

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION.**—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of July, 1885.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

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

"WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of July instant: Now I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the eighth day of September now next ensuing; and I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of Business on the aforesaid eighth day of September next, at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"ALEX. STUART.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. **ELECTORATE OF ARGYLE.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of a Resolution during the late Session, declaring the Seat of John Thomas Gannon, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Argyle, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Gannon; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the Election of Sir Henry Parkes. Sir Henry Parkes then having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for Argyle.
3. **ELECTORATE OF ST. LEONARDS.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess, Beedard Otto Holtermann, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of St. Leonards, had died; and that, in accordance with the direction of the 17th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Bernard Otto Holtermann, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Isaac Ellis Ives, Esquire. Mr. Ives then, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for St. Leonards.
4. **ELECTORATE OF CANTERBURY.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess he had received a letter from Henry Moses, Esquire, resigning his Seat as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Canterbury, and that thereupon, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Henry Moses, Esquire.

5. **VACANT SEAT**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received, on the 5th instant, a letter from John Lackey, Esquire, dated the 30th August, resigning his Seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.
Whereupon Sir Alexander Stuart moved, that the Seat of John Lackey, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Lackey, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
6. **AUSTRALIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that during the recess he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No 1.*
Governor.
A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Government discipline payment and maintenance of the Australian Contingent engaged and despatched for service with Her Majesty's Regular Troops in Egypt and for the indemnification of all persons employed or concerned in the engagement and despatch of such Contingent and for the validation of all acts done and payments made in connection therewith in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament,*"—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 March, 1885.
7. **PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN COURTS OF LAW**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess the Clerk received subpoenas to appear—
At the Police Court, Bathurst, to produce the Writ for the Election of a Member for Carcoar in a case of Personating a Voter;
At the Supreme Court, Sydney, to produce the Abstract of Census Returns for the year 1881 in the actions for Ejectment, *T. F. De Courcy Browne v. Thomas Walker, and F. J. Briscoe v. Thomas Walker*;
And that he had authorized the Clerk to attend and produce the said documents, which he did accordingly.
8. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered the following Message:—
"MR. SPEAKER,
"It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber."
The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Sir Alexander Stuart, at Fifteen minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

9. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony for the year 1884, together with the Auditor General's report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the 38th section of the Audit Act.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Alexander Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Blue Book for 1884.
- (2.) Statistical Register for 1884—Parts I, II, and III.
- (3.) Correspondence relating to the Bill for the constitution of a Federal Council of Australasia.
- (4.) Correspondence respecting the further employment of the Soudan Expedition Contingent in India or elsewhere.
- (5.) Correspondence respecting the return of the Soudan Expedition Contingent.
- (6.) Report of the Inspector General of the Insane for 1884.
- (7.) Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.
- (8.) Report of the President of the State Children's Relief Department for year ended 5th April, 1885.
- (9.) Returns under Real Property Act for 1884.
- (10.) Live Stock and Agriculture Returns for 1884.
- (11.) Further Returns to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Steamships “Chimborazo,” “Gulf of Mexico,” “Bombay,” and “Aberdeen.”
- (12.) Return (*in part*) to an order made on 21st October, 1884,—“Officers temporarily employed in the Public Service.”
- (13.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
- (14.) By-laws—Borough of Newcastle—under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
- (15.) Amended Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
- (16.) Amended By-laws—Sydney Hospital.
- (17.) By-laws—Municipal District of Concord.
- (18.) By-laws—Municipal District of Nowra.
- (19.) By-laws—Municipal District of Coonamble.

