Teacher has now been appointed.

(16.) Police Protection for Ellenborough River:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has application been made for a Police Constable to be stationed at the Ellenborough River, in the Port Macquarie District?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the request?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I believe that a Police Station would be an improvement in this locality. Application has already been made for the reservation of a site. When this is approved, further action will probably be taken.

(17.) Police Protection for Coopernook:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has application been made for Police protection by residents of Coopernook?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the request?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter is under consideration, and inquiries are being instituted as to accommodation.

(18.) Hulks in Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the position of certain hulks in Woolloomooloo Bay?
- (2.) Will the proper officer be instructed to cause their immediate removal, in order that the danger now existing to public health may as far as possible be obviated?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The hulks referred to are lying on Shea's property. Captain Hixson states that the owner will remove and break them up at once.

(19.) Public School, Newcastle South:—Mr. Cameron asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Who has received the contract for additions to Public School, Newcastle South?
- (2.) Was the lowest tender for the work accepted; and if not, for what reason?
- (3.) The names of the tenderers, and the amounts of their respective tenders?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John R. Rodgers.
- (2.) No. The lowest tender was not accepted in this case, because of a report from the Tender Board to the following effect:—"The lowest tender is so low that we think it is hardly possible that the work could be done for the money, and the tenderer is not to be trusted to do good work, the Department having had great trouble with such work as he has already performed on a former occasion. The Department refused to accept a tender from this person for another contract for the same reasons.
- (3.) William Dart, £1,234 10s.; Matthew Parkhill, £1,133; John R. Rodgers, £1,125; John Wright, £900.

(20.) Disease known as "Anthrax":—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is the Government in a position to advise Squatters and Free Selectors as to the best course to be adopted to stop the enormous loss of sheep and cattle through the disease known as "anthrax"; if not, do they intend to adopt any course of action to ascertain how these diseases may be prevented?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A report has been obtained from Mr. Anthony Willows, M.R.C.V.S.L., a properly qualified veterinary surgeon, which is now under consideration, and a copy of such report will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(21.) Crown-street Tramway:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Crown-street Tram accommodation as at present provided is inadequate to meet the requirements of the public, more especially the 6 p.m. Tram?
- (2.) Will he cause such alterations to be made as will provide the necessary accommodation for the public?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The cars on all the Tramway routes are crowded about 6 p.m.
- (2.) A revised time-table is being considered to increase the number of Trams running between 5 and 7 p.m.

2. THE LICENSING ACT:—

- (1.) Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Gladstone, Belmore River, Smithtown, and Lower Macleay, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

Similar Petitions were presented by,—

- Mr. Buchanan, from Inhabitants of Mudgee.
 Mr. Garrett, from Inhabitants of Picton.
 Mr. Spring, from Inhabitants of Temora.
 Mr. Sydney Smith, from Inhabitants of Milton.
 Mr. H. H. Brown, from Inhabitants of The Paterson.
 Mr. Levien, for Mr. McQuade, from Inhabitants of Windsor.
 Mr. White, from Inhabitants of Stroud.
 Mr. Withers, from Inhabitants of South Sydney.
 Mr. Garvan, from Inhabitants of Bega, and Inhabitants of Brogo (two Petitions.)
 Mr. Cass, from Inhabitants of Coonamble.
 Mr. Holtermann, from Inhabitants of St. Leonards.
 Petitions received.

- (2.) Mr. Levien, for Mr. McQuade, presented a Petition from George Collins, Chairman of a Meeting of Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, praying that provision be made in the Licensing Act Amendment Bill for extending the system of Local Option.
 Petition received.

- (3.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Residents of Young, stating that they view with pleasure the beneficial working of the present Licensing Act; and praying that no alteration may be made in the present hours of closing Public-houses, and that the employment of Barmaids may be prohibited.

Mr. Levien, for Mr. McQuade, presented a similar Petition from George Collins, Chairman of a Meeting of Members of the New South Wales Local Option League.
 Petitions received.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th March, 1883,—“Police-Sergeant Thomas Scollin.”
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. Anthony Willows, M.R.C.V.S.L., on the prevalence of Anthrax (Cumberland Disease) in the Lachlan District.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumption of Land for Public School Purposes at,—Berry Jerry, Boco, Chatswood, Clarendon, McDonald Upper, Newcastle, and Penrith.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to correct an erroneous date in the 213th section of the ‘Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.’*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to correct an erroneous date in the 213th section of the ‘Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 13th April, 1883.*

7. RETIRED JUDGES PENSIONS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to increase the Pensions payable to Retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in the receipt of Pensions.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to increase the Pensions payable to Retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in the receipt of Pensions,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 13th April, 1883.*

8. APPROPRIATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1883 and for the year 1882 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 1883 and for the year 1882 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1883.*
9. POLICE MAGISTRATE, RYLSTONE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence in connection with the application to have a Police Magistrate appointed at Rylstone ; also copies of all applications from, and recommendations of, persons seeking the appointment.
Question put and passed.
10. PRISONERS CONFINED IN GAOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names and completed terms of servitude of all prisoners in Her Majesty's Gaols in New South Wales who have served more than fifteen years imprisonment as a continuous term and as a portion of the sentences they are now serving.
Question put and passed.
11. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 14 APRIL, 1883, A.M.

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

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

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

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

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

12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive postponed, to follow after the Orders of the Day of General Business.
13. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until Thursday, 26th April.
14. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
15. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT 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 this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. O'Connor (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at half-past Three o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cow-catchers for Tram-motors:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In view of the occasional injuries to life and limb through Tram-car accidents,—Will he take immediate steps to furnish the Tram-cars with cow-catchers?
 - (2.) What precautions does he design to take with a view to minimising the dangers of a repetition of such accidents?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Iron aprons have been ordered to be affixed to the motors pending the completion of more satisfactory means for preventing persons who come in contact with the motors from getting under the wheels.
- (2.) Blackheath Railway Station:—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether he will recommend Blackheath to be made a Station for the issue of Railway Tickets, &c.?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—Yes; I have instructed that additional accommodation be provided for the purpose.
- (3.) Railway to Oberon:—*Mr. Hellyer*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Whether he will consider the claims of Oberon District to a light Railway?
 - (2.) Will he give instructions at the earliest possible date for a flying survey to Oberon?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) A Railway in the direction mentioned is on the list of Railways reserved for consideration.
 - (2.) Yes.
- (4.) Railway Station at Spring Grove:—*Mr. Hellyer*, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Engineer Avern recommended a new site for the Railway Station at Spring Grove?
 - (2.) Does his recommendation embody a proposal to give a Siding to the Spring Grove Milling Company?
 - (3.) If not, and there are no engineering or other difficulties in the way, will such a Siding be made?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) He has pointed out a site upon which, with some disadvantages as regards grades, &c., a new Station might be erected.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The question of putting in this Siding, and the terms upon which it can be put in, will be determined when the site for the Station is decided.
- (5.) Eskbank Iron Company:—*Mr. Levien*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The price paid by the Eskbank Iron Company for old Barlow rails to the Government?
 - (2.) What was the price per ton paid by the said Company for old double and single-headed iron rails?
 - (3.) Were these rails delivered free of charge at the works of the Company?

(4.)

(4.) What was the price per ton paid by the Government to the said Company for iron rails supplied to the Government for Railways?

(5.) What was the price per ton paid by the Government to the said Company for iron rails supplied to the Government for Tramways?

(6.) What was the price per ton paid to the said Company for permanent-way fastenings for Tramways:—1. For iron fish-plates. 2. For bolts and nuts. 3. For cast-iron distance pieces?

(7.) What was the price per ton paid for the last imported:—1. For steel rails. 2. For steel fish-plates. 3. For bolts and nuts for Railways?

(8.) What was the price per ton paid for the last imported:—1. For steel rails. 2. For steel fish-plates. 3. For bolts and nuts for Tramways?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1, 2, 3, & 4.) The old rails are not purchased by the Company; they are forwarded to Lithgow free of charge for the purpose of being re-rolled into double-headed Railway rails. The price paid to the Company for re-rolling is £4 10s. per ton.

(5.) An order for these Tram-rails was first taken at £11 5s. per ton, and gradually reduced until the last order was taken at £8 per ton.

(6.) On one occasion £12 10s. per ton only was paid for fish-plates, but the normal price has been £20, the fish-plates in this case weighing 3½ lbs. Fish-plates, £20 per ton; bolts and nuts, £20 5s. to £30 per ton; distance pieces, £30 per ton.

(7.) The following are the prices last paid for imported Railway material:—Steel rails, 70 lbs. to the yard, £7 3s. 4d. per ton; steel fish-plates, weighing 11½ lbs., £8 3s. 2d. per ton; bolts and nuts (1,792 to the ton as against 3,584 to the ton for Tramway bolts), £14 10s. 7d. per ton.

(8.) The following are the prices paid for recent importations of Tramway material:—Steel rails, 40 lbs. to the yard, £9 6s. 9d. to £11 5s. per ton; fish-plates, weighing nearly 4 lbs., £9 1s. 6d. to £13 10s. per ton; bolts and nuts, £20 to £31 per ton.

(6.) Bridges over the Rivers Hunter and Paterson at Morpeth and Hinton:—*Mr. Wisdom* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to a Petition, praying for the construction of Bridges over the Rivers Hunter and Paterson at Morpeth and Hinton respectively, presented to the Secretary for Public Works on the 6th September, 1882,—Have plans and specifications for the Bridges in question been prepared in the Public Works Department?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of these Bridges?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision in the next Estimates for their construction?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Surveys and sections have been made, but plans and specifications have not been prepared.

(2.) No reliable estimate can be made until the plans are advanced a certain stage?

(3.) That depends upon the result.

(7.) Railway from Homebush to Waratah:—*Mr. Pigott*, for *Mr. Trickott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has there been any deviation or alteration of the Line of Railway from Homebush to Waratah (and differing from the plans already laid upon the Table of this House), at or near where the Line meets the Hawkesbury River; if so, will the plans of such deviation or alteration be submitted to this House for approval before tenders for the work are invited?

Mr. Stuart answered,—An alteration has been made in the direction of the Railway from Homebush to Waratah for the purpose of obtaining a better crossing of the Hawkesbury River. As there is no limit of deviation shown on the plans approved by Parliament, deviations of the general direction of Lines have frequently been made where improvements could be effected, either in direction or cost of construction. Plan and section of this deviation can be laid upon the Table if required.

(8.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Pigott*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any written rule or regulation as to the issuing of free passes on the Government Railways; if so, will he lay the same, or a copy thereof, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Beyond the provision, the particulars of which were given in my reply to the Honorable Member's question on the 10th instant, there is no written rule or regulation as to the issuing of free passes on the Government Railways.

(9.) Registration of Inventions:—*Mr. Pigott*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Do the Government intend to take any steps to amend the Patent Laws, and to provide for the provisional Registration of Inventions; and if so, when?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject shall receive the requisite consideration during the ensuing recess with a view to legislation.

(10.) Railway and Tram Rails:—*Mr. Hellyer* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the nature of the latest contract for English steel Railway rails as regards quantity and price, also the probable freight for delivery in Sydney?

(2.) What was the last price paid for Colonial-made iron Railway rails?

(3.) What is the approximate life of steel Railway rails, and also of iron Railway rails, under similar conditions?

(4.) What is the nature of the contract for re-rolling iron Railway rails as regards length of contract, quantity re-rolled, and cost per ton, exclusive of Railway profit?

(5.) What is the approximate life of re-rolled iron Railway rails when not used for sidings, and as compared with that of steel rails used under similar conditions?

(6.) What price is being paid at present for English steel Tramway rails, and the cost delivered in Sydney; and at what price are they obtainable subject to inspection in England only?

(7.) What prices were paid for Colonial-made iron Tram rails prior to and including the last contract?

(8.)

- (8.) What has been the comparative life of steel and iron Tram rails when laid under similar conditions, and the cost per mile of re-laying for both classes of rails?
 (9.) On what date were the recent contracts let for the construction of Locomotives by local firms, the names of the contracting firms, with the number to be made by each?
 (10.) The number supplied up to date, and by which firms?
 (11.) Are the contracts likely to be completed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The quantity of rails last contracted for is 72,695 tons; the price delivered in London is £5 8s. per ton; freight and charges will increase this price to £6 3s. per ton.
 (2.) No purchase has been made of Colonial-made iron Railway rails.
 (3.) This is one of the most difficult problems to solve, although all engineers agree as to steel being superior in duration, yet they differ considerably as to relative life, and we have not had in this Colony sufficient experience to guide us. The Engineer-in-Chief for Railways says:—"Steel rails, double-headed, indented for by me in 1871 were laid down eleven years ago in the Newcastle Station-yard, where the traffic is exceptionally heavy, and are now almost as good as when first put in; none have been turned or renewed, nor are they likely to require turning or renewing for years to come. The iron rails under the same traffic and in a similar position were worn out in about four years. The steel rails recently adopted for the new extensions are single-headed, being more economical than the double-headed, from chairs and keys not being required." I consider the life of a steel rail equal to at least eight of the best English made iron rails; and I may mention that of Colonial rails manufactured at Eskbank, four were laid down in April and July, 1880, in Redfern Station-yard under heavy traffic. Two made from old English rails were taken up, one after being in use seventy-three days, and the other 219 days; the other two, which were made from Colonial ores, were still there in October, 1881, but reported as wearing fast. The Commissioner for Railways states, on the authority of the Engineer for Existing Lines, "steel rails have been laid in the road only within the last ten years, none have required renewing, nor are likely to do so for some time. Iron rails have been in the road for periods varying from fourteen to twenty-six years; the latter now require renewing." Mr. Price Williams, an eminent authority, stated before the Institute of Civil Engineers, in a paper read by him in 1876, that the average life of steel rails compared with iron was as 17 to 1, or, as expressed by him, in ability to bear tons of traffic—steel, 300,000,000, against iron, 17,500,000. Seeing these great differences of opinions or facts, it is my intention to have a thorough test made by having the different kinds of rails laid side by side under the heavy coal traffic at Newcastle.
 (4.) In December, 1879, a tender was accepted for re-rolling old iron rails for a period of five years. 3,544 tons have been re-rolled at a cost of £4 10s. per ton.
 (5.) Very few re-rolled rails have as yet been laid in the main line, and the approximate life of these rails cannot at present be given.
 (6.) The estimated price delivered in Sydney is £8 5s., subject to inspection in England only.
 (7.) The price at first was £11 5s. per ton. The last contract was £9 10s. per ton. A contract is now under offer at £8 per ton.
 (8.) The life of iron T rails made in the Colony from English iron, which have been laid in Oxford-street, has been twelve months; steel rails, which have been laid in Oxford-street for twelve months, are showing very little signs of wear. The iron rails in Moore Park, made from Colonial ores, have been in the road about three years, and show but little signs of wear. The cost of re-laying including costs of materials, will be about £2,000 per mile. From this would be deducted the value of the old material, which, however, with the cost of our renewing in iron and impossibility of renewing steel in the Colony, at present is not much.
 (9.) The contracts were let on the 1st January, 1880, to be completed by the 31st December, 1884. The Atlas Engineering Company, and Mr. Henry Vale, were the contracting firms—the former for forty-eight engines, and the latter for fourteen engines.
 (10.) The Atlas Engineering Company have supplied eight engines, and Mr. Henry Vale a like number.
 (11.) Mr. Vale is proceeding with his contract, and will no doubt complete it. The Atlas Company have intimated their inability to proceed further at present with the contract in consequence of the Government resuming the land at Darling Harbour upon which their workshops are erected.
 (11.) Public School Teachers travelling by Railway:—Mr. Lyne asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—If he will obtain for Public School Teachers greater concessions than exist at present for travelling on the Railways to and from the country during the annual vacation?
 Mr. Reid answered,—I am unable to ask the Railway Department to make any further concessions than those which already exist.
 (12.) Billiard-table for use of Members of Parliament:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Chairman of the Refreshment Room Committee,—
 (1.) Do the Refreshment Room Committee contemplate the purchase of a billiard-table and appurtenances for the use and enjoyment of Members of Parliament?
 (2.) What sum (approximately) is it proposed to expend in the said purchase, and in preparing and fitting up a billiard-room?
 (3.) Is the proposed expenditure to be made out of the public money?
 Mr. Farnell answered,—
 (1.) The Committee do not contemplate the purchase of a billiard-table.
 (2.) The Committee is not aware that any sum is proposed to be expended in connection with the purchase of a billiard-table, and the preparing of a billiard room.
 (13.) Police Building at Windeyer:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Was a tender accepted some six months ago for the erection of a verandah to the Police Building at Windeyer?
 (2.) Did the successful tenderer decline to execute the work?
 (3.) Will he say why was not the next lowest tender accepted, and the work proceeded with?
 (4.) Will he give orders for the performance of the work in question?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) It is not usual to accept next lowest tenders, but to obtain fresh offers.
- (4.) The Police Magistrate has been asked to obtain fresh tenders, but they have not yet been received.