- (20.) By-laws—Municipal District of Cobar.
- (21.) Amended By-law—Municipal District of Cobar.
- (22.) By-laws—Borough of Cootamundra.
- (23.) By-law—Borough of Waverley.
- (24.) By-law—Borough of Randwick.
- (25.) Additional By-laws—Borough of Morpeth.
- (26.) Amended By-law—Borough of Wagga Wagga.
- (27.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wentworth under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (28.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Lismore under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (29.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Balranald under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (30.) By-laws of the Borough of Newtown under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (31.) Amended By-law—Borough of Newcastle under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (32.) By-laws of the Borough of Randwick under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (33.) Amended By-laws—Municipal District of Blayney under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for the year 1884.
- (2.) Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1884.
- (3.) Regulations under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 for Timber, State Forests, and Quarries.
- (4.) Regulations under the Public Watering-places Act of 1884.
- (5.) Regulations under the Imported Stock Act of 1871 and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order, dated 15th February, 1884,—“Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
- (2.) Further Return to an Order, dated 15th February, 1884,—“Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act for 1884.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Final Report of Railway Bridges Inquiry Commission (without Appendices or Evidence).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1885.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1885.
- (3.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1884, to 31st March, 1885.
- (4.) Despatch respecting Japanese Vessels exempt from re-measurement.
- (5.) Despatch respecting Sydney Mint.
- (6.) Papers respecting Harbour Dues, Mauritius.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Wilcannia Free Public Library under the Municipalities Act of 1867.
- (2.) Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act of 1880 relating to examination of Teachers.
- (3.) Amendment of Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880 relating to rent allowances to Teachers.
- (4.) Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act of 1880 relating to appointment of Pupil Teachers.
- (5.) Notifications of resumptions of land for Public School purposes at Beaufort, Bulga Hut, Carcoar, Clear Hill, Clunes, Claremont, Cootralantra, Croydon Park, Demondrille Junction, Drum-moyne, Dudauman, Glebe, Meerschbaum Vale, Moppitty, Muntoonnan, Neutral Bay, Newtown North, Nurung, Upper Quinburra, Rolland's Plains, Sherwood, Small's Forest, Talmo, Wagrabilly, Wheco, Winduella, and Yambla.
- (6.) Report of the Minister for Public Instruction for the year 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

10. PRIVILEGE.—STATEMENTS MADE BY SIR HENRY PARKES:—Sir Alexander Stuart drew the attention of the House to certain statements made in a letter signed “Henry Parkes,” and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 4th November, 1884—a copy of which newspaper he laid upon the Table—and moved, That an extract from such letter be read by the Clerk.

Point of Order:—Mr. Wisdom submitted that it would not be regular for the Clerk to read to the House an extract from a newspaper reflecting upon the proceedings of this House; and further, that the matter was not within the jurisdiction of the House.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the House had in this case power to direct the extract to be read, inasmuch as it was the alleged publication thereof by the Honorable Member (Sir Henry Parkes) which formed the foundation of these proceedings;—and further, that it was not for Mr. Speaker to set limits to the jurisdiction of the House in matters of this character.

Question,—That the extract be read by the Clerk,—put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the extract, as follows :—

“ TO THE ELECTORS OF TENTERFIELD.

“ Gentlemen,

“ For some years past I have felt a growing disinclination for the labours of political life. At times I have given expression to this feeling; but still, at other times, in association with political friends, I have thrown myself into warm contentions with a determination which might well be deemed inconsistent with my declared desire for rest. In the present Parliament political character has almost disappeared from the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, and personal objects—to put the matter in the mildest form—have to a large extent absorbed that kind of consideration which has taken the place of deliberation and legitimate debate. I have lately seen immense sums of public money voted away by private pressure and bargaining, in the face of the openly avowed convictions of Members so pliantly yielding up their consciences. Even if I had strength and a disposition for this kind of Parliamentary warfare, I am not prepared to waste the remnant of life which remains to me in contending against such forces.”

Then Sir Henry Parkes was heard in his place, when he admitted having made the statements just read, but explained that they were not intended to reflect upon Parliament collectively, or this House in its corporate capacity.