(14.) Public School at Menah Flat:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to establish a Public School at Menah Flat, near Mudjee?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am still unable to trace the locality referred to by the Honorable Member, but the District and Local Inspector have both been telegraphed to on the subject.

(15.) *Mr. Hardy*, late Teacher at St. John's School:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he granted twelve months leave of absence to *Mr. Hardy*, late Teacher at St. John's School, Darlinghurst?
- (2.) On what plea was this leave of absence granted?
- (3.) Is it true that *Mr. Hardy* is taking advantage of the said leave of absence to establish a private school?
- (4.) If unaware of this fact, will he make inquiries and ascertain?
- (5.) Is the above *Mr. Hardy* identical with the *Mr. Hardy* who at the late Teachers Pic-nic proposed the health of the Ministers?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in January last.
- (2.) The leave was granted on the ground of *Mr. Hardy's* twenty-seven years service as a Teacher, and was granted without pay for any part of the leave.
- (3.) *Mr. Hardy* is at present teaching in St. John's School, which is no longer under the Department.
- (4.) Answered by No. 3.
- (5.) Yes.

(16.) Borings for Railway Bridges:—*Mr. Poole* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a real core been obtained from the borings for the Hawkesbury, Cook's, and George's River Railway Bridges?
- (2.) Has a really reliable bottom been obtained (not a mere hardened sediment) for each of the above Bridges?
- (3.) What is the length of the Hawkesbury Bridge, and what is the estimated cost of the Bridge complete?
- (4.) What is the height from high-water spring tide to the under edge of the girders of the Hawkesbury Bridge?
- (5.) Will there be sufficient headway so as not to impede the navigation of the river?
- (6.) What is the design of the Hawkesbury Bridge, and what depth is it proposed to sink the cylinders below high-water at each pier and abutment?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed in answer to these questions,—

- (1.) Satisfactory foundations have been obtained for these Bridges.
- (2.) Yes. The foundations for the cast iron cylinders for the Bridge over Cook's River will be on rock; those for the Bridge over George's River will be on rock, hard sand, and stiff clay; and those for the Hawkesbury River on hard sediment and sand.
- (3.) Length, 2,862 feet; estimated cost, £500,000.
- (4.) 35 feet.
- (5.) Yes, as only small vessels use this river.
- (6.) Bowstring girders for the 250 feet spans, and lattice girders for the 115 feet spans—ten of the former and two of the latter. No. 1 pier, 80 feet; No. 2 pier, 100 feet; No. 3 pier, 146 feet; No. 4 pier, 150 feet; No. 5 pier, 140 feet; No. 6 pier, 143 feet; No. 7 pier, 146 feet; No. 8 pier, 140 feet; No. 9 pier, 155 feet; No. 10 pier, 167 feet; No. 11 pier, 80 feet. Abutments on both sides on sandstone rock.

(17.) Oxford-street:—*Mr. Olliffe* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Now that the City Corporation have agreed to pay two-fifths of laying down wooden blocks in Oxford-street,—When do the Government intend to call for tenders for carrying out this work?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Tenders will be called for at once.

(18.) Public School at Sugar Loaf:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What steps have been taken for the dedication of the site for the new Public School at Sugar Loaf, which has been selected by the Local Inspector for Schools and approved by the Minister for Public Instruction?
- (2.) When will the Department for Education be enabled to call for tenders for the erection of the School on the site in question?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The dedication of 2 acres for a School site, and the reservation of a similar area for a paddock, have been approved of.
- (2.) Tenders have been called for, and will, I understand, be shortly dealt with.

(19.) Paper used for Railway and Telegraph Forms:—*Mr. Tharrant*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What quantity of printing paper is it estimated will be used for Railway forms during the year?
- (2.) What quantity of printing paper is it estimated will be used for telegraph forms during the year?

- (3.) Is he aware that the class of paper used for the above purposes can be obtained of Colonial manufacture at a lower price than that at which it can be imported ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that tenders have been called (to close on the 26th instant) for a large quantity of paper, including the paper of the class above referred to ?
- (5.) Will he cause the specifications to be prepared so as to enable the local producers to tender for that portion which they manufacture ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Approximately, 50 tons.
- (2.) Approximately, 25 tons.
- (3.) This can only be ascertained when tenders are opened.
- (4.) Tenders have been called (to close on 26th instant) for a large quantity of paper to be supplied according to samples exhibited.
- (5.) The Government Printer states that he has not seen any paper made by local manufacturers which is suitable, in his opinion, for record purposes, or, indeed, above the quality of first-rate "newspaper."

(20.) Manilla Bridge :—Mr. Leven asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the tenders for the erection of the Manilla Bridge been accepted ; if so, when will the work commence ?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Minister to call for tenders for the carriage of the iron and other requirements to the proposed works ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Tenders for the erection, carriage included, were opened on the 3rd instant.
- (2.) G. H. Royce's tender of £12,059 was, on the 5th instant, recommended for acceptance.

(21.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Tamworth :—Mr. Leven asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) When will the building of the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Tamworth be commenced ?
- (2.) What is the cause of delay in proceeding with the proposed buildings ?

Mr. Wright answered,—A tender has been accepted for erection of the buildings, but the contractor not having yet executed his bond, he has been communicated with as to delay in commencing the work.

(22.) Light-house at South Head :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in lighting up the new Light-house at South Head ?
- (2.) When is it likely that it will be lit ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The contractor not having yet handed over the building, but he is expected to do so very shortly.
- (2.) As soon as possible after the Government obtains possession of the building.

(23.) Surveyor in charge of Moree District :—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Finlay (and not Mr. Solling, as stated in answer to my former question) is in charge of the survey district in which Moree is situated ?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Finlay resides altogether at Inverell ?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that Inverell is quite outside the survey district of which Mr. Finlay has charge ?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Finlay seldom or never visits Moree ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes, as the Honorable Member was informed by letter on the 13th instant. The previous question was understood to refer to the Surveyor stationed at Moree, and was accurately answered.
- (2.) Yes, the District Survey Office being there.
- (3.) Inverell is slightly without the boundary of the survey district.
- (4.) No ; Mr. Finlay has made several official visits during the last twelve months to Moree.

(24.) Snagging the Barwin River :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will any provision be made on next Estimates for snagging the Barwin or Darling River from Walgett, the head of navigation, to Bourke, similar grants having been voted for clearing this river lower down ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is impossible for me to state at the present moment what provision will be made in the next Estimates. I shall be happy to answer the Honorable Member's question when the next Estimates come under consideration.

(25.) Matron of Immigrant Ship "Roslin Castle" :—Mr. Tarrant asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the Agent for Immigration censured Miss Chickin, the Matron of the Immigration Ship "Roslin Castle," which recently arrived in this port, for not keeping a journal containing a record of the events of the voyage ; if so, what authority had he for adopting this course ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes ; the matter will be found recorded in the report of the "Roslin Castle," laid upon the Table of the House on the 21st March. As touching the authority for the action taken by the Immigration Agent, let me refer my Honorable Friend to the answers given by me to the questions asked by him in a like case on the 13th of last month.

(26.) Parliamentary Questions :—Mr. Hellyer asked the Colonial Secretary,—The average cost to the country of printing and replying, &c., to each question tabled and put before this House ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is quite impossible to give an answer to this question. It would, if it were attempted, involve immense time and labour to discover and to read when arrived at.

2. **ECCLESIASTICAL PROCEDURE 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 validate certain Grants of Probates and Letters of Administration heretofore made and to amend the 'Equity and Banco Business Expediting Act' (22 Vic. No. 14) in certain particulars,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

3. **CLAIM OF HUGH ESPIE STEPHENSON:**—Mr. Coonan, 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 20th February, 1883; together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **THE LICENSING ACT:**—

(1.) Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Inhabitants of West Sydney, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

(2.) Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Hill End.

(3.) Mr. Henry Clarke presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Bega.
Petitions received.

(4.) Mr. Hutchinson presented a Petition from Members of the Church of England, against certain amendments proposed by the Licensing Act Amendment Bill, and suggesting other amendments; and praying the House to take the premises into earnest consideration, with a view to make the amending Bill beneficial to the community.
Petition received.

(5.) Mr. Russell Barton presented a Petition from Residents of Cobar, in Meeting assembled, stating that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in force,—that they view with alarm any attempt to relax its principles, and suggesting that Public-houses be closed during the whole of Sunday; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration.
Petition received.

5. **MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL:**—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Residents, Property-holders, and Ratepayers of, and Property-holders in, the Borough of Balmain, against the passing of this Bill; and praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of their opposition to the Bill.

Petition received.

6. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 29th March, 1883,—“Dawes Point.”

(2.) Correspondence respecting the introduction of Maltese Immigrants into New South Wales.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 30th January, 1883,—“Great Southern and Western Railways.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th March, 1883,—“Applications of Messrs. Stuart and Harnett for Land and Wharf at St. Leonards.”

Ordered to be printed.

7. **MR. THOMPSON OF BUKKULLA:**—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from Selectors and Residents of Inverell, and others, stating their opinion that Mr. Thompson, of Bukkulla, has suffered injustice in having to pay heavy legal expenses through having used a grazing right which was granted to him, and paid for; and praying that the matter may be fully inquired into, with a view to having justice done in the case.

Petition received.

8. **ROAD NEAR JAMES CARROLL'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT BOTOBOLAR (Formal Motion):**—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, plans, documents, &c., connected with James Carroll's complaint against Surveyor Anderson with respect to alteration of the road near James Carroll's selection at Botobolar.

Question put and passed.

9. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL (Formal Order of the Day),**—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th April, 1883.

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

(1.) Rabbit Nuisance Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 26.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Abatement of the Rabbit Nuisance*,"—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, 14th April, 1883.

(2.) Judges Salaries and Pensions Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 27.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Salaries and Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 14th April, 1883.

(3.) District Court Judges and Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates Salaries Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 28.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Salaries of and to Provide Pensions for the District Court Judges and the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates*,"—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, 14th April, 1883.

(4.) Albury Gas Company's Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 29.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Albury Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Albury*,"—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, 14th April, 1883.

(5.) Australian Gaslight Company's Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 30.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable 'The Australian Gaslight Company' to increase their Capital Stock to limit the liability of the Shareholders to raise money by the issue of Debentures or otherwise and to extend the powers of the Company to purchase and hold Real Property*,"—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, 14th April, 1883.

(6.) Kiama Tramway Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 31.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along and over certain Streets in the Borough of Kiama*,"—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, 14th April, 1883.

(7.) Redhead Coal-mine Railway Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 32.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Redhead Coal-mine to the Great Northern Railway*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for

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, 14th April, 1883.*

11. ADDRESS PRESENTED TO MR. REDMOND AT ORANGE:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to supersede those gentlemen holding Her Majesty's Commission of the Peace who signed the disloyal and seditious address of welcome to Mr. Redmond on his arrival at Orange.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

12. PROPOSED ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a loyal and dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen, in the words following, be adopted by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty with the assurance of our undiminished attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

Claiming an equal interest with our fellow subjects in other parts of the Empire in all the great measures of good government which have distinguished Your Majesty's beneficent reign, we have anxiously watched the course of Imperial legislation for improving the condition of Ireland; and we have been filled with astonishment and abhorrence at the organized systems of outrage and murder with which the wise and salutary labours of Your Majesty's Government have been continually met.

In consequence of the visit to New South Wales of a Member of the House of Commons, whose object has been to excite feelings of disloyalty amongst us, and to raise money for still further promoting the organized efforts of disaffected persons in Ireland against Your Majesty's Government, we desire to approach Your Majesty, and for ourselves and on behalf of our constituents, to assure Your Majesty that the mass of the people of this Colony have no sympathy with, and strongly disapprove of, the disloyal agitations which have been set on foot in our midst by strangers, while at the same time we respectfully and dutifully express our unfeigned desire for the good government, contentment, and happiness of our fellow subjects in Ireland.

Adopted, on motion made, by the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Speaker.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House wait upon the Governor at such time as His Excellency may appoint, and request His Excellency to transmit the Address to Her Majesty to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for presentation.

Debate ensued.

Indisposition of Mr. Speaker:—Mr. Speaker being compelled, by indisposition, to retire from the House for the remainder of the night, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the 2nd Standing Order of the Assembly.

Debate continued.

Mr. Stuart moved the Previous Question.

Question put, That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Henry Clarke.

Tellers,

Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Proctor.

Noes, 48.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Targott,
Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. See,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. W. J. Ferguson.

Tellers,

Mr. Levien,
Mr. Heydon.

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Deputy 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 consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

14. **BILLIARD-TABLE FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, any expenditure of public money in connection with a "billiard-table" and billiard-playing paraphernalia for the use and pleasure, delight, and diversion of Members of Parliament, is unwarranted and unjustifiable, and calculated to absorb in idle amusement many hours that would be more patriotically devoted to the affairs of State.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Stephen moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "billiard-table," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "for the use of Members of Parliament is undesirable."

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, any expenditure of public money in connection with a Billiard-table for the use of Members of Parliament is undesirable,—put and passed.

15. **MR. EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Fletcher, "That" this House having taken into its careful consideration the Petition of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, which was presented on the 1st March last, is of opinion that the Resolution agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 8th November, 1881, "censuring the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker, by alleging that he had been guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, should be rescinded, and it is hereby rescinded,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garvan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "a Select Committee be chosen by ballot, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report whether the action of Ezekiel Alexander Baker in connection with the Milburn Creek Copper-mining Company, either previous to the compensation money being voted by Parliament or afterwards, in the application of that money was guilty of conduct so unworthy a Member of this House, and so derogatory to the honour and dignity of Parliament, as to justify the action of the Legislative Assembly in expelling him."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1883, A.M.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lyne,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Tecce,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 14.

Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Hellyer,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Roberts.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Murray.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

16. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
17. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Pigott moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that he had received a communication from Mr. Speaker to the effect that the state of his health was such as to prevent him from attending the House this day.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Cameron, the Chairman of Committees, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Garden Island :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was not Garden Island by proclamation of Governor Macquarie dedicated to the public use as a place of public resort, similar to the Government Domain ; if so, when and by what means was that Island taken away from the public ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Not exactly. The following is the notification, dated 7th September, 1811 :—
 “ It being deemed expedient that the Island situated in the harbour of Port Jackson, and near to Farm Cove, called Garden Island, should be comprised in and considered in future as forming a part of the Government Domain, notice is hereby given that all the growth and produce of said Island, whether timber or grass, is to be appropriated in future to the exclusive use of His Excellency’s establishment, and all persons are cautioned not to cut grass or timber there, as any persons detected in so doing after this public notice will be prosecuted and severely punished. Persons detected or convicted of having set fire to any wood or grass on Garden Island will be most severely punished for such wanton mischief. (Signed) LACHLAN MACQUARIE.”

This Island, as it appears to me, came as waste lands more explicitly to the Colony under the Constitution Act, but, as I have already explained, it was in 1859 exchanged for Fort Macquarie by correspondence, and in 1865 and 1866 was dedicated in perpetuity for Her Majesty’s Navy under the 5th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act 21 Victoria No. 1.

- (2.) Water Reserve near Manly :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that there is a water reserve and natural reservoir on the Burnt-bridge Creek, Balgowlah, near Manly ?

(2.) Are not such reserve and reservoir supplied by a creek, and would they not form a large and valuable water supply both for the locality and for Manly ?

(3.) Will the Government take steps to prevent trees and gravel being removed from the reserve ?

(4.) Will they take steps to have the reserve fenced, and to prevent the reservoir from being filled in and the water polluted ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There is a reserve in the locality indicated. The land was dedicated on the 5th May, 1876, for public recreation and access to water, and was vested in Messrs. William Redmond, William Tunks, and Joseph Cook. The deed of grant having issued, it will be for the Trustees, or the survivor or survivors of them, to move in the matter.

- (3.) The Circular Quay :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the Circular Quay,—Has he taken any steps either by reduction of the wharfage rate or by granting larger rebate, or in any other way, to make the wharf more attractive to shipowners and agents than it has been during the past few years ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The wharfage rates are fixed by law. A custom has existed to allow a rebate to ship agents and others of 10 per cent. The question of the continuance of this rebate is under consideration, and will be dealt with in the recess.

- (4.) Loan on the London Market :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In what month of this year does he intend placing a Loan on the London market, and the amount he proposes raising ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the Government, with the view to placing a Loan on the London market at a very early period.

(5.)

(5.) Railway from Narrabri to Walgett:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it intended next Session to ask Parliament to provide for the extension of the Railway from Narrabri to Walgett?
- (2.) Will any consideration be given to a Petition presented to this House, signed by 1,279 residents of Walgett and the Northern Districts, asking for this extension?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) I am unable to answer this question at present.
- (2.) Certainly, the matter will receive consideration.

(6.) Railway Station Buildings, Rylstone:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the erection of Railway Station Buildings at Rylstone be commenced
- (2.) What is the cause of the recent delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Tenders will be immediately invited, and the work will be proceeded with as early as practicable.
- (2.) The delay was caused by the inhabitants not being able to agree as to the position of the Station.

(7.) Public Parks at Mudgee, Gulgong, and Cudgong:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he decided yet what sum of money he will cause to be appropriated from the Recreation Reserves Vote in Estimates of 1883 for the improvement of the Public Parks at Mudgee, Gulgong, and the Borough of Cudgong?
- (2.) Is it his intention to accede to the applications from these places for an increased Vote for 1883, said to be rendered necessary by the number of Recreation Reserves and the urgent need of funds for fencing and improving them?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The applications for sums of money for improving the Reserves in question cannot be dealt with until the Appropriation Act is assented to. There is a sum of £15,000 provided on the Estimates, and applications have already been received for nearly £40,000.

(8.) Telegraph Offices at Mudgee, Rylstone, Gulgong, and Hill End:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—Will he consider the advisableness of keeping the Telegraph Offices at Mudgee, Rylstone, Gulgong, and Hill End open for the despatch of business till 10 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.?

Mr. Wright answered,—No; it is not considered necessary to keep these offices open later than 8 p.m.

(9.) Telegraphic Communication with the Mudgee Electorate:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—Will he consider the advisableness, during the recess, of establishing telegraphic communication between Sydney and Windeyer, Hargraves, Ilford, Cudgong, Wollar, Canadian, and other places, which, by reason of the Railway extension to Mudgee, are likely to develop into important townships?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; this matter will be taken into consideration during the recess.

(10.) Postal Communication with Wollar:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) At what hour does the mail-coach from Sydney arrive at Mudgee?
- (2.) At what hour are the mail-bags despatched for Wollar?
- (3.) Will he make such arrangements as will secure to the residents of Wollar an earlier arrival of the mail, by causing the mail-bags to be delivered to the Wollar mailman as soon as the Gulgong mail-bags are delivered to the Gulgong mailman?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The mail is due at noon.
- (2.) 3 p.m.
- (3.) Yes.

(11.) Police Magistrate, Rylstone:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Have the residents at Rylstone petitioned for the appointment of the Clerk of Petty Sessions of that town to the position of Police Magistrate at Rylstone?
- (2.) Has the Rylstone Bench of Magistrates unanimously made a similar request?
- (3.) Is *Mr. Armstrong* qualified for the position?
- (4.) What increased expenditure would his promotion involve?
- (5.) How many years has *Mr. Armstrong* fulfilled the duties of Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c.?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, so far as I am aware.
- (3.) I believe so.
- (4.) I am unable to say exactly what additional cost to the country might be caused by this suggested promotion.
- (5.) *Mr. Armstrong* appears to have been appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Rylstone on 1st July, 1854.

(12.) High School at Mudgee:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he considered yet the propriety and expediency of establishing a High School at Mudgee?
- (2.) Is it his intention so to do before the recess terminates?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Not yet.
- (2.) Yes.

(13.)

(13.) Crossing-place at Cudgegong River, near Wilbetree :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the crossing-place at the Cudgegong River near Wilbetree is most unsafe, and after wet weather dangerous to pedestrians and equestrians; if so, will he make the necessary inquiries, and, if the averments are justified, expend some of the public money in erecting a substantial bridge over the crossing-place indicated?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that the crossing-place is in disrepair, and probably, therefore, unsafe, but that being under control of Municipal Council of Cudgegong it is their duty to repair it. I am informed that a Bridge would cost £3,000, which the Department declines to recommend, as not being justified by the traffic.

(14.) Havilah and Pipeclay Runs :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he received any report yet from the officer instructed to inquire into the complaints made by a number of free selectors to the effect that Henry C. White, lessee of Havilah and Pipeclay Runs, had illegally fenced in a number of public roads that had been twenty and thirty years in use; if so, what action does he intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A report has been received, and instructions have since been issued to a Surveyor to lay out a road in the locality.

(15.) Inspectors under the Licensing Act :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Are Inspectors appointed under the Licensing Act allowed any remuneration for the fulfilment of their arduous duties; if not, is it his intention to award them any special payment for their services in that respect?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; these officers receive allowances varying from £10 to £15 per annum, according to the nature and extent of their duties.

(16.) Polling-places for Electorate of Mudgee :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he considered yet the necessity for establishing new Polling-places at Pine Ridge, Flatlands, Capertee, Round Swamp, and Waverley Station (Crudine), within the Mudgee Electorate?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The appointment of Polling-places is now engaging attention, and it is probable that a list will be gazetted in the course of a few days.

(17.) Public School at Rylstone :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has his attention been drawn to the necessity for a class-room, weather-shed, and new Teacher's residence in connection with the Rylstone Public School; if so, has he arrived at any decision in the matter?

Mr. Reid answered,—It has been decided to provide a class-room and weather-shed for this School, but the necessity for a new residence has not been reported. Certain repairs to the existing residence will be carried out when the class-room and weather-shed are being erected.

(18.) Public School at Duval :—Mr. Proctor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was a tender accepted for the erection of a Public School at Duval, near Armidale; if so, who is the contractor, and who are the sureties?

(2.) What is the amount of the tender, and when was it accepted?

(3.) What time was allowed for completing the work?

(4.) Has the work been commenced; if so, how much has been completed?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes; C. A. Ramsay. The sureties are Messrs. C. T. Cook and E. Lonsdale.

(2.) £975 5s.; 5th February, 1883.

(3.) Seven months.

(4.) The documents connected with the contract have not yet been returned by the contractor. He has already been pressed to complete.

(19.) Railway from Kiama to Shoalhaven :—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What progress is being made with the trial survey for Line of Railway from Kiama to Shoalhaven?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The survey of this Line has only recently been commenced, and little progress has consequently been made.

3. THE LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Purves presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the District of the Clarence, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

(2.) Mr. Sydney Smith presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of O'Connell District.

(3.) Mr. Holtermann presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Manly.
Petitions received.

(4.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, expressing their satisfaction at the great benefits conferred on the community by the present Licensing Act; and praying that no alteration may be made in the present hours of closing Public-houses, and that the employment of Barmaids may be prohibited.

(5.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a similar Petition from Residents of Raymond Terrace.
Petitions received.

4. WOLLONGONG GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL :—Mr. Proctor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 4th April, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Proctor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 7th March, 1883,—“George Dougherty’s Conditional Purchase.”
Ordered to be printed.

6. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Deputy 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 declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents in certain cases,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

8. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the question had been decided in the House.

Mr. Burns then stated the *Point of Order* as follows:—

The first clause of the Bill being under the consideration of the Committee, Mr. A. G. Taylor raised an objection to the Bill being proceeded with, on the ground that clause 5 involves an expenditure of public money, inasmuch as it creates a new class of salaried public officers, by the conversion of Senior-constables of Police in certain cases into Licensing Inspectors, and therefore the Bill should have been covered by a Message from the Governor,—and that he (*Mr. Burns*) gave his opinion that no additional expenditure would be incurred under the clause named.

Mr. Deputy Speaker concurred in the opinion given by *Mr. Burns*.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported that another *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again as soon as the question had been decided in the House.

Mr. Burns then stated the *Point of Order*, as follows:—

In the consideration of clause 8 an amendment was moved to omit the word “two,” with a view to insert the word “four,” and the Committee having decided that the word “two” should not stand,—the Question,—“That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted”—was then put, when a motion to insert the word “three” in place of the word “four” was offered, upon which *Mr. Burns* stated that in his opinion no other amendment could be put until the question of inserting the word “four” had been disposed of.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled in favour of the opinion which *Mr. Burns* had given.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Two o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Streets at Red Hill, Gulgong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Have additional and unnecessary streets been proclaimed in connection with the Red Hill at Gulgong?

(2.) Has the claim of William Lonergan, at the Red Hill, been reduced in consequence?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The question as to granting leases of streets or of other lands within townships is under consideration, and until that is settled no further information on the subject can be given.

(2.) Railway from Orange to Manildra *via* Molong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to stand by the Railway policy which Parliament committed itself to in Session 1881, and which also obtained the unanimous authority of Parliament by a Loan Estimate for the construction of a Line from Orange to Manildra, *via* Molong, a distance of 36 miles, being the first section of the Western Railway Extension from Orange to Wilcannia?

(2.) Will the working plans be in a sufficiently advanced state to enable tenders to be called for within a month, or will he state definitely within what period the plans will be ready and tenders invited?

Mr. Stuart answered,—These plans are at present in abeyance until the surveys ordered from Orange to Forbes, by Cudal, are received.

(3.) Forest Rangers:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many vacant Forest Rangerships are there at the present date or in contemplation?

(2.) How many persons have applied for these vacancies?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) There are none. I cannot say what may be in contemplation amongst those holding the present situations.

(2.) The second question is answered by the reply to the first.

(4.) Interest on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consider the propriety of reducing the interest on Conditional Purchases to 3 per cent., so as to charge them no more for the use of the money than the Government pays the Banks?

Mr. Farnell answered,—This matter is one which can only be dealt with by legislation, and must await the introduction of the proposed Land Bill.

(5.) Hextell's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to his answer last week to questions concerning Hextell's Conditional Purchase,—Does he decide that improvements erected on a Reserve are (after the revocation of the Reserve) no bar to the selection of the land by the person making the improvements?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No such general decision has been arrived at.

(6.) Dismissal of a Warder from Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any Warder at Darlinghurst Gaol been charged recently with appropriating articles the property of the Queen; if so, what punishment was inflicted on him, what articles did he appropriate, and what rank did he hold?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I have been informed that there has been no very recent case of the kind; but in July, 1882, a Warder, who was in charge of the cook-house, was detected in conveying some washing soda belonging to the authorities out of the prison; he was dismissed.

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(7.) Gulgong Common :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has any report been received yet respecting the proposed withdrawal of all pre-leases which infringe on the Gulgong Common ; if so, what decision has been arrived at in the matter ?
- (2.) Will he either grant to Mr. Duggan the pre-lease applied for by him, or refund the money paid by Mr. Duggan ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—This Department does not deal with pre-leases, and therefore has no information upon the subject of the questions.

(8.) Sheep Trucks :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to have sheep trucks divided into four compartments—that is, each of the present divisions to be subdivided by iron railing or bars ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The advantage of this subdivision is questioned, and the disadvantages as regard decreased facilities for loading and unloading the trucks are considerable. Further inquiry will, however, be made.

(9.) Licensed Surveyors :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Murray, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to regulations for the employment of Licensed Surveyors, dated 1st May, 1882 ?
- (2.) Did such regulations receive the sanction of the Minister, as his name does not appear on them ?
- (3.) Has his attention been drawn to the Circular on page 17, also to Circular C. which accompanied it ?
- (4.) Does the Minister intend to enforce these regulations ?
- (5.) How many Licensed Surveyors have not signed, or signed under protest ; and how many have been struck off the list in consequence ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes ; of Mr. Secretary Hoskins.
- (3.) Page 17 contains an acknowledgment on the part of the Licensed Surveyor to abide by the instructions. It was, together with Circular C., drawn up by the Crown Solicitor, and was approved by the Secretary for Lands.
- (4.) I have not yet had an opportunity of fully considering the matter.
- (5.) Seven Surveyors have not signed, and one has signed under a protest ; 207 have signed.

(10.) School of Arts, Port Macquarie :—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When was application made for a site for a School of Arts in the town of Port Macquarie ?
- (2.) When was the application referred to the District Surveyor ?
- (3.) What is the date of the Surveyor's report ?
- (4.) When is it likely to be finally dealt with ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) On the 5th September, 1882.
- (2.) On the 6th October, 1882.
- (3.) The first report was dated 13th October, 1882. A further report was called for on the 15th February last.
- (4.) The Surveyor telegraphs that he will forward the plan of measurement next month, when the matter will be finally disposed of.

(11.) Agricultural Society, Port Macquarie :—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) At what date was application made for a piece of land at Port Macquarie for a Show Ground for the Agricultural Society at that place ?
- (2.) When was this referred to the District Surveyor for report ?
- (3.) What is the date of the Surveyor's report ?
- (4.) When is it likely to be finally dealt with ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) On the 22nd December, 1881.
- (2.) On the 11th January, 1882.
- (3.) On the 30th November, 1882.
- (4.) The dedication has been approved of.

(12.) Examination of School Teachers :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Did more than four Teachers who were examined in December, 1881, for Class I appeal ; if so, why are their names and marks not published, as ordered by the House on 3rd October ?
- (2.) Did the examiner keep a record of marks ?
- (3.) Was a candidate allowed to pass who did not comply with the conditions of examination, having declined to deal with mechanics ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; there were five appellants—Messrs. Cusack, Durie, Metcalfe, Nolan, and Miss Kennedy. Mr. Durie's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of appellants. It had appeared in the list next preceding as a promotion. Mr. Durie appealed after he was promoted. Mr. Durie's marks will be found at page 29 of the Return laid upon the Table on the 14th ultimo.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Mr. Durie, the appellant named above and apparently the candidate referred to as declining to deal with mechanics, passed in three mathematical subjects and in Latin. As he was then unable to take mechanics, it was recommended that Latin should be accepted in lieu of the fourth mathematical subject. He was therefore advanced to Class I, section B, it being understood that he was to deal with mechanics at his next examination—that for I A. The concession was granted before he appealed.

- (13.) **Woollahra and Waverley Tramways:**—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have not frequent representations been made through the Press, and also to the Works Department, as to the delay, inconvenience, and overcrowding that occur on the Woollahra and Waverley Tram-cars?
 (2.) When will the long-promised extra Tram-cars be placed and run on those lines, so as to give the public travelling to and from those localities more frequent means of communication?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Additional motors having arrived, which will admit of more Trams being run, a revised timetable to come into use in a few days is being prepared.

- (14.) **High School at Bathurst:**—Mr. Suttor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he considered the expediency of establishing a High School in the city of Bathurst; if so, when is it likely the School will be opened?

Mr. Reid answered,—No. I called some time ago for reports from all the country districts upon the subject of establishing High Schools in the interior, and I believe this report will be in my hands in a few days. The claims of Bathurst will not be overlooked.

2. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Accounts (from 1st April, 1882, to 31st March, 1883.)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 5th September, 1882,—“Letters of Registration of Inventions.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. **SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE (Formal Motion):**—

(1.) Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, Friday the 20th, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, subject to the Imperial Government agreeing to continue to convey the Mails to San Francisco as heretofore, the contract between the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Company be extended for a period not exceeding two years from the expiry of the present contract in November next, at an annual subsidy not exceeding £50,000, of which the portion falling upon this Colony shall not exceed £18,750, and subject to the following conditions, viz. :—

That it shall be optional for this Colony to withdraw from such extended contract at the end of twelve months, on giving three months previous notice, in the event of the Pacific Mail Company not having obtained from the United States Government, or from other sources, a contribution equal to one-third of the total annual subsidy for such extended contract, and in diminution of the subsidy.

That the Service shall be performed with the acceleration upon the present contract time of at least twenty-four hours on each voyage to and from Sydney and San Francisco during the first year, and during the second year at least forty-eight hours, subject to the same terms, conditions, premiums, and penalties as heretofore; with this exception—that the Company be relieved from keeping a fourth steamer, but that such shall not absolve them from the penalties for any failure.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wright, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
 Governor.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the maintenance of Steam Postal Communication between Sydney and San Francisco.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th April, 1883.

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

4. **LICENSING ACT 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 this Bill.