Sir Alexander Stuart then moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the statements made by the Honorable Member for Argyle, Sir Henry Parkes, in his address of the 3rd November last announcing his retirement from the representation of Tenterfield, and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 4th November last, are a gross libel upon this House.

Sir Henry Parkes thereupon withdrew.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Motion, for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Sir Alexander Stuart,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. W. J. Ferguson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Ives,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Wilkinson,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Tecce,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Fletcher,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Copeland then moved, That in consequence of this House having voted that the statements made by the Honorable Member for Argyle, Sir Henry Parkes, in his address of the 3rd November last announcing his retirement from the representation of Tenterfield, and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on the 4th November last, are a gross libel upon this House, and in further consequence of the Honorable Member not apologising or offering to retract such statement, he be now expelled from the membership of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Coonan.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. McQuade,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1885, A.M.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

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

2. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had yesterday 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,—

I have called you together at a period that it is presumed will cause you the least personal inconvenience in the discharge of your public duties, for the purpose of making the necessary provision for the public service, and of inviting you to deal, before the close of the year and of the existence of this Parliament, with at least two questions of primary interest and importance.

2. Since the period when you were summoned to give Parliamentary sanction to the action of my Ministers in the despatch of a Contingent of Australian Troops to assist the Imperial Army in Egypt, our Forces, having discharged the duties which they were required to undertake, to the entire satisfaction of the Imperial Military authorities, have returned to the Colony. They have by their service and conduct earned the gratitude of the Sovereign and of Her people, and strengthened the ties by which the various parts of our Empire are bound together,

3. As within a brief space after their departure apprehensions were entertained as to the maintenance of peace in Europe, immediate steps were taken to place our system of defence in as thorough a state of efficiency as possible. With this object a system of torpedo defence has been established; and, in addition thereto, the Artillery Forces, both of a permanent and voluntary character, have been considerably increased, and our local Naval Volunteers largely augmented.

4. A large increase of the Military Forces of the Colony, due both to the spirit evoked by the despatch of the Contingent and the possibility of war, has taken place.

5. The works in connection with the Sydney Water Supply are being vigorously pressed on. But the Government, fearing a continuance of the dry seasons which have recently prevailed, entered into an arrangement for providing a more immediate supplementary supply to augment that from Botany, and the work is now in hand and well advanced. The water-works for some of the country towns are also progressing. The important works in connection with tanks and wells in the interior have been, owing to the unfavourable season, carried out under the most disadvantageous circumstances, but works have been undertaken and are now being proceeded with by means of which storage will be provided for an increased supply of 320,000,000 gallons.

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6. The Royal Commission appointed in May of last year for the purpose of making inquiry as to the best method of water conservation and distribution has pursued its important labours almost without intermission from that period; and the results of its investigations will shortly be in the possession of the Country, and form the basis of some large measure framed for the purpose of securing the objects which were contemplated by the appointment of the Commission.

7. On the Sydney Sewerage Works the main outlet for the southern sewage has been finished, and on the completion of the siphon across Cook's River, now in course of construction, will be brought into immediate operation.

8. The Government have taken advantage of the presence in these Colonies of the eminent engineer Sir John Coode, to invite him to inspect some of the harbour works which are being carried out on the coast. A design for an extensive system of wharfage for Sydney is being prepared, and will, in due course, be submitted for the consideration of Parliament.

9. Since the close of the last general Session in November, 1884, the work of Railway construction has been prosecuted with vigour. Extensions have been opened to Bungendore, to Young, and to Bourke. The first-named is a part of the extension that is to terminate at Cooma, the principal town of the Monaro Table-land. The second, to Young, is a section of the Railway that is to connect the Southern and Western systems, and so admit of the traffic of the Northern and Western Districts passing to the South without the necessity of its being brought round to Sydney. And the third, to the important town of Bourke, which practically marks the present limit of the Great Western Railway, which now unites the Metropolitan seaport with the river Darling. At the present time there are 1,704 miles of Railway open, and 438 miles in course of construction. Active progress is being made with the surveys of new lines for which provision was made during the last Session, amongst them the extension of the Railway into the City. The plans for this line will be submitted for Parliamentary approval during the Session.

10. The late disastrous seasons have prejudicially affected the Revenue derived from the Railways; but notwithstanding this, the direct returns have been fully equal to the amount required to pay interest upon the capital invested, while the indirect benefit which the Railways have conferred upon the general community, in developing the resources of the country, is far in excess of any such consideration, and is indeed incalculable.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

11. The Estimates of public expenditure, prepared with a due regard to economy and efficiency in the Public Service, will be laid before you as early as possible.

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

12. The public income of the first eight months of the present year largely exceeds that of the corresponding period of 1884. The five and a half million Loan, the negotiation of which was postponed in July last, owing to a reported panic on the Stock Exchange, will be placed upon the London Money Market at a favourable opportunity.

13. The onerous duty of perfecting arrangements to bring into operation the Crown Lands Act of 1884 has been successfully discharged. The Local Land Boards are performing their functions of administration with satisfaction to the public, and the division of Pastoral Holdings, which was found to present difficulties greater than were at first anticipated, has with a few exceptions been accomplished. The Land Revenue for the current year will fail to realize the expectations which were formed as to its amount. This disappointment is attributable to the necessity for delaying, in the public interest, the immediate operation of the Act, and to the impossibility of perfecting in time essential arrangements for the appraisalment of the rental of 3,200 different Holdings. The increased revenue to be derived from Pastoral Leases must therefore be regarded as deferred to the coming year.

14. The work of Primary Education is being carried on with vigour and success. Ninety new schools have been opened up to 30th June, and the number of pupils in attendance at that date was 148,000. Further efforts have recently been made to extend the teaching of the principles of Physiology and Hygiene in the Public Schools; and, in addition to the ordinary school teaching of these subjects, a course of lectures by a qualified gentleman is being delivered to the teachers and students in training. The provision made for higher education in the metropolis is being largely and successfully availed of, and there are signs of increased prosperity in High Schools established in inland towns.

15. It is a matter of congratulation that the Country has been enabled to bear the injury to its general prosperity occasioned by the disastrous droughts through which it has lately passed, and which have been, save in the years 1837 and 1838, without example. The losses immediately and indirectly consequent upon a rainfall, which for the whole Colony was 30 per cent. below the average, and in many places much more, have materially injured trade, limited the operations of capital and enterprise, and proportionately affected the Public Revenue.

16. An agreement, subject to the approval of Parliament and to the concurrence of the Imperial Government, having been arrived at between the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia for the initiation of an Australasian Mail Service on the termination in 1888 of the existing contract between the Colony of Victoria and the Peninsular and Oriental Company, on the principles of the present contract between this Colony and the Orient Company, an arrangement has been made for the continuance of the latter service to which your approval will be invited, so as to make it coterminous with the Victorian contract.

17. It is now under the consideration of my Advisers whether the Colony of New South Wales should continue to subsidize a Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco on the termination of the present arrangement, and it is hoped that some scheme may be devised whereby this Colony will be enabled to keep up regular communication with the vast Continent of America at a reasonable cost.

18. There is every reason to hope that negotiations now pending will result in a reduction of the charges for telegraphic messages transmitted between Australia and Europe, and also between Australia and New Zealand.

19. With the conviction that the Federal Council Bill, recently passed by the Imperial Legislature, would not have proved, in the form in which it was submitted, acceptable to the people of this Colony, my Advisers did not join in supporting that measure. The nature of the amendments which, to secure co-operation, it would have been necessary to make in the Bill, were communicated to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Had the suggestions proposed by my Advisers been accepted, a compromise might have been effected, by means of which both this Colony and that of New Zealand might have been included in the Council.