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

5. **ECCLESIASTICAL PROCEDURE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

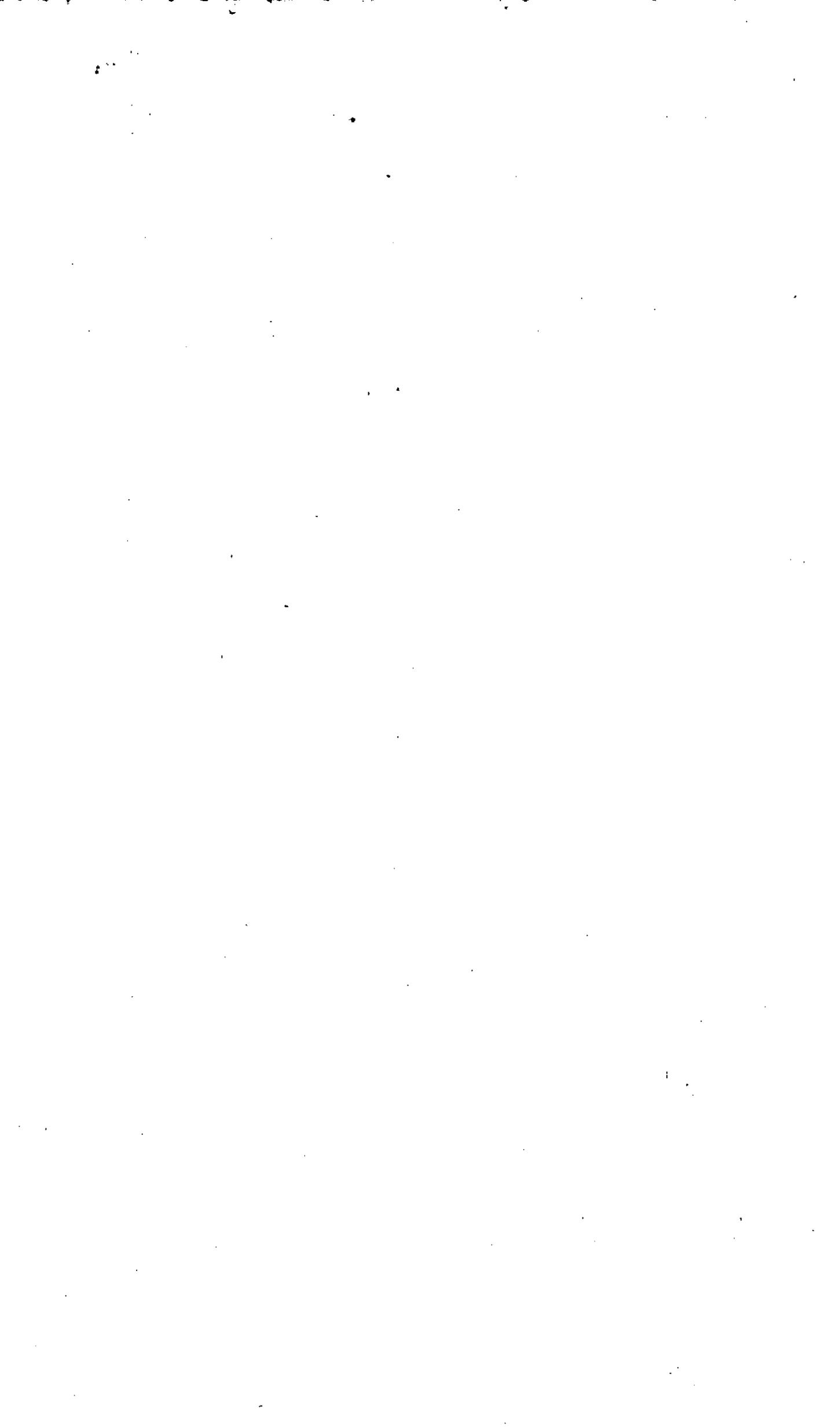
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen (*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 eighteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
 Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public School at Clarendon:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Bruce Smith, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that plans were prepared for a Public School at Clarendon nearly twelve months ago?

(2.) Is the necessity for the dedication of the ground the only reason for the urgent want of a School-room not being supplied?

(3.) Have any steps been taken with a view to that dedication since attention was called to it about three months ago?

(4.) Is he aware that the present building, in which upwards of thirty-five scholars are educated, has been pronounced unfit for the purpose and unhealthy by a local medical gentleman?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The plans and specifications have been prepared since 28th July, 1882.

(2.) It was the only reason.

(3.) Yes; the site was resumed by a notification in the *Government Gazette* of the 10th of this month, and tenders for erecting new buildings have been invited, to be lodged in this office not later than Monday, the 14th May.

(4.) It was reported by one of the residents that the local medical man had refused to allow one child to attend the School on account of the alleged unhealthy atmosphere.

(2.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Bruce Smith, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the various officers throughout the Colony filling the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions are paid their entire salary out of the Department of Justice, notwithstanding that a large proportion of their time and services are devoted to work coming under the Lands Department?

(2.) Is it a fact that in many districts the work connected with the Lands Department forms nearly three-fourths of the work so paid for out of the Department of Justice?

(3.) Does the Minister think this system preferable to the former one—of distributing the salary over the different Departments for which their services are engaged?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Under the present system of classification by the late Government, the Clerks of Petty Sessions, who hold a number of other offices directly connected with the Administration of Justice, in addition to being Crown Lands Agents, receive a fixed salary, entirely provided for in the Department of Justice, for the combined duties of the several offices, instead of, as formerly, being paid separate salaries, fees, and commission, as from the various departments under which they held any office.

(2.) No, I am not aware that the work of the Lands Department forms three-fourths of the work performed by Clerks of Petty Session; but I am informed that whenever it has been satisfactorily shown that the business of the Land Office has been sufficient to warrant the appointment of a separate officer, the Clerk of Petty Sessions has been relieved of the land agency, and a proportionate reduction thereupon made in his salary, and a separate officer appointed by the Lands Department. In many instances clerical assistance has been allowed where the exigencies of the case seemed to require it.

(3.) The present system having been but recently inaugurated, I am not prepared to say, without further experience of its working, that a return to the old system would be advisable.

(3.)

- (3.) Sculptured Work on General Post Office :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Bruce Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Minister's attention yet been drawn to the sculptured work on the Pitt-street end of the General Post Office ?
 - (2.) Is that work the production of European or Colonial artists ?
 - (3.) Does the Minister consider such work worthy of a place in or about one of our finest public buildings, considering the subjects treated of in the work, and having in view its artistic merits ?
 - (4.) Is it the Minister's intention to allow the work to remain in its present form ?
 - (5.) Was such work passed before being placed in its present position ; if so, by whom ?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) European.
- (3 and 4.) I confess that, so far as I am any judge, they do not commend themselves to me as worthy of the building ; but I am informed by the Colonial Architect that this matter can be better determined when the designs are completed.
- (5.) The general design of the building was approved, but the details were left to the direction of the Colonial Architect.
- (4.) Mudgee Gaol :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is the system of competing labour in vogue in Mudgee Gaol peculiar to that Gaol, and not in practice in any other prison in the Colony ?
 - (2.) What steps does he intend to take to remedy the alleged injustice, which has been protested against by 1100 Petitioners at Mudgee ?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—
- (1.) The system of competing labour in vogue in Mudgee Gaol is more or less in vogue in other Gaols in the Colony.
 - (2.) Except in prohibiting prisoners from doing out-door work for the townspeople, and labour ceasing at the hours named in the Gaol regulations, I am unable, after careful consideration, to interfere with the existing arrangements at the Mudgee Gaol.
- (5.) District of Capertee :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to his refusal to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Capertee, and his allusion to the ability of the residents of Capertee to sue in the Court of Requests at Wallerawang,—Is he aware that Capertee is outside the district over which the Small Debts Court at Wallerawang can lawfully exercise jurisdiction ?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—This question seems to involve a legal opinion as well as a matter of fact ; and, with every desire to afford the Honorable Gentleman every information, I am unable at present to answer the question.
- (6.) Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What Municipalities have applied for aid in constructing water-works under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act 44 Victoria, No. 14 ?
 - (2.) To what Municipalities has the aid applied for been extended ?
 - (3.) What is the total cost of the surveys made in connection with the provisions of the above Act, specifying the aggregate cost in the Municipalities aided and unaided ?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) The following Municipalities have applied for aid in the matter of water supply, viz. :—Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Deniliquin, Dubbo, Forbes, Grafton, Goulburn, Gulgong, Hill End, Hay, Kiama, Lismore, Mudgee, Orange, Singleton, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Wagga Wagga, Wentworth, Wollongong, Young, Yass, Newcastle, and the majority of the Municipalities embraced in the Hunter River water scheme.
 - (2.) The Government are carrying out the following Municipal water supplies, viz. :—Albury, Bathurst, Deniliquin, Goulburn, Wagga, Newcastle, and the towns embraced in the Hunter River scheme.
 - (3.) The total cost of the surveys in connection with Municipal water supplies is £18,961 4s. 1d., distributed as follows :—To those being aided, £12,215 12s. 3d. ; to those which are as yet unaided, £6,745 11s. 10d.
- (7.) Provisional School at Clark's Creek :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he established a Provisional School at Clark's Creek, near Windeyer, as requested by the inhabitants ; if not, will he see to its immediate establishment ?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—No ; but the application for a Provisional School at the place named is now being reported on.
- (8.) Public School at Wollar :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Referring to the application for the crection of a new Public School at Wollar,—Is the small average attendance of pupils due to the necessity for proper secular accommodation for the pupils ?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—No. The local Inspector reports that there are only twenty-three children of school age living within 3 miles of the School.
- (9.) Extermination of Hares, Prickly Pear, and Bathurst Burr :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Mines,—If the present Government remain long enough in office after the recess,—Is it his intention to introduce measures for the extermination of the hare pest, the prickly pear nuisance, and the Bathurst burr epidemic ?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—As it is impossible to say how long the present Government may remain in office, it is impossible to say when the measures referred to will be introduced.
- (10.) George F. Brown :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What sum of money is lying in the Suspense Account to the credit of George F. Brown, of Cooyal Creek, near Mudgee, for land selected by him on the 26th April, 1877 ?
- Mr.*

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I think that this question is not one of public interest. In any case, the question is one on which information should not, I think, be given, except with the consent or by the authority of the person interested.

- (11.) Breach of Railway By-law at Rookwood:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta, on Monday the 16th instant, fined a defendant in the sum of £10, or one month in gaol, for crossing the Railway Line at Rookwood, although the gates at the crossing were open for travellers to pass over; if so, will the Minister cause the depositions in this case to be forwarded to his office for his consideration?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It is a fact the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta fined a defendant £10, the fixed penalty under the By-law, or one month in gaol, for driving across the Railway Line at Rookwood. I have read the depositions in the case in question, which show that the gates were open through the traffic on the Line preventing the gate-keeper closing them at the moment of the defendant driving across, and the Justices report that, notwithstanding this, in their opinion the defendant had sufficient warning to pull up, and was guilty of gross recklessness; and as there is sufficient evidence disclosed by the depositions to support their finding, I do not see how I can question its correctness.

- (12.) Exhibition of Mathematical Instruments:—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Lands,—Did the Survey Department send any Exhibits to the exhibition of Mathematical Instruments in connection with the Victorian Institute of Surveyors, held in Melbourne last month; if so, what were the Exhibits, who was in charge, and what was the cost?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; the Exhibits were as follows, viz.:—14-inch theodolite, by Cooke & Son, York, England; portable astronomical transit instrument, by the same makers; zenith telescope, by Troughton & Simms, London; equatorially mounted heliostat, with clock motion; omnimeter, with staves; 5½-inch theodolite, with micrometer microscopes, by Bambling, of Berlin; two baseline measuring bars, with double objective microscopes, camels, &c., as used at Richmond; telemeter, hypsometer, 3½-inch Metford theodolite for reconnaissance; steel riband, in ten lengths of 66 feet each, with adjustable handles; portable plumb level, aligning tripod, two polar planimeters, one pentagraph; book on surveying, of date 1674—a curiosity. They were in charge of Mr. W. J. Conder. The cost was £11 7s.

- (13.) The Government Printing Office:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Did he in January last receive a memorial (per the Acting Government Printer) from eighty-seven members of the supernumerary staff of the Government Printing Office, asking for a half-day's pay each in consequence of the Printing Office being closed at 1 p.m. on 11th January last, the date of an East Sydney Election?
 (2.) Did the petitioners also request to be placed with regard to holidays on the same footing as the supernumeraries in other branches of the Public Service?
 (3.) Has the Colonial Treasurer caused any reply to be sent to the petitioners?
 (4.) Is it his intention to accede to their requests, or either of them?
 (5.) By whose authority was the Government Printing Office closed for half-a-day on the 11th January last?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 & 2.) Yes.

(3 & 4.) The principle of non-payment to supernumerary piece-hands, under such circumstances, was laid down by my predecessor, and followed by me.

(5.) The Government.

- (14.) Boats carried by Steamers:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are all Steamers leaving Port Jackson provided with sufficient boats to accommodate, in case of accident, passengers by such Steamers; if not, will immediate instructions be given for carrying out this necessary regulation?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It would be impossible for any Steamer to carry sufficient boats to accommodate the number of passengers that she could safely carry. The law here in respect to this matter is the same as that in the United Kingdom.

- (15.) Station-master at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Station-master at Rookwood (Mr. Willis) has been appointed Station-master at Parramatta?
 (2.) How long has Mr. Willis been employed in the Railway Department?
 (3.) Has not Head-porter Price been in charge of Parramatta Station for some time, and given every satisfaction?
 (4.) How long has Mr. Price been employed in the Railway Department?
 (5.) Will the Minister take into consideration Mr. Price's long and faithful service, and accord him suitable promotion, if it is not intended to appoint him in charge of Parramatta Station?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No, the office of Station-master at Parramatta is not vacant. Mr. Willis has been placed temporarily in charge of the Station till the Station-master (Mr. Thompson) can resume duty there.

(2.) Three and a half years.

(3.) He has had charge of the out-door duties.

(4.) Price entered the Department as porter in April, 1871, and has risen gradually to his present position of head porter.

(5.) Price was promoted twelve months ago; he will be further promoted when an opportunity offers, due regard being paid to the claims of others holding similar positions.

- (16.) Ring-barking Timber in Parish of Bookit:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has Mr. Thomas Wragge, or any other person, obtained leave to ring-bark the timber upon Reserve No. 1,114, parish of Bookit, county of Wakool?
 (2.) Is the Minister aware that a Petition is being prepared to get this land cancelled from reservation and thrown open to settlement?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Permission to ring-bark certain timber upon about 4,300 acres in the parish of Bookit, Beremegad Run, was granted to Mr. Wragge on the 11th August, 1882; but it cannot now be stated whether the Reserve referred to was included in that area, the records of the transaction having been burnt in the Garden Palace, and a copy of the authority issued not having yet been obtained.

(2.) I am not aware.

(17.) Public School at Rosewood :—Mr. Lyne asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for the new School at Rosewood?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have directed that tenders be invited for this School without further delay.

(18.) Mudgee Gaol :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is a blacksmith's shop in course of erection in Mudgee Gaol?

(2.) Is the work of the prison smiths to enter into competition with that of local blacksmiths?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Not yet, although tenders have been sent to the Colonial Architect for the erection of one.

(2.) The work will be carried on upon the same conditions as other branches of labour in the Gaol.

2. THE LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Gray presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Wardell, representing that many advantages have resulted from the working of the Licensing Act at present in operation, and objecting to any amendment which would alter the present hours on which Public-houses may be opened for the sale of liquor; and praying that the clause relating to travellers may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.

(2.) Mr. Gray presented a similar Petition from Inhabitants of Broadwater.
Petitions received.

(3.) Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, praying that provision may be made in the amending Licensing Bill for extending the present system of local option.
Petition received.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Rylie moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address adopted on 21st March, 1883,—“Assault Cases—Burke against Sparks, and Sparks against Burke.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 30th March, 1883,—“Exemption of Civil Servants from sitting on Juries.”

(3.) Return to an Order made on 9th March, 1883,—“The Case of Annie Augusta Cockcroft.”

(4.) Return to an Address adopted on 21st March, 1883,—“Mr. Woore, P.M., Casino.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Nerbudda.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Correspondence relating to an application for an additional Weather-shed at Brewarrina Public School.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ECCLESIASTICAL PROCEDURE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to validate certain Grants of Probates and Letters of Administration heretofore made and to amend the ‘Equity and Banco Business Expediting Act (22 Victoria No. 14) in certain particulars.*”

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 validate certain Grants of Probates and Letters of Administration heretofore made and to amend the ‘Equity and Banco Business Expediting Act (22 Victoria No. 14) in certain particulars.*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 20th April, 1883.

ECCLESIASTICAL PROCEDURE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 20th April, 1883.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 2, line 21. *Add at end of clause “And such Judge may grant such Probates or “Letters of Administration or Letters ad colligendum and entertain all motions in relation thereto in Chambers as well as in Court.”*

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

6. **THE CASE OF GEORGE BELL (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, depositions, minutes of evidence, petitions, &c., in the case of George Bell, tried at the Casino Quarter Sessions in January, 1882, for maliciously shooting a foal, the property of George Minto.
Question put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 2 of General Business.
8. **COHEN'S ESTATE BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until Thursday next.
9. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. O'Connor 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 4, 5, and 6."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 5, and 6,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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. O'Connor (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. **LICENSING ACT 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 this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 21 APRIL, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of the Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. **WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT OF 1881**:—Mr. Fremlin, 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 30th January, 1883, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tramways:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state the amount expended to 31st March on the City and Suburban Tramways; the working expenses of said Tramways from 1st January to 31st March, 1883; and the receipts of said Tramways between above dates?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is almost impossible to get out, at a short notice, a balance sheet showing, with any pretence to close accuracy, the financial transactions for a portion of a year of such an establishment as the Government Tramway; but the following figures have been obtained, and may be accepted as approximately accurate, though it would be unsound to assume that they demonstrate anything more than what they show for the period named:—Amount expended on the City and Suburban Tramways to the 31st March, 1883, £490,500; working expenses of the said Tramways from 1st January to 31st March, 1883, £38,850; receipts of the said Tramways for the same period, £48,700.

- (2.) Police Quarters at Wollar:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have repeated complaints been made to him, or to the officers of his Department, concerning the defective accommodation afforded by the Police Quarters at Wollar?
- (2.) What rooms are comprised in the Police Quarters there, and how is their use arranged?
- (3.) Is the one bedroom, occupied by the Senior-constable and his wife and family, divided from the cell and Court-room by only a narrow partition?
- (4.) Did the Inspector General recommend some months ago the erection of a separate building for Court-house and Lock-up?
- (5.) Are the recent alterations sufficient to meet the difficulty, or will he recommend the erection of more suitable premises?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) One sitting-room and one bedroom, used by Senior-constable; one bedroom, by single Constable.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes, the matter is under consideration.
- (5.) The buildings have been thoroughly repaired, but it is probable that certain additions will have to be made.