20. Measures will be at once submitted to you for the division of the Colony into self-governing areas, and for the establishment of a system of local government, and also for dealing in the fullest manner with the whole question of the regulation of the public health. These Bills, which have been the subject of long and anxious consideration, which have been urgently called for by the whole community for years past, and which are of incalculable public importance, will, it is to be hoped, enlist your hearty sympathy and support.

21. Measures will also be submitted to you for amending the Law of Patents, for preventing Mining under Public Streets and Roads, and for regulating the Opening of Public Roads.

22. The Mining interest, generally, is favourably progressing, notwithstanding the recent temporary depression in tin and copper mining, due to the low price of these metals in the Home market. The recent discoveries of silver ore in various parts of the country are leading to the settlement of population in portions of the Colony hitherto occupied only for pastoral purposes, and from the rising silver settlements in the Barrier Ranges a considerable increase of revenue may be expected.

23. In commending these matters to your careful consideration, I am gratified to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Colony, notwithstanding the trials to which it has been subjected by the protracted droughts; and I humbly pray that, with the blessing of Almighty God, the labours which you are about to undertake may be fruitful of immediate and permanent advantage to the Country.

Mr. Ives then moved, and Mr. See 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 Sir Alexander Stuart, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. See, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Targett, Mr. William Clarke, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Ives 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of local government and for the regulation of the public health will receive our earnest consideration, with the desire that these important measures may be passed into law.

3. The other measures to which your Excellency has referred will engage our anxious attention.

4. We cordially unite in the prayer of your Excellency that the blessing of Almighty God may render our labours advantageous to the Country.

Mr. Ives then moved, and Mr. See 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.

Mr. Burns moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3 of the following words:—"But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration, before the close of the year, to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

3. RAILWAYS—CITY EXTENSION:—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from the Redfern Terminus through the city of Sydney.

4. 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—

“ John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,

“ George Campbell, Esquire,

“ Henry Clarke, Esquire,

“ Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire,

“ John Mitchell Purves, Esquire,

“ Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, and

“ John Sutherland, 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 ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

“ and eighty-five.

“ EDMUND BARTON,

“ Speaker.”

The House adjourned at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Federal Council Bill:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Heydon*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he place upon the Table of this House the reply of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Resolutions of this House passed unanimously on the 25th March, 1884, in the following words:—

(1.) That, as the proceedings of the Delegates at the late Intercolonial Conference, including the Federal Council Bill, prepared and sent by them to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for enactment in the British Parliament, have not yet been submitted to this House for its consideration, and it is stated in the London telegrams that the British Cabinet is about dealing with the said Bill, this House resolves that in its opinion it is desirable, before the said Federal Council Bill, or any Bill based upon it be passed into law by the British Parliament, that such Bill should be submitted to the Parliament of this Colony?

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that he will transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—All the despatches received in connection with this matter have already been laid upon the Table of the House.

(2.) Mining on Church and School Lands:—*Mr. Baker* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the great inconvenience and loss which the gold miners and others sustain by not being able to mark out and occupy for gold-mining purposes land on Church and School Lands?

(2.) Will he consider whether he cannot cause covenants to be issued in the Leases granted of Church and School Lands whereby the Lessees would, at the desire of the Government, be compelled to allow portions of their Leases to be occupied for gold-mining, in the same way that Pastoral Leases can be occupied?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) Communications have been received by the Department at various times, and applicants have been informed that under the Church and School Lands Act no such action could be taken.

(2.) The Leases issued for Pastoral and Farm Leases contain a covenant whereby the Government can resume all or any part of the said demised land for mining for gold or other minerals. It is necessary in the event of any land being resumed for such a purpose that it be offered at auction and passed twice before the Minister can dispose of it for any purpose whatsoever.

(3.) North Shore Tramway:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many separate times were tenders invited for the North Shore Wire Tramway?

(2.) The names of each tenderer, and the amount of the tender in each case?

(3.) Was *Carson Woods & Co.*'s the lowest each time?

(4.) What is the total amount for the work as at present being carried out?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Twice.

(2.) This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) £35,500.

(4.)

- (4.) Leases for Oyster Culture:—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many applications for leases for oyster culture have the Commissioners of Fisheries recommended to the Colonial Secretary to be granted, and what is the cause of the delay in the issue of such leases?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—Two hundred and twenty-one such applications have been recommended by the Commissioners, most of which have been approved. The leases will probably be issued in a few days. Other applications, owing to imperfections in them and to other causes, are still under consideration.

- (5.) Water Commission:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are the members of the Water Commission paid; and if so, at what rate?
 (2.) What has been the cost to the Government of the Commission since its appointment?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Only those Commissioners who are not Members of Parliament are paid. There are five such, and they receive a fee of £2 2s. for each sitting.
 (2.) The sum of £3,228 8s. 4d. has been expended, of which amount £546 has been paid to the Commissioners as fees.

2. PRIVILEGE—SEATS OF MESSRS. MURRAY, LYNE, AND TARGETT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Seats of Mr. Murray, the Honorable Member for Inverell, Mr. Lyne, one of the Honorable Members for The Hume, and Mr. Targett, the Honorable Member for Hartley, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to ascertain whether their Seats have not become vacant in consequence of their having accepted the position of member of the Water Commission, an office of profit under the Crown.

Debate ensued.

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

3. QUESTIONS (*continued*):—

- (6.) North Coast Railway:—Mr. Young, for Mr. Wisdom, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Trial Surveys for the North Coast Railway been completed?
 (2.) If so, what route (if any) has been adopted?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Surveys are not completed, and no route has yet been determined upon.

- (7.) Tramway, Newcastle and Plattsburg:—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Tramway line between Newcastle and Plattsburg been surveyed?
 (2.) Will the Minister state what is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The plans are now ready, and tenders can be invited directly authority—which has been applied for—has been obtained for running the trams over the Co-operative Company's Railway Line.

- (8.) Sand Drift, Borough of Newcastle:—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill during the present Session, as previously promised to deal with the sand drift nuisance in the Borough of Newcastle?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—If time permits, it is my intention to introduce the Bill.

- (9.) Suburban Sewerage:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to ask Parliament for a sufficient sum of money to complete the sewerage scheme by connecting the various suburbs with the main sewer?

Mr. Wright answered,—The question of dealing with the sewerage of the various suburbs, as a whole, has not been sufficiently matured to enable the Government to determine on providing funds; but as pressing cases arise, capable of relief by connection with either system of city sewerage, provision is made therefor and the work undertaken.

- (10.) Station Buildings, Illawarra Railway:—Mr. McLaughlin, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did the original specification of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways require that the exterior of the station buildings and Station-masters' residences on the Illawarra Railway, which are brick buildings, should be painted all over?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes.

- (11.) Railway Bridge over Hawkesbury River:—Mr. McLaughlin, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways have prepared the plans and specifications for the Bridge proposed to be erected over the Hawkesbury River, on the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Homebush to Waratah?

(2.) If so, were such plans and specifications forwarded to the Agent General in England in the usual way, with instructions to that gentleman to call for tenders for the erection of the said Bridge, in conformity with the design and specifications prepared under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways; and were any tenders sent in for this work submitted to Mr. Fowler, the Consulting Engineer in England, for Railways in this Colony?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No; it was considered desirable to take another course of action, viz., to invite tenders for designs and construction of this bridge. These tenders and designs have been submitted to Mr. Fowler, and will upon their arrival in the Colony be submitted to the Engineer-in-Chief for report.

(12.) Audit of Railway Accounts :—*Mr. McLaughlin*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the accounts of the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works sent to the Auditor General for official verification as to the original and proper expenditure of each vote, or are the Railway accounts audited by the officers of the Railway Branch?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; the accounts referred to have always been forwarded to the Auditor General in full detail for official verification.