- (3.) Provisional School at Rosebrook:—Mr. Burns asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What course will be taken in reference to the Petition for the establishment of a Provisional School at Rosebrook?

Mr. Reid answered,—This information cannot be given until the Inspector has visited the locality and furnished a report as to the educational requirements thereof.

- (4.) Religious Instruction in Public Schools:—*Mr. Humphery*, for *Mr. Tarrant*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he have any objection to issue instructions that Statistics be kept and forwarded to the head office of the Department from all Public Schools, giving in a succinct form information on the following points:—

- (1.) The religious communions availing themselves of their privilege to impart instruction in religion?
- (2.) The number of pupils who avail themselves of their opportunities for instruction in religion in Public Schools?

(3.)

- (3.) Whether the structural conveniences for segregating children while receiving instruction in religion are found sufficient?
- (4.) In what Schools, in the opinion of each Head-master, could the system of dividing school buildings into temporary class-rooms by means of sliding doors be advantageously introduced?
- (5.) Does the Department of Public Instruction receive an Annual Statistical Report from each Head-master of a Public School, and have the Head-masters an opportunity in such report of drawing the attention of the Minister to particular points of administrative detail?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1, 2, and 3.) Most of the information alluded to in these clauses is already in the possession of the Department.
- (4.) The Inspectors are sufficiently experienced and conversant with the Schools under their charge to deal with this matter.
- (5.) The Department does receive an Annual Statistical Report from each Head-master of a Public School. Suggestions on points of administrative detail can be made by Head-masters in other Returns.
- (5.) Wages of Railway and Tramway Employés:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he reply to a Petition from the men employed on the permanent ways of the Railways and Tramways of the Colony for an increase to their pay, presented to the Minister first in October, 1882, and secondly in March, 1883?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—A Deputation, representing the Petitioners, had an interview with me this morning on the subject, to which I promised my early attention.
- (6.) Telegraph Office, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Postmaster General,—Is there any reason for further delay in calling for tenders for the new Telegraph Office at Albury; and when will tenders be invited for this work?
- Mr. Wright answered,—The Colonial Architect has been directed to prepare plans for this building, and as soon as these are ready tenders will be invited.
- (7.) Sheep Trucks:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that sheep trucks are divided into four compartments in the neighbouring colony of Victoria, and that such division is found to be of great advantage in preventing the mortality amongst sheep during long journeys; and will he cause inquiry to be made as to the result where the plan has been tried?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I was not aware that this subdivision of the trucks has been found to be advantageous in Victoria; but I have caused inquiry to be made into the matter.
- (8.) Moss Vale Railway Station:—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that travellers arriving at the Moss Vale Station complain of the discomfort they suffer from the condition of the waiting-room and the absence of fires during the winter months; if so, will he call the attention of the Department to the necessity for providing same?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—No complaints have been made to the Department. Fires will be provided as usual in the waiting-room during the winter months, and inquiry will be made as to the alleged uncomfortable condition of the room.
- (9.) Roads through Alienated Crown Lands:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have the Government opened roads through lands alienated by them, and refused compensation to the owners thereof for alleged losses sustained; if so, will he take the necessary steps for securing compensation to the owners?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—The question is so wide and indefinite in its application that a satisfactory reply cannot be given in its present form. Circumstances (which vary greatly in connection with the roads whether they be taken through alienated land by the Public Works or by this Department) sometimes make it desirable to compensate the owners of land, but frequently compensation is not allowed. It cannot be said that any steps will be taken to secure compensation to owners of land on account of roads taken through their properties unless the facts of each particular case are known, and the nature of the claims that might have been made. Generally the Crown, in taking a road or roads through alienated land, is merely exercising a right reserved to it in the deeds under which the land is held.
- (10.) Steel Rails:—Mr. Hellyer asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a contract has been given by the New South Wales Government to Messrs. Wilson, Cammell & Co. (Workington Works, Derwent, Hematite Iron Company)—their maiden order—for supplying this Colony with 72,000 tons of steel rails?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that the mills and machinery connected with such Works are only in course of erection?
- (3.) Has the Colonial Secretary any idea when such Workington Works will be completed and ready for the manufacture of steel rails, or when such contract is likely to be commenced?
- (4.) Was not the contract price between £4 17s. 6d. and £5 per ton, f.o.b.?
- (5.) Is it not a fact certain makers declined the order at anything under £6?
- (6.) Is it not a fact that the contract referred to extends over a period of four years?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) The contract has been given to the well-known and long-established (for I believe forty years) firm of Messrs. Cammell & Co., whose works are at Dronfield, near Sheffield. It is understood that Messrs. Cammell & Co. have for some time past been establishing new works at Workington, in Cumberland, and it would seem from a report in the "Iron Trade Circular" of 24th February that those works are now completed, and that the removal of Messrs. Cammell & Co.'s establishment from Dronfield to Workington will at once take place.
- (2 and 3.) It would appear, from the authority quoted, that the works are completed, and as a certain quantity of the rails are to be delivered within twelve months from the date of acceptance of tender, it is assumed that the work of making them will be commenced at once.
- (4.) The contract price is £5 delivered f.o.b. at Maryport, and £5 8s. delivered f.o.b. London.
- (5.) No; the next lowest tender was £5 12s. 3d.; no tender was as high as £6.
- (6.) Yes.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address adopted on 13th April, 1883,—“ Prisoners confined in Gaols.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 27th February, 1883,—“ District Courts and Quarter Sessions for Brewarrina.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by the Medical Adviser to the Government on the Mortality on board Immigrant Ships.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 26th September, 1882,—“ Mr. Lamont Young.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 7th February, 1883,—“ Manly Pier.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1, and the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
- (6.) Return to an Order made on 7th February, 1883,—“ Survey of Land in Counties of Gordon and Ashburnham.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Correspondence respecting the Defalcations of the late Mr. Robert Hamilton Scmpill.
- (2.) Report of the Health Officer upon the state and condition of the Quarantine Station at North Head.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ROAD THROUGH CAPTAIN VINE'S GRANT IN PARISH OF PEJAR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. McCourt, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, and correspondence in connection with the opening of a road through Captain Vine's grant of 2,560 acres, parish of Pejar.
Question put and passed.

4. CLOTHING FOR THE VOLUNTEER FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Holborow moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, documents, and other papers having reference to all contracts for the supply of clothing for the Volunteer Force during the years 1881 and 1882.
Question put and passed.

5. RESERVATION OF MINERALS AND METALS :—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient and desirable that when amending our Land Laws provision be made for reservation to the Crown of all metals and metallic ores, as well as coal and kerosene shale, contained in any lands alienated in the future, with the object of a royalty therefrom being obtained for the Public Treasury.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Appropriation Bill :—

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 1883 and for the year 1882 and previous years,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Public Works Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Retired Judges Pensions Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Pensions payable to Retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in the receipt of Pensions,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (No. 3):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to correct an erroneous date in the 213th section of the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(5.) Ecclesiastical Procedure Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain Grants of Probates and Letters of Administration heretofore made and to amend the 'Equity and Banco Business Expediting Act (22 Victoria No. 14)' in certain particulars.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE:—

Mr. McLaughlin moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no Member or ex-Member of the Legislative Assembly, other than a Minister of the Crown, should be appointed to any office in the Civil Service until six months after he shall have ceased to hold his seat as such Member.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. TENDERS FOR MATERIALS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this "House," simultaneously with the invitation of tenders elsewhere, tenders for the supply of all materials required by the Government should be invited from Manufacturers within the "Colony," and the most eligible tender accepted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "House" to the word "Colony" inclusive, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "tenders for the supply in the Colony of such articles as can be manufactured, or as it can be satisfactorily shown can be manufactured, in the Colony should be invited along with tenders elsewhere."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Coonan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Heydon,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Withers,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Loekey,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Tece,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McQuade,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. White,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Humphery.
Mr. Bruce Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffiths,	
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Gray,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Main Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, tenders for the supply in the Colony of such articles as can be manufactured, or as it can be satisfactorily shown can be manufactured, in the Colony, should be invited along with tenders elsewhere, and the most eligible tender accepted,—put and passed.

9. MR. EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Fletcher, "That" this House having taken into "its careful consideration the Petition of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, which was presented on the "1st March last, is of opinion that the Resolution agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the "8th November, 1881, censuring the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker, by alleging that he had been "guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, should be rescinded, and it is hereby "rescinded." Upon

Upon which Mr. Garvan 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 "a Select Committee be chosen by ballot, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report whether the action of Ezekiel Alexander Baker in connection with the Milburn Creek Copper-mining Company, either previous to the compensation money being voted by Parliament or afterwards, in the application of that money was guilty of conduct so unworthy a Member of this House, and so derogatory to the honour and dignity of Parliament, as to justify the action of the Legislative Assembly in expelling him."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1883, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Burns.
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. W. R. Campbell	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	

Noes, 16.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Teeco,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. McQuade.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Holborow,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

10. MORT'S BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.

11. WOLLONGONG GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Proctor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

12. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Merriman moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. White,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. McQuade.
Mr. Proctor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Badgery,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Holborow.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. McCulloch.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time,—and on motion of Mr. O'Connor, *passed*.

Mr.

Mr. O'Connor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th April, 1883, A.M.*

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Commission to Engineers:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Murray*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return regarding commission to Engineers, ordered on my motion a short time back, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This involves a very lengthy Return, extending over twenty-five years, the preparation of which will take considerable time, but it is in progress.

(2.) Court-house at Deniliquin:—*Mr. Wilson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will fresh tenders be called for the erection of a Court-house at Deniliquin?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Fresh tenders will be invited at once.

(3.) *Mr. M'Phee*, Head Teacher of the Esk Bank Public School:—*Mr. Garvan*, for *Mr. O'Connor*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he received a Petition from the Inhabitants of Lithgow and Esk Bank for the removal of *Mr. M'Phee*, Head Teacher of Esk Bank Public School?

(2.) On what ground have the Petitioners asked for the removal of *Mr. M'Phee*?

(3.) What steps, if any, has the Minister taken in the matter referred to?

(4.) Is the Minister aware that during the past week one of the Pupil Teachers has been withdrawn by his parents from the Esk Bank Public School in consequence of the conduct of *Mr. M'Phee*?

(5.) Is the Minister aware that another Pupil Teacher, who has been removed to temporarily fill a vacancy caused by the illness of a Teacher, has objected to be sent back under *Mr. M'Phee*?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the 19th instant.

(2.) On the ground that many of the parents are dissatisfied with the rate of progress made by their children.

(3.) The District Inspector has been instructed to make full inquiry into the representations of the Petitioners, and to submit a report.

(4.) It is so alleged by the father of the Pupil Teacher referred to; but it is reported by the District Inspector that the reason assigned is not a true one. In that officer's opinion, the lad's father has made a convenience of the Department until he could obtain other employment for his son.

(5.) No intimation to that effect has reached this office. The Pupil Teacher referred to was not sent back to Esk Bank Public School.

(4.) Bridge to North Shore:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Mitchell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a Survey for a High-level Bridge to North Shore been made; if not, is it intended to cause one to be made during the recess?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No permanent survey has been made. An approximate section from a preliminary trial survey was made. The Government has no intention at present of making such a survey.

(5.)

(5.) Mr. Copeland, M.P.:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the resignation of Mr. Copeland, M.P., late Secretary for Public Works, been accepted by his Colleagues or His Excellency the Governor?
- (2.) If so, has that acceptance been notified by advertisement in the *Government Gazette*?
- (3.) Has the said Mr. Copeland yet resigned his seat as a Member of the Executive Council, and has such resignation been accepted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No, it is not usual to gazette such.
- (3.) Yes; the resignation has not yet been gazetted, but will be so shortly, with others of the late Ministry.

(6.) Forest Rangers:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Do the Government contemplate appointing any additional Forest Rangers; if so, how many; and how many applications have been received from persons seeking appointment?

Mr. Abbott answered—Yes; the number has not yet been decided, but probably about seven or eight; and there are sixty-nine applications.

(7.) Water Augers and Rock Drills:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have combined water-auger and rock-drilling machines been sent to Bourke, Girilambone, Grafton, Gunnedah, and Orange?
- (2.) Has the Municipal Council at Gulgong applied for one for use in that township?
- (3.) Has the Minister decided to send one for use at Gulgong?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) No; but water augers have been sent to Bourke, Girilambone, Grafton, and Gunnedah.
- (2.) Yes, and the Council has been informed on what terms one will be sent.
- (3.) Awaiting reply from the Council as to their acceptance of the terms named.

2. THE LICENSING ACT:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New South Wales, stating their opinion that the Licensing Act of 1881 has conferred great benefits on the Colony; and praying that no alteration may be made in the present hours for closing Public-houses, and that the clause allowing the sale of liquor to travellers on Sunday may be amended so as to extend the distance to fifteen miles.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the President, Arthur Renwick, B.A., M.D., on the State Children's Relief Department.
 - (2.) Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on Dredging Operations.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Prisoners under Sentence for Cattle-stealing, &c.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 6th April, 1883,—“Prisoners confined in Gaols.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 13th April, 1883,—“Police Magistrate, Rylstone.”
- Ordered to be printed.

4. CANCELLATION OF GRAHAMSTOWN AS A POLLING-PLACE FOR TUMUT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Mara moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a Petition praying that Grahamstown, in the Electorate of the Tumut, be cancelled as a polling-place; together with copies of all correspondence, reports, and other documents relating to the said Petition.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. THE CASE OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—Mr. Levien, 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 16th February, 1883; together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

7. MR. LAMONT YOUNG AND PARTY:—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order laid upon the Table of this House on 24th April, 1883, in reference to “Mr. Lamont Young,” be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on “Mr. Lamont Young and Party.”

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business.

9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report from the Committee of the Whole having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Point of Order:—Mr. A. G. Taylor called Mr. Speaker's attention to the amendment made in Committee to the latter part of clause 20,—

And no member of any club shall be entitled to be supplied with liquor in any club on a Sunday unless he be a *bona fide* traveller and has lodged in such club during the preceding night or at least five hundred miles distant from such club subject to a penalty of ten pounds.

And contended that such amendment was beyond the scope of the Bill and outside the order of leave as read in conjunction with the order of leave and title of the principal Act,—and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was neither beyond the scope of the Bill nor outside the order of leave.

Question.

Question then proposed, "That" the Report be now adopted.

Mr. A. G. Taylor 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 recommended for the reconsideration of clauses 13, 19, 20, and 24."

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,—

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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 there inserted.

Mr. Stuart moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the figures 13.

Question put, That the figures 13 proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Young,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Proctor.

Tellers,

Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Garrard.

Noes, 54.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Stephen,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. O'Mara,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. White,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. McLaughlin.
Dr. Ross,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by the omission of the figures 19.

Question put, That the figures 19 proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. See,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Fletcher.

Tellers,

Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Stephen.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. O'Mara,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. White,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by the omission of the figures 24, with a view to the insertion of the figures 30.

Question

Question put, That the figures 24 proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment.
The House divided.

Ayes 2.

Tellers,

Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland.

Noes 63.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. See,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Garvan,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Pigott,	Mr. White,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Cramsie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Barbour,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That the figures 30 proposed to be inserted in place of the figures 24 omitted, be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Stephen,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Pigott,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. See,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. White.
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Badgery.

Noes, 5.

Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Tighe.

Tellers,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Young.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the words (as amended) proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then put, That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 20 and 30,—
And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, 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. Stuart (*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 ten minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Main Road between Milton and Bateman's Bay:—*Mr. Tarrant*, for *Mr. Humphery*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount voted for maintenance of the Main Road between Milton and Bateman's Bay for the years 1881 and 1882?

(2.) The amount expended thereon during the same period?

(3.) Was the work performed by contract; and if so, were the contracts let privately or by public competition?

Mr. Stuart answered,—(1.) The Vote was taken for road Milton *via* Bateman's Bay to Moruya and Bodalla, and was for 1881, £1,875; 1882, £1,875.

(2.) The amount expended on that part of road Milton to Bateman's Bay, as near as can be ascertained in office, was £760 in the two years.

(3.) Some of the work was day work, the remainder task-work. A return of details will be furnished when obtained from local officer.

(2.) Railway Bridge over the Nepean River:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If he will give instructions to have a partition between the roadway and Railway over the Nepean Bridge at Penrith erected?*Mr. Stuart* answered,—This has been done without from the time of the erection of the Bridge; there is no recent reason why it should be erected.(3.) George Gander, Railway Porter:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was George Gander, Railway Porter, Orange, injured on the 14th February last, and lost one of his fingers while on duty?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Government have only offered him 13s. 7d. a week while laid up?

(3.) Will he say if it was a mistake in only offering the above sum; if not, will he state why Gander does not receive full pay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) George Gander is no doubt alluded to; he was injured in the way stated.

(2.) 13s. 7d. per week is the sum Gander has been allowed, which, with the amount he receives from the Benefit Society, equals four-fifths of his ordinary pay.

(3.) It is not a mistake. The usual allowance is half-pay; but if the person injured be a member of a Benefit Society the amount he receives from that Society is supplemented by the Department till the total remuneration amounts to four-fifths of his ordinary pay; the balance between Government allowance and half-pay is paid into the funds of the Society.

(4.) Water Supply for Public School at Manilla:—*Mr. Gill* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have tenders been accepted for guttering and piping leading to the tank at Public School, Manilla; and if so, what is the cause of the delay in proceeding with the work?

(2.) Is he aware that the water supply at that School is immediately required?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I have this day authorized the acceptance of a tender for the necessary work.

(2.) Yes.

(5.)

(5.) Bridge over Redbank Gully :—Mr. Gill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is being done with reference to a Bridge over Redbank Gully, near Attunga Springs?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Reports have been obtained, but no decision arrived at, as the work did not seem to be urgent.

(6.) Manilla Bridge :—Mr. Gill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the work commence in connection with the erection of the Manilla Bridge, and will the Minister urge its immediate construction?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A contract for the erection has just been let; preparation for work will be at once commenced, so as to be ready for the cylinders when they arrive.

(7.) Road from Borah Creek to Quirindi :—Mr. Gill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have a sum of money expended in putting into repair the new Road from Borah Creek to Quirindi?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Roads Department undertook to pay for fencing to permit of Road being opened; this has been done, and further inquiry as to the necessity for expenditure will now be made.

(8.) Railway from Homebush to Waratah :—Mr. Gill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Minister fixed the date next month upon which he will call for tenders for the Line of Railway, Homebush to Waratah?

(2.) Will tenders be called for the proposed three sections on the same date, to enable contractors to compete for the whole, so as to urge its early construction?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Tenders for the length from Homebush to the Hawkesbury have been invited, but the dates on which tenders will be invited for the remaining portion of the Line from Hawkesbury to Waratah have not been fixed.

(2.) The length from the Hawkesbury to Waratah it is proposed to let in two contracts, but tenders for both sections will not be invited on the same date.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report of the Committee of Inquiry into certain complaints touching the Management of the Sydney Hospital.
Ordered to be printed.

3. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Licensing Act of 1882.'*" 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 'Licensing Act of 1882,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1883.*

4. HENRY FORD'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES IN THE COUNTY OF ASHBURNHAM (*Formal Motion*) :—

Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, maps, minutes, and other documents having reference to the conditional purchase or purchases made by Henry Ford, No. 81-469, No. 81-29, and No. 82-269, of 7th September, 1882, in the county of Ashburnham; and also papers referring to the Q. Reserve, No. 1,728, of 7th September, 1882, which is claimed by Mr. Ford.

Question put and passed.

5. WOLLONGONG GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Proctor, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Proctor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Wollongong Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Wollongong.*"

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 Wollongong Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Wollongong,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1883.*

6. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law,*"—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, 26th April, 1883.*

7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 6 postponed, to follow after Order of the Day No. 3 of General Business.
8. **BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
9. **COHEN'S ESTATE BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
10. **SUBSIDIES FOR CONVEYANCE OF MAILS** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Young, discharged.

11. **SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, subject to the Imperial Government agreeing to continue to convey the Mails to San Francisco as heretofore, the contract between the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Company be extended for a period not exceeding two years from the expiry of the present contract in November next, at an annual subsidy not exceeding £50,000, of which the portion falling upon this Colony shall not exceed £18,750, and subject to the following conditions, viz :—

That it shall be optional for this Colony to withdraw from such extended contract at the end of twelve months, on giving three months previous notice, in the event of the Pacific Mail Company not having obtained from the United States Government, or from other sources, a contribution equal to one-third of the total annual subsidy for such extended contract, and in diminution of the subsidy.

That the Service shall be performed with the acceleration upon the present contract time of at least twenty-four hours on each voyage to and from Sydney and San Francisco during the first year, and during the second year at least forty-eight hours, subject to the same terms, conditions, premiums, and penalties as heretofore; with this exception—that the Company be relieved from keeping a fourth steamer, but that such shall not absolve them from the penalties for any failure.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—

(1.) That, subject to the Imperial Government agreeing to continue to convey the Mails to San Francisco as heretofore, the contract between the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Company be extended for a period not exceeding two years from the expiry of the present contract in November next, at an annual subsidy not exceeding £50,000, of which the portion falling upon this Colony shall not exceed £18,750, and subject to the following conditions, viz :—

That it shall be optional for this Colony to withdraw from such extended contract at the end of twelve months, on giving three months previous notice, in the event of the Pacific Mail Company not having obtained from the United States Government, or from other sources, a contribution equal to one-third of the total annual subsidy for such extended contract, and in diminution of the contribution payable by the contracting Colonies respectively.

That the Service shall be performed with the acceleration upon the present contract time of at least twenty-four hours on each voyage to and from Sydney and San Francisco during the first year, and during the second year at least forty-eight hours, subject to the same terms, conditions, premiums, and penalties as heretofore; with this exception—that the Company be relieved from keeping a fourth steamer, but that such shall not absolve them from the penalties for any failure.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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

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

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

14. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart 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. Stuart, 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. Stuart (*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 Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 APRIL, 1883.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Retired Judges Pensions Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Pensions payable to Retired Judges of the Supreme Court now in receipt of Pensions*,"—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 April, 1883.

(2.) Conditional Purchases Validation Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare valid Conditional Purchases made through Agents in certain cases*,"—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 April, 1883.

(3.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (No. 3):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to correct an erroneous date in the 213th section of the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879'*,"—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 April, 1883.

(4.) Ecclesiastical Procedure Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain Grants of Probates and Letters of Administration heretofore made and to amend the 'Equity and Banco Business Expediting Act (22 Victoria No. 14)' in certain particulars*,"—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 April, 1883.

(5.)

(5.) Heley's Estate Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable Edward Joseph Rubie and Thomas O'Connor the Trustees of the Will of the late Michael Heley and the duly appointed Committee of Albina Heley an insane patient and also the Trustees of a certain Indenture of Settlement dated the twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five to sell certain Lands and Hereditaments in the Schedules A and B hereto described and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale 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, 27th April, 1883.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway to Field of Mars Common:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Hutchinson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a survey to be made for a light Line of Railway from Sydney; via Balmain, Fivedock, the Iron Cove and Parramatta River Bridges, to Ryde and Field of Mars Common, as promised by a previous Minister?

Mr. Stuart answered,—If upon inquiry this is found to be more desirable than the Line of Tramway which has been spoken of for supplying the necessities of this district, then I will cause such survey to be made.

(2.) Railway from Culcairn to Corowa and to Germanton:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he during the recess cause a survey to be made of the proposed Line of Railway from Culcairn, or Gerogery, to Corowa?

(2.) Will he also cause a survey to be made of the proposed Line of Railway from Culcairn to Germanton?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand that this survey has been determined upon; if so, I will see that it is made as soon as Surveyors can be spared for the purpose.

(3.) Drain Pipes:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that all drain pipes used by the Works Department on the South and South-western Roads and Railways of the Colony are manufactured at Lithgow and carried over the western mountains to Granville, and from thence to Junee, Hay, Wagga, Albury, and such other places as they may be required, entailing a haulage of distances ranging from 300 to 600 miles?

(2.) Is it true that suitable drain pipes can be obtained in the neighbourhood of Albury at a less price, with the cost of haulage added, than the cost of those from Lithgow?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is not the case.

(2.) If drain pipes can be obtained at Albury at a cheaper rate than the Sydney contract price (cost of haulage included), they will be obtained at Albury, provision having been made in the contract for this purpose.

(4.) Telegrams from Narrabri to Narrabri Railway Station:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Postmaster General,—Will there be any objection to lower the charge of telegrams from Narrabri to the Railway Station at that place (as at other places) from one shilling to sixpence per ten words, the distance being about 2 miles?

Mr. Wright answered,—This matter will be taken into consideration during the recess.

(5.) Eulah Creek and Molly Public Schools:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When is it intended to commence the building of Eulah Creek and Molly Public Schools, a tender having been accepted for the former, but nothing done?

Mr. Reid answered,—Eulah Creek Public School:—The contractor having refused to sign the necessary contract agreement, fresh tenders will be invited at once. Molly Public School:—The plans and specifications will be completed at once, so that tenders for the new buildings can be invited next week.

(6.) Steel Rails:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of the contractors for the supply of 72,695 tons steel rails?

(2.) The price per ton?

(3.) Were tenders publicly called for the supply of these rails; if so, the names of the tenderers, and prices of each?

(4.) The dates of delivery, and penalty for non-fulfilment of contract?

(5.) Was a copy of specifications and conditions handed to each tenderer; if so, will he lay a copy of same upon the Table of this House?

(6.) What Lines are these rails required for, and are they subject to a test in the Colony?

(7.) Was any intimation given in the Colony of the intention of the Government to order these rails?

(8.) Were the Heads of the Department aware of the willingness of certain manufacturers to erect steel works in this Colony, if the Government had called for tenders for the supply of steel rails?

(9.) What is the date, price, and quantity of the first two consignments of imported steel rails?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Messrs. C. Cammell and Co.

(2.) £5 8s. per ton f.o.b. London.

(3.)

(3.) Tenders were invited from certain firms, whose names are on the Agent General's list. The Agent General has forwarded particulars of the four lowest tenders only, which are as under:—
1, Messrs. C. Cammell & Co., £5 8s.; 2, Bolehow, Vaughan, & Co., £5 12s. 3d.; 3, Rhymney Iron, &c., Co., £5 14s. 9d.; 4, Moss Bay Co., £5 17s. 6d.

(4.) 16,854 tons are to be delivered per annum. The particulars of the penalties (if any) to be paid for non-fulfilment have not yet been received from the Agent General.

(5.) I assume that this was the course followed. There will be no objection to lay a copy of this document upon the Table of the House when it has been received from the Agent General.

(6.) The rails are required for the following Extensions:—Homebush to Waratah, Sydney to Wollongong, Goulburn to Cooma, Orange to Forbes, Narrandera to Jerilderie, Cootamundra to Gundagai; they are not subject to a test in the Colony.

(7.) No, the indent was despatched in the ordinary course.

(8.) I understand they were not aware that this was the case.

(9.) The first consignment was 150 tons, in December, 1874, price £14 2s. per ton; the second consignment was 800 tons, in July, 1875, price £13 5s. 1d. per ton.

(7.) Inspectors of Mineral Leases:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision for the appointment of officers (with duties analogous to those of Inspectors of Conditional Purchases) to inspect periodically the lands leased for mining for gold and other minerals, and other mining tenements, with the view of enforcing the *bona fide* fulfilment of labour conditions and forfeiture in default of fulfilment?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No provision for the appointment of any such officers has been made up to the present time, and until such provision is made (however desirable such an appointment might be) the Government cannot make the same.

(8.) Public School at Wallalong:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the proposed new Public School at Wallalong, near Hinton?

Mr. Reid answered,—The plans and specifications will be proceeded with at once, so that tenders can be invited in about a fortnight from this date.

(9.) Bench of Magistrates, Newcastle:—Mr. Gorrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that since the appointment of one David Ludlow, of Newcastle, to the Commission of the Peace, other Magistrates will not sit on the Bench at Newcastle?

(2.) If such Magistrates object to sit on account of such appointment, will an inquiry be made into the circumstances, and steps taken to remedy the alleged inconveniences arising therefrom?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware of these circumstances. I have heard nothing either from the Honorable Member or from any other person in connection with them.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 25th April, 1883,—“Cancellation of Grahamstown as a Polling-place for Tumut.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the number of Free Libraries established under the Municipalities Act of 1867.

(2.) Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act as regards Fourth-class Schools.

(3.) Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act as regards Returns.

Ordered to be printed.

4. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Fisheries Act 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 the ‘Fisheries Act 1881,’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th April, 1883.

5. WORKING OF THE FISHERIES ACT OF 1881 (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fremlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “*Working of the Fisheries Act of 1881,*” brought up on the 21st April, 1883 a.m., be now adopted.
Question put and passed.

6. TIMBER RESERVES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The total acreage under Timber Reserves at 31st December last.

(2.) The total income received during the year 1882 from such Reserves for rent, royalty, and timber licenses.

(3.) The total cost during 1882 for Forest Rangers and managing the Timber Reserves.

(4.) The rent per section which the Pastoral Tenants pay for the Timber Reserves.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Trickett moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. FIRE BRIGADES BILL :—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House do now adjourn until Monday next at Four o'clock p.m.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at five minutes before Seven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 30 APRIL, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Secretary for Public Works to call for tenders in Australia, Europe, and America for the construction and erection of the proposed Railway Bridge over the River Hawkesbury; if so, will designs be accepted with the tenders, so that constructors of bridges may compete on equal terms?

(2.) Will the tenders be so separated that the foundries in the Colony may compete for casting the iron piers?

(3.) If competitive designs are received with the tenders, will they be submitted to the judgment of a Board, independent of Mr. John Fowler?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I am informed that there is no intention to invite tenders in England for the construction and erection of the Bridge over the Hawkesbury upon the design furnished by the Engineer-in-Chief.

(2.) No; I think the work will be let in one contract.

(3.) There is no intention to invite competitive designs for this Bridge.

(2.) Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What will be the diameter and length of the cylinders for the piers to the Railway Bridge to be erected over the Hawkesbury?

(2.) Will tenders be invited for these castings in the Colony?

(3.) When is it likely that invitations for tenders will be announced?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Diameter, 12 feet; length, 3,664 feet.

(2.) No.

(3.) I have before stated that it is not intended to invite tenders in this Colony.

(3.) Model Farms:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government during the recess take into consideration the advisableness of establishing Model Farms as Reformatories for Boys?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I can best answer this by repeating my reply to a similar question asked on the 6th March last:—"The Government has under consideration the whole question of Technical Education; and as the subject of Agriculture necessarily forms part of a complete system of Technical Education, the nature and extent of the assistance to be given thereto will have to be decided upon, but I am not prepared to state at present whether it will be of the nature named by the Honorable Member."

(4.) Public Baths at Hunter's Hill:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the site sanctioned for Public Baths at Hunter's Hill is immediately adjoining Alexandra-street Public Wharf, the principal landing place on the Lane Cove side of the Municipality?

(2.) Will the grant of £200 for the Baths at Hunter's Hill be withheld till the local inhabitants can have an opportunity of holding a meeting to express their opinion on the site selected?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No site has yet been granted for Public Baths at Hunter's Hill. The proposal to permit the erection of Baths was notified in the *Government Gazette* of the 17th instant, with a view to objections being lodged, and any received before the 17th proximo will be duly considered.

(5.)

(5.) **Royalty on Oysters**:—Mr. Merriman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that several oyster dealers in Sydney have paid (under protest) to the Customs royalty on oysters taken from the foreshores, which royalty is not legally payable under the Fisheries Act; if so, will he give instructions to have these moneys refunded?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Royalty has been paid in certain cases under protest, and the matter is now under consideration by the Commissioners.

(6.) **Alphonse Bechet**:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that a man named Bechet was tried some time ago at Darlinghurst, before Mr. Justice Windeyer, on a charge of arson?

(2.) Is it true that the prisoner was defended by Mr. Dalley, the present Attorney General?

(3.) Is it true that after a long and careful trial the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to seven years imprisonment?

(4.) Is it true that the Judge, before passing sentence, expressed his strong approval of the verdict?

(5.) Is it true that some time after a Petition was presented to the Governor in favour of Bechet, and praying for his release or for a mitigation of his sentence?

(6.) Is it true that the Petition in question was considered by the late Government, and that the conclusion arrived at was that there were no grounds for interfering in the course of justice, and that the sentence should stand?

(7.) Is it true that on the occasion referred to the Judge was appealed to, and that he sent in an elaborate and detailed report, in every way approving of the verdict, and demonstrating its justice?

(8.) In the face of all this, if true, is it the intention of the present Government to re-open this case?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1 to 5.) Yes.

(6.) The Petition in question was considered by the late Minister of Justice, and the conclusion he arrived at was that he saw no grounds for interfering.

(7.) I am informed that a report from the Judge was sent in. I have not yet seen it.

(8.) I desire to state that if the circumstances which have been mentioned to me by a Deputation can be substantiated, I will, as I promised them, investigate this case.

(7.) **Land for Church of England Purposes at Walgett**:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—In dedicating the land for Church of England purposes at Walgett, in certificate of title, lots 18 and 19, section 11,—Were the allotments for Parsonage adjoining thereto, 16 and 17, omitted; if so, will steps be taken to dedicate these omitted lots, and vest in the Trustees duly appointed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Allotment 18 of section 11, containing 3 roods 30 perches, at Walgett, was dedicated as a site for a Church of England Church; and allotment 17 of the same section, containing 1 rood 35 perches, as a Parsonage site. It appears that allotment 16 has been applied for as a site for a Mechanics Institute.

(8.) **Resumption of Land at Rushcutters Bay**:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Lands,—Do the Government contemplate taking any, and what, steps towards resuming for Recreation Purposes the low-lying land on the south side of the new South Head Road, Rushcutters Bay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter will receive the consideration of the Government during the Parliamentary recess.

(9.) **Grafton and Glen Innes, and Grafton and Tenterfield Railways**:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state if the surveys have been completed of the Grafton and Glen Innes, Grafton and Tenterfield Railways; if so, will he be prepared early next Session to submit for the approval of Parliament one of the above Lines?

(2.) When will the plans of the above Lines be completed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Surveys, I understand, have been completed.

(2.) Plans and specifications are in course of preparation; when completed, the matter will be considered.

2. **PAPER**:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th March, 1883,—“Land Offices at Narrabri, Walgett, and Coonabarabran.”
Ordered to be printed.

3. **ELECTRIC LIGHT AT REDFERN RAILWAY STATION (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The cost to the Department of the plant, *i.e.*, electric and motive power, and the price of each, used in connection with the electric light at Redfern Station.

(2.) The cost of fixing and arranging the same for use.

(3.) The expenditure incurred by either the Electric Telegraph Department or the Railway Department, or both, for labour or services in connection with the electric light at Redfern Station.

(4.) The names of the employes who have been or are now engaged in connection with the electric light at Redfern Station, and what amount has been paid to each for such service.

(5.) The cost of maintenance, *i.e.*, fuel, &c., since the electric light has been in use.

(6.) The length of time the electric light has been used at Redfern, and the number of lights used when it is in operation.

(7.) The number of times it became inoperative, or failed to produce light during the month of March last.

(8.) The saving the Department effected in the gas account since the electric light has been in use.

(9.) The total cost of the experiment.

Question put and passed.

4. SICK BENEFIT SOCIETIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all existing Sick Benefit Societies which at present are not paying sick dues; also, as far as can be ascertained, the names of Friendly Societies which have ceased to exist during the last ten years.
Question put and passed.
5. EXAMINATION OF SUBALTERNERS OF THE PERMANENT ARTILLERY FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor 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 letters, documents, correspondence, &c., connected with the examination of Subaltern Officers of the Permanent Artillery Force held in the years 1878 and 1880.
Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Tarrant moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. WOLLONGONG GAS-LIGHT 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 Wollongong Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Wollongong.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 30th April, 1883. President.
8. PAPERS:—
Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumption of Land for Public School Purposes at Bullanaming-street (Chippendale), Nemingha, and Pymont.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 20th April, 1883,—“The Case of George Bell.”
Ordered to be printed.

9. LICENSING 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 Licensing Act of 1882.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 30th April, 1883. President.

LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th April, 1883.*ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 15. Omit "twenty-four"
" 1, clause 1, line 15. Omit "thirty"
Page 2, clause 5, line 41. Omit "Licensing Act of 1882" insert "principal Act"
" 2, clause 5, line 46. Omit "Licensing" insert "principal"
" 3, clause 8, lines 1 and 2. Omit "before she has proceeded on her voyage or passage"
" 3, clause 8, line 2. Omit "the" insert "any"
" 3, clause 8, line 3. Omit "s" in "harbours"
" 3, clause 9. Omit clause 9.
" 3, clause 11, line 33. After "such" insert "first-mentioned"
" 3, clause 12. Omit clause 12.
Page 5, clause 18, lines 38 to 43. Omit "And a permit may be granted by the Licensing Court or
" by a Licensing Magistrate to the holder of a publican's license authorizing such holder
" for the period named in such permit to make and use an internal communication between
" his licensed house and the vestibule or entrance-hall of any adjoining premises occupied
" as a licensed theatre"
" clause 19, lines 47 and 48. Omit "being at least sixty miles from any other such licensed
" refreshment-rooms on the same line of Railway"
" clause 19, line 50. Before "shall" insert "such license and the holder thereof"
Page 6, clause 20, line 4. Omit "may" insert "shall"
" clause 20, line 6. After "Act" insert "and in place of the penalty provided by the
" principal Act for false representation the penalty shall be a penalty of not less than five
" pounds and not exceeding ten pounds"
" clause 20, line 9. After "is" insert "if in the County of Cumberland at least twenty
" miles and if in any other part of the Colony"
" clause 21, lines 16 and 17. Omit "as amended by this Act"
" 6, clause 21, lines 18 and 19. Omit "unless such person" insert "but if such holder elect
" to supply liquor then the person requiring the same"
" 6, clause 21, line 19. After "address" insert "and place of lodging during the preceding
" night"

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- Page 6, clause 21, line 21. *After* "address" *insert* "and place of lodging during the preceding
"night"
- " 6, clause 21, line 22. *After* "address" *insert* "and place of lodging during the preceding
"night"
- " 6, clause 21, line 22. *After* "penalty" *insert* "of"
- " 6, clause 21, line 23. *Omit* "exceeding" *insert* "less than"
- " 6, clause 21. At end of clause *add* "and not exceeding ten pounds"
- " 6, clause 22, line 25. *Omit* "as amended by this Act"
- " 6, clause 23, line 41. *After* "liquor" *insert* "and any holder of a brewer's license who
"shall sell less than two reputed gallons of the same kind of such liquor at any one time
"shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds"
- " 6, clause 24, line 48. *Omit* "second" *insert* "third"
- " 6, clause 24, line 50. *After* "within" *omit* "the"
- " 6, clause 24, line 51. *Omit* "next preceding"
- Page 7, clause 26, line 2. *Omit* "fifty-one"
- " 7, clause 26, line 3. *Omit* "thirteen" *insert* "seventeen"
- Page 8, clause 30. *After* clause 30 *insert* the following new clause:—

Licensee may
sell absconders
goods.

31. If any guest or lodger shall leave any inn or hotel without first paying a reasonable sum for his accommodation the licensee of such inn or hotel may after the expiration of three months from the date of such guest or lodger absconding having first given seven days notice by an advertisement in some newspaper circulating in the district proceed to sell by public auction all goods chattels and effects as may have been left in the custody of such licensee by such guest or lodger and any excess that may be realized over and above the amount of such indebtedness and expenses shall be retained by such licensee for a further period of three months in trust for such guest or lodger and if such surplus be not then claimed by such guest or lodger then such surplus shall be handed over to the hospital situate nearest to such inn or hotel for the use of such hospital.

Page 8, clause 31, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "Amendment Act" *insert* "of"

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
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. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 1 MAY, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended one of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 MAY, 1883.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Footpath leading to Railway Station, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to my previous question and answer thereto,—Will he give immediate instructions for the repair of footpath from Church-street, leading to Railway Station, Parramatta?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Engineer reports that he was at Parramatta within the last few days, and examined the footpath referred to. It is not, he states, in want of repair.

- (2.) Bridge over Railway, Harris Park, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will instructions be given for the erection of a Bridge over the cutting, Harris Park, Parramatta, as previously promised; and will he call for a report as to the advisableness of having a platform erected at or near the same place for the convenience of a large number of Railway travellers?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I cannot discover that any promise was made by the Government to erect a Bridge over the Railway at this place; but inquiry has been made, and it would seem that if those interested would consent to the closing of the level crossing at Marion-street, a Bridge might be substituted at the cutting with advantage to the public. The question of a platform at this place has already been considered. Inquiry shows that it is quite unnecessary.

- (3.) New South Wales Artillery Force:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was an examination of Lieutenants of the New South Wales Artillery, for the purpose of qualifying for rank of Captain, held in October, 1880, by order of the Commander-in-Chief; and was such examination carried out in strict accordance with the regulations of the Imperial Service?

(2.) Who were the Examiners, by whom were they appointed, and what was their report?

(3.) Has the report been adopted or acted on; and if not, why not?

(4.) Were the Examiners of opinion that the papers set, and the answers given, were quite equal to those given in former examinations; and have they urged that, in justice to those who passed the examination, it ought to hold good?

(5.) Will he give the names of the officers who passed the examination, and those who failed?

(6.) Have any of these officers since applied for a Captaincy; who recommended them, and on what grounds were they recommended?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) An examination of the Lieutenants was made in October, 1880, and it was, so far as applicable, on the basis of the regulations of the Imperial Service.

(2 to 6.) The explanations are too long to be contained in an answer to questions; and as the subject is at present being dealt with by the Government, I hope that the Honorable Member will wait the result before moving further in the matter.

- (4.) Refreshment Rooms at Werris Creek Railway Station:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely tenders will be called, or is it intended to call for such, for Accommodation and Refreshment Rooms at Werris Creek Railway Station, Great Northern and North-western Line?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Tenders will be invited within about one month from this date.

(5.)

- (5.) New South Wales Artillery Force :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Slattery*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did the officer commanding the New South Wales Artillery report upon the fitness of the officers for promotion; and if so, has he any objection to lay the report upon the Table of this House?
 - (2.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the Confidential Reports from the officers commanding the New South Wales Artillery, from September, 1880, to the present date?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—As this matter is being dealt with by the Government, and it would be inconvenient in respect to such dealing that these papers be laid upon the Table, I hope that the Honorable Member will see fit not to move further in this matter at present.
- (6.) Tramway from Parramatta-street to Circular Quay :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to construct a Tramway Line from Circular Quay along Kent, Liverpool, and Sussex Streets, *via* Hay-street, to Parramatta-street; if so, when is it likely that the work will be commenced?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—This question, with others connected with the improvement of communication to and from the Circular Quay, will be considered.
- (7.) Suppression of Larrikinism :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take into consideration during the recess the most effectual mode of suppressing larrikinism and juvenile prostitution?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—The Criminal Law Consolidation Act will, it is hoped, enable the Magistrates to deal with these matters more effectually than heretofore.
- (8.) Municipal Assessment :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government during the recess consider the advisableness of introducing a clause into a new Local or Municipal Bill empowering all Municipalities (as is the case in the Sydney Corporation Act, 1879) to assess and levy rates on all public buildings and lands?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—The Government during the recess will, it is hoped, consider the whole question of Local Government.
- (9.) *Mr. Henry Halloran* :—*Mr. Poole*, for *Mr. Combes*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has any further correspondence taken place between *Mr. Halloran* and the Department of Mines respecting land taken from *Mr. Halloran* on the Parramatta Road?
 - (2.) Will he cause a copy of such correspondence to be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Abbott* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) A copy will be laid upon the Table of the House without delay.
- (10.) Northern Coast Railway :—*Mr. Wisdom*, for *Mr. H. H. Brown*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any reports been received from the gentlemen sent out to inquire as to the best route for the Northern Coast Railway beyond Maitland; if so, is it intended to have trial surveys made, and when?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—Reports have been received, and the Surveyor has been instructed to survey the Line.
- (11.) Abolition of Public School Fees :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it his intention during the recess to frame a brief measure seeking Parliamentary sanction for the abolition of Fees in Public Schools, as approved of by the Assembly on *Mr. Teece's* motion?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—The subject alluded to will not be lost sight of.
- (12.) Postal Communication with Electorate of Mudgee :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Does the mail-coach leave Mudgee every Saturday for Capertee?
 - (2.) Is a mail made up on that day for conveyance by the coach in question; if not, will he consider the desirableness of making arrangements for having a mailbag conveyed by the coach every Saturday, so as to afford increased postal convenience to the residents of Brumbie, Apple-tree Flat, Cudgegong, Ilford, Round Swamp, Capertee, and Wallerawang, who now receive no mail from Mudgee between Friday and Monday?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, but not under contract.
 - (2.) No; but there will be no objection to do so if reasonable terms can be made with the contractors.
- (13.) Railway Station at Mother-of-Ducks :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Proctor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect Railway Station Buildings at the Mother-of-Ducks, near Armidale, on the Great Northern Railway; if so, when will tenders be called for the contract?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—Yes; instructions have been given for the preparation of the drawings and specification, and tenders will be invited as early as practicable.
2. LICENSING [ACT AMENDMENT] BILL OF 1883 :—Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Stuart*, 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 30th April, 1883, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Licensing Act Amendment Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 1, line 15, which omits the word "twenty-four."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1, line 15, which omits the word "thirty,"—because this is consequent upon the reinstatement by the Legislative Assembly of clauses 9 and 12 of the Bill.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 5 and 8.

Disagrees to the amendment which proposes to omit clause 9,—because in such parts of the interior as are contemplated by this clause it is believed that the public convenience does not require sleeping-rooms of a larger capacity than 600 cubic feet of space, and that it would be imposing an unnecessary expenditure and hardship upon a large number of licensees living in such parts, as well as upon those who may hereafter desire to establish inns there, to compel them to erect their premises up to the standard prescribed by the Council's amendments.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 11.

Disagrees to the amendment which proposes to omit clause 12,—because this is consequential on the reinsertion of clause 9,—but proposes to amend the clause by omitting in line 37 the word "eighth" and inserting the word "ninth" as consequential.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 18, 19, and 20.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 21, with the exception of those in lines 22 and 23 dealing with the penalty, to which the Assembly disagrees,—because it is considered that the offence is not of sufficient gravity to require a greater penalty than that imposed by the Assembly.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 22 and 23.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 24, line 48, which omits the word "second," and inserts the word "third,"—because section 73 of the principal Act deals with the disqualification of licensees or licensed premises, and section 72 with the cancellation of licenses, and as this clause legislates with reference to the cancellation of licenses the latter and not the former section is affected by its provisions.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 24, lines 50 and 51.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 26, line 2, which omits the words "fifty-one,"—because the offence is not considered of such a grave character as to justify a conviction for it reckoning amongst the offences which involve so serious a result as the cancellation of a license or disqualification of a licensee.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 26, line 3.

Agrees to the amendment which inserts new clause 31, but proposes to amend it, in line 1, by omitting the words "inn or hotel," and inserting the words "licensed premises"; in line 2, by omitting the words "inn or hotel" and inserting the words "licensed premises"; and by inserting after the word "may" the words "with the consent of a Licensing Magistrate and upon such Magistrate being satisfied by affidavit or statutory declaration of the amount of debt"; in line 3, by omitting the word "seven" and inserting the word "fourteen"; in line 4, by inserting after the word "the" the word "police," and after the word "district" the words "within which such licensed premises are situated"; in line 7, by omitting all the words after the word "be" to the end of clause, and inserting the words "paid over to the Consolidated Revenue Fund in trust for such person or persons as may thereafter be proved to the satisfaction of the Colonial Treasurer to be entitled thereto,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 31.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1883.*

3. NORTH COAST RAILWAY:—Mr. Wisdom presented a Petition from Residents of the Districts surrounding Seaham and Clarence Town, praying that the proposed North Coast Railway junction the Great North Line at Morpeth, and from thence be conducted *via* Seaham and Clarence Town. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. WOLLONGONG GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 40.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Wollongong Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Wollongong,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 1st May, 1883.*

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th December, 1881,—“Mr. J. Stocks, J.P.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address adopted on 30th March, 1883,—“Warder Lees.”

(2.) Depositions and Correspondence in the case *Leary v. Page*.

(3.) Letters of Registration of Inventions for 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 26th April, 1883,—“ Henry Ford’s Conditional Purchases in the County of Ashburnham.”

(2.) Tracing showing the Reservations of Water Frontage at North Shore, between Bradley’s Head and Lane Cove River, the alienations that have taken place out of the original Reservations, and the land now applied for and in course of action.

(3.) Report by the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, M.L.C., as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hyde, Phillip, and Cook Parks, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

6. CONVENIENCES FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of whatever reports, or portions of reports, relating to the structural conveniences for religious instruction existing in our Public School Buildings which may have been furnished to the Department of Public Instruction by the Inspectors or other officers of the Department since the latter came under the care of a responsible Minister.

Question put and passed.

7. BOARD OF HEALTH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the attendance of the individual members of the Board of Health, together with the subjects considered by the Board and recorded in the Minute Book, such Return to refer to the year 1882 and up to the date of this order.

Question put and passed.

8. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN:—Mr. McLaughlin moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a free pass on the Government “ Railways ” should be issued to any child to travel to and from any School in the same manner as it is now issued to a child attending a Public School, and that such pass should not entitle the holder thereof to travel a greater distance than that between the residence of such child’s parents or guardians and the nearest Public School.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word “ Railways ” of the words “ Tramways and Public Ferrics.”

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

Debate continued.

And the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Buchanan, having been repeatedly ruled out of order by Mr. Speaker as transgressing the rules of Debate, and continuing, notwithstanding repeated cautions, to disregard Mr. Speaker’s ruling,—

Mr. Speaker named Mr. Buchanan as having wilfully disregarded the authority of the Chair.

Whereupon Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Buchanan, is guilty of contempt in wilfully disobeying the ruling of the Chair.

And Mr. Buchanan having been heard in his place, and expressed regret for the course he had pursued, and having also apologized to the House therefor,—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. O’Connor,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Butcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Loughnan,	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. O’Mara.
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. Day,	

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. See,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Cass.
Mr. Abigail,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Purves.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put,—

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Mr. Reid,	Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Pigott,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. W. K. Campbell,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Day,	Mr. Burns,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Holtermann.	Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Loughnan,		Mr. Harris,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Slattery.	Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Garvan,		Mr. Cass,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. McLaughlin,		Mr. Fremlin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Spring,		Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Copeland,		Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Poolc,
Mr. O'Mara,		Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Tarrant.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Licensing Bill of 1883:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 1st May, 1883, in reference to the Licensing Act Amendment Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the amendments made by the Assembly in proposed new clause 31 of the Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1883.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act 1881,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1883.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 1st May, 1883.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2. *Omit* clause 2 *insert* the following new clause:—

"2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act the Justices shall not order any unlawful nets used by or found in the possession of any person convicted under the eleventh, twelfth or thirteenth sections of the principal Act to be forfeited to Her Majesty unless such person has been previously convicted of using an unlawful net within the meaning of any of the said cited sections."

Amendment of sections 11, 12, and 13 of principal Act.

Page 2, clause 3, line 5. *Omit* "wherein" *insert* "containing"

"2, clause 3, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* "are or shall be found" *insert* "Provided always that nothing in this section contained shall render any person who takes oysters from the shore above low-water mark for his own consumption and not for the purpose of sale liable to the penalty provided by section thirty-nine of the principal Act. Provided also that the existence of any natural oyster-bed lying above low-water mark which may be included within any area applied for to be leased under section twenty-eight of the principal Act shall not prevent the inclusion of such oyster-bed within the lease if the Commissioners recommend its inclusion in the lease"

"2, clause 4, line 7. *Before* "Leases" *insert* "Notwithstanding anything in the principal or this Act contained"

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
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. 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 Mr. Dibbs, the Report was adopted.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act 1881.'"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1883.*

10. PAPER:—MR. DIBBS laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made 6th April, 1883— The Financial Statement." Ordered to be printed.

11. MR. EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Fletcher, "That" this House having taken into its "careful consideration the Petition of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, which was presented on the 1st March last, is of opinion that the Resolution agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 8th November, 1881, censuring the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker, by alleging that he had been "guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, should be rescinded, and it is hereby "rescinded."

Upon which Mr. Garvan 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 "a Select Committee "be chosen by ballot, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report "whether the action of Ezekiel Alexander Baker in connection with the Milburn Creek Copper- "mining Company, either previous to the compensation money being voted by Parliament or after- "wards, in the application of that money was guilty of conduct so unworthy a Member of this "House, and so derogatory to the honour and dignity of Parliament, as to justify the action of the "Legislative Assembly in expelling him,"—

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

Original Question then put,—That this House having taken into its careful consideration the Petition of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, which was presented on the 1st March last, is of opinion that the Resolution agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 8th November, 1881, censuring the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker, by alleging that he had been guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, should be rescinded, and it is hereby rescinded.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Buchannan,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Teece,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Copeland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Fletcher,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Cass.
Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Olliffe,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. PAPER:—MR. FARNELL laid upon the Table,—Report of Inquiry into the State of the Public Lands, and the Operation of the Land Laws,— And moved, That the document be printed. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1883, A.M.

Question,—That the document be printed,—put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—MR. STUART informed the House that it was the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue Parliament to-morrow,—and (*by consent*) moved, That this House do now adjourn until Eleven o'clock to-morrow. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until *Eleven o'clock* a.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1883.

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

QUESTION:—

(1.) Temporary Draftsmen:—Mr. Tarrant asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause, without further delay, the temporary Draftsmen engaged to assist Messrs. Rankin and Morris in the inquiry into the management of the Land Laws of the Country to be paid for their services rendered in January last?

Mr. Farnell answered,—As soon as the Appropriation Act passes these gentlemen will be paid.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting the removal of Messieurs James Dalton, Patrick Burke, and Michael Casey from the Commission of the Peace.

(2.) Notification of Lands resumed under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act,—

(a.) For supply of Water to the City of Goulburn.

(b.) For Improvements to Harbour of Lake Macquarie.

(c.) For supply of Water to City of Sydney and its Suburbs.

(d.) For building of General Post Office, Sydney.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 9th March, 1883,—“Trial Survey for Railway between Armidale and Trial Bay.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. RAILWAY TRIAL SURVEY FROM FORBES TO MURRUMBURRAH LOOP-LINE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery, for Mr. Lynch, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, and reports addressed to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways by Mr. Surveyor George W. Townsend, having reference to the trial survey made by him from the town of Forbes, passing near Eugowra, Goolagong, and Canowindra, to a point at the proposed Blayney-Murrumburrah Loop-line.

Question put and passed.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and delivered the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Her Majesty's faithful subjects in this Colony have, by their Representatives, granted to Her Majesty the Supplies for the current year, and for the Services of former years not previously provided for. They have, in like manner, voted a sum of money to be raised by loan for the purpose of effecting certain Public Works. I have now the honor to present to Your Excellency for the Royal Assent two Bills passed to embody these Votes, and intitled respectively,—

An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1883, and for the year 1882 and previous years.

An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker also presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent,—

An Act to amend the Licensing Act of 1882.

An Act to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS :—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills presented by Mr. Speaker, viz. :—

(1.) "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1883 and for the Year 1882 and previous years.*"

(2.) "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other Purposes.*"

(3.) "*An Act to amend the 'Licensing Act of 1882.'*"

(4.) "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act 1881.'*"

6. PROROGATION :—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech :—

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

I am gratified to be enabled to release you from further attendance in the discharge of your Parliamentary duties, which have been prolonged, in the discussion and settlement of very important questions of public policy, to a later period than was anticipated at the commencement of the Session.

2. It is a subject of congratulation that you have been enabled to pass into law a number of measures which cannot fail to prove beneficial to the Country.

3. The Act to provide for the inscription of our Public Loans, which was adopted, after much serious consideration of all its important provisions, has, I have reason to believe, been regarded with unqualified satisfaction, not only by the leading monetary authorities in England, but by all who are interested in our public securities. The necessary arrangements for carrying the Act into operation have already been made.

4. The comprehensive measure for the amendment and consolidation of the Criminal Law, which has engaged the attention of several Parliaments, has been finally passed. It may reasonably be hoped that the great expectations which have been formed, by those who have so long looked forward to its enactment, and who are the best qualified to judge of the public advantages to be derived from it, will be fully realized.

5. The Acts for increasing the salaries and retiring allowances of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and for augmenting the salaries of and providing for the first time for pensions to the Judges of the District Courts, were rendered necessary by the great difficulty experienced in obtaining the most highly qualified persons at the former rate of remuneration. This difficulty has been effectually removed by the liberal provisions of these measures.

6. The Act passed to arrest the widely and rapidly spreading injuries from the Rabbit Pest could not have been postponed without serious and permanent injury to the Country. No time has been lost in applying its provisions to the removal of an evil requiring immediate and energetic repression, and the dangers of which it was impossible to over-estimate.

7. The Act amending the Licensing Act of 1882 will, it is to be hoped, have the effect of removing certain harsh and oppressive restrictions, and of facilitating the administration of the law without in any way interfering with the beneficial operation of the Principal Act.

8. The maintenance of the existing line of Postal Communication by way of the United States has been extended by the Government of this Colony, in conjunction with that of New Zealand, under the altered conditions of a reduced subsidy and an accelerated speed, for a further period of two years, with the option on the part of the Colony of withdrawing from the contract, under certain circumstances, at the end of twelve months. Although, owing to the attractiveness of the Country as a great field of colonization, the support from the public revenue of lines of ocean steamers has almost ceased to be necessary, it was not deemed desirable that the existing arrangement should be abruptly terminated.

9. It affords me much pleasure to inform you that the Revenue continues in a satisfactory state. That portion of our income derived from taxation, as well as that received for services rendered, is in a condition to warrant the belief that the estimate of the Colonial Treasurer for the year 1883 will be more than realized.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

10. In thanking you for the liberal provision which you have made for the maintenance of the various Branches of the Public Service, you may rely upon the careful regulation of the expenditure in securing a strict efficiency in the Departments of Government.

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

11. The negotiations with the Imperial Government for securing to the Country the great advantage of making our Capital the principal Naval Station in these seas have resulted in the attainment of that important object. The correspondence by means of which this has been effected has been already placed before you, and further information on the same subject will be laid before you at the opening of the next Session of Parliament.

12. The construction of the various lines of Railway which have been sanctioned is progressing without any delay. It is a matter of great public interest that the connection between our Colony and Victoria, crossing the river Murray by a temporary bridge, is completed; while more than 200 miles of new Railway Contracts have been entered into for lines from Sydney towards

towards Wollongong, Murrumburrah to Young, and Goulburn towards Cooma, and also for the lines from Glen Innes to Tenterfield, and Narrandera to Jerilderie. The tenders for the first section of the Homebush to Waratah line, which is designed for the connection of our Northern with our Southern and Western Railway systems, will be received in a few days. The numerous public works in connection with the Water Supply for Sydney and Country Towns and for tanks and wells in the interior are being rapidly proceeded with; and, to meet the increasing necessities of Dock accommodation in the port of Sydney, the work in connection with the new Graving Dock at Bilocla Island has been commenced.

13. There has been a falling off in the number of conditional purchases of land this year, in comparison with the corresponding period of 1882, a diminution which may be readily accounted for by the anticipated change in the Land Laws, which it is expected will give much greater facilities for *bona fide* settlement. It is gratifying to find that, notwithstanding the almost total suspension of the sale by auction of country land, and the stoppage of the selection of that class of land, under the provisions of the 25th section of the Lands Acts Further Amendment Act of 1880, there is a fair prospect of the realization of the estimated land revenue for the current year.

14. In releasing you from your arduous and protracted labours, I humbly pray that the blessing of Providence may be extended over your private employments.

15. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 12th of June.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1883.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mort's Bay Improvement Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cameron, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
 2. Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
 3. Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill ; second reading.
 4. Rights of Attorneys Extension Bill ; second reading.
 5. Blandford Proprietary School Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 6. Cohen's Estate Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT, DURING THE SESSION OF 1883.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, The Hon. Joseph Palmer, Esq.	22	75	.....	97
Abigail, Francis, Esq.	14	59	.....	73
Allen, Sir George Wigram, Knt.	2	2	.....	4
Badgery, Henry Septimus, Esq.	18	9	.....	27
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	17	71	1	89
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barton, Russell, Esq.	4	31	.....	35
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	6	12	.....	18
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	10	42	.....	52
Buchanan, David, Esq.,... ..	11	17	.....	28
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	25	62	1	88
Butcher, Robert, Esq.	11	34	.....	45
Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	22	.....	.....	22
Campbell, George, Esq.	17	53	.....	70
Campbell, William Robert, Esq.	18	38	.....	56
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	19	47	.....	66
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	16	51	.....	67
Clarke, William, Esq.	9	36	.....	45
Cohen, The Hon. Henry Emanuel, Esq.	25	79	1	105
Combes, Edward, Esq., C.M.G.	4	11	.....	15
Coonan, Walter Thomas, Esq.	17	40	.....	57
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	22	57	1	80
Cramsie, John, Esq.	5	13	.....	18
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	17	57	.....	74
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	7	5	.....	12
Day, George, Esq.	20	53	1	74
De Salis, George Fane, Esq.	9	47	.....	56
Dibbs, The Hon. George Richard, Esq.	27	78	1	106
Ellis, James Coles, Esq.	4	12	.....	16
Farnell, The Hon. James Squire, Esq.	28	84	1	113
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	3	16	.....	19
Fergusson, William John, Esq.	16	53	.....	69
Fletcher, James, Esq.	20	35	.....	55
Fremlin, Alfred Reginald, Esq.	11	38	.....	49
Gannon, John Thomas, Esq.	5	24	.....	29
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	17	51	1	69
Garrett, Thomas, Esq.	17	18	1	36
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	20	58	.....	78
Gibbes, Frederick Jamison, Esq.	10	15	.....	25
Gill, John, Esq.	9	28	.....	37
Gorrick, Joseph Albert, Esq.	3	12	.....	15
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	3	24	.....	27
Gray, Samuel William, Esq.	10	34	1	45
Griffiths, George Neville, Esq.	24	85	.....	109
Harris, John, Esq.	8	29	.....	37
Hellyer, Thomas Henry, Esq.	6	28	.....	34
Heydon, Louis Francis, Esq.	11	22	.....	33
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	19	44	.....	63
Holtermann, Bernard Otto, Esq.	20	65	.....	85
Humphery, Frederick Thomas, Esq.	22	65	.....	87
Hutchinson, William Alston, Esq.	8	31	.....	39
Jennings, The Hon. Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G.	11	59	.....	70
Jones, Aubur George, Esq.	9	11	.....	20
Lackey, John, Esq.	15	18	1	34
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	14	28	.....	42
Levin, Leyser, Esq.	10	27	.....	37
Loughnan, George Cumberlege, Esq.	5	8	.....	13
Lynch, Andrew, Esq.	14	27	.....	41
Lyne, William John, Esq.	17	66	.....	83
Machattie, Richard Randolph, Esq.	10	16	.....	26

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	11	35	.....	46
McCourt, William, Esq.	5	40	.....	45
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	13	38	.....	51
McElhone, John, Esq.	12	20	.....	32
McLaughlin, John, Esq.	19	37	.....	56
McQuade, Henry Michael Hale, Esq.	15	44	.....	59
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	23	77	1	101
Merriman, George, Esq.	28	67	.....	95
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq.	17	46	1	64
Moses, Henry, Esq.	8	23	.....	31
Murray, Richard Lennon, Esq.	19	41	.....	60
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	22	63	.....	85
Olliffe, Joseph Benjamin, Esq.	22	59	.....	81
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq.	17	40	.....	57
Parkes, Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	12	41	.....	53
Pigott, William Hilson, Esq.	17	51	.....	68
Poole, William Thomas, Esq.	21	60	.....	81
Proctor, William Consett, Esq.	19	71	.....	90
Purves, John Mitchell, Esq.	16	37	.....	53
Quin, Edward, Esq.	11	16	.....	27
Reid, The Hon. George Houstoun, Esq.	26	71	.....	97
Roberts, Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	16	47	.....	63
Robertson, Sir John, K.C.M.G.	14	49	.....	63
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	11	26	1	38
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	3	23	.....	26
See, John, Esq.	17	53	.....	70
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	18	54	1	73
Smith, Bruce, Esq.	12	46	.....	58
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	12	53	.....	65
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	24	52	.....	76
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq.	6	10	.....	16
Spring, Gerald, Esq.	19	72	.....	91
Stephen, Septimus Alfred, Esq.	10	38	.....	48
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	19	29	1	49
Stuart, The Hon. Alexander, Esq.	26	77	1	104
Sutherland, John, Esq.	16	53	.....	69
Suttor, Francis Bathurst, Esq.	7	29	.....	36
Targett, Walter Scott, Esq.	12	45	.....	57
Tarrant, Harman John, Esq.	9	32	.....	41
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq.	26	74	.....	100
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	19	52	1	72
Teece, William, junr., Esq.	20	52	.....	72
Tighe, Atkinson Alfred Patrick, Esq.	16	66	.....	82
Tooth, Robert Lucas, Esq.	1	2	.....	3
Trickett, William Joseph, Esq.	18	64	1	83
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	16	34	.....	50
White, Robert Hoddle Driberg, Esq.	15	32	.....	47
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	5	24	.....	29
Wilson, Alexander, Esq.	15	49	.....	64
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	13	37	.....	50
Withers, George, Esq.	14	43	.....	57
Wright, The Hon. Francis Augustus, Esq.	24	77	101
Young, James Henry, Esq.	22	59	81

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1883.

1. New Writs issued											11
2. Select Committees :—											
On Public Matters	5										
On Private Bills	11										
											16
3. Standing Committees											4
4. Public Bills :—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent	16										
Assented to in Legislative Council Chamber	4										
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	15										
											35
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent	2										
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	0										
											2
											37
5. Private Bills :—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent	7										
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	4										
											11
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent	1										
Assent not reported to the House	0										
											1
											12
6. Petitions received :—											
Printed	154										
Not printed	11										
											165
7. Divisions :—											
In the House	20										
In Committee of the Whole	89										
											118
8. Sittings :—											
Days of Meeting											59
Hours of Sitting											419 h. 1 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight											40 h. 14 m.
Daily Average											7 h. 6 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—											
Before commencement of Business	0										
After commencement of Business	1										
											1
											59
9. Votes and Proceedings											
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—											
Of Business done	703										
Of Notices of Motion	899										
Of Orders of the Day	689										
Of Questions	1,429										
Of Contingent Notices	15										
											3,735
Daily Average											63
10. Contingent Notices											11
Entries in Contingent Notice Paper											55
11. Orders for Papers											70
12. Addresses for Papers											9
13. Other Addresses											3
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—											
By Message	14										
By Command	149										
By Speaker	3										
In Return to Orders	55										
In Return to Addresses	16										
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	14										
											251
Ordered to be printed	249										
Not ordered to be printed	2										
											251

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 2 May, 1883.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