(13.) Railways—George Horne's Application :—*Mr. Merriman* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the application of George Horne for an appointment in the Record Branch of the Railway Department, together with all papers in connection therewith, and all minutes and memoranda thereon?

Mr. Wright answered,—There will be no objection to lay these papers upon the Table of the House.

(14.) Pymont Bridge :—*Mr. Merriman* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he caused any regulations to be framed in accordance with a promise made by him last Session for regulating the hours at which the Swing Bridge upon the Pymont Bridge shall be kept open for allowing vessels to pass through?

Mr. Wright answered,—To meet the convenience of trade, I have authorized the officer in charge of this bridge to make arrangements for its opening at any hour of the day, and at night on application being made to that effect. This regulation is now in force and is very frequently taken advantage of.

(15.) Farmers' Excursion Trains :—*Mr. Slattery*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he make inquiry to ascertain whether Farmers' Excursion Trains cannot be established between distant districts and Sydney upon a basis similar to the practice in Victoria?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes.

(16.) Phylloxera in Grape Vines :—*Mr. Slattery*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received a communication from vigneron residents at Corowa, pointing out that in consequence of the supposed existence of phylloxera in the Camden District, Victoria has imposed further prohibitions upon the introduction of vines and grapes into that Colony?

(2.) Is it ascertained whether the disease does exist?

(3.) If so, will he take steps to quarantine the infected districts?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

(1.) A letter has been received from the Honorable Member purporting to forward a certain petition from vigneron residents of the Corowa District on the subject of phylloxera; but the petition itself has not been received.

(2 & 3.) I may state that the matter has already engaged the attention of the Government, and the subject has been investigated by the Director of the Botanic Gardens with the result of showing that the disease does exist in the Camden District, but not elsewhere. I will lay upon the Table a copy of *Mr. Moore's* report.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorizing the application of an amount 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.

Sir Alexander Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statistical Register for 1884. Parts IV and VI, with Statistical Returns for 1884, and Decennial Return.

(2.) Thirtieth Annual Report of the Postmaster General being for 1884.

(3.) Report of Director of Botanic Gardens on Phylloxera Vastatrix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 20th November, 1884, "The £5,500,000 Loan."

(2.) Terms and Conditions on which the several Banking Companies have agreed to conduct the Government Banking Business.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious 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 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 29.

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

(6.) Abstract of 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.

(7.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

Ordered to be printed,

Mr.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 30th October, 1884,—“Land taken for Railway Purposes.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 18th March, 1885,—“Wool from Bynga and Buckingham Stations.”
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 30th October, 1884,—“Railway from Culcairn to Germanton.”
- (4.) Return to an Order made on 1st October, 1884,—“Railway from Orange to Forbes, *via* Molong, and from Borenore to Forbes *via* Cudal.”
- (5.) Return to an Order made on 17th September, 1884,—“Lands resumed by the Government in the County of Cumberland.”
- (6.) Further Return to an Order made on 30th October, 1884,—“Lands resumed or purchased by the Government.”
- (7.) Return of names of each tenderer, with amount of tender, for the North Shore Wire Tramway.

Ordered to be printed.

- (8.) Return to an Order made on 18th December, 1883,—“Railway to Nyngan.”
- (9.) Return of all Petitions presented to the Secretary for Public Works respecting the construction of Railway from Narrabri to Walgett.
- (10.) Return of Particulars respecting Passenger Traffic and Expenditure on the Leichhardt Tramway.
- (11.) Return to an Order made on 4th September, 1884,—“Railway Tickets issued to Singleton.”

5. **ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL:**—Mr. Hammond presented a Petition from Frederick King, James Christian Corlette, John Allum, and Edward Henry Rogers, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Frederick King, James Christian Corlette, John Allum, and Edward Henry Rogers, or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Hammond having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. **BARKER'S ESTATE BILL:**—Mr. McLaughlin presented a Petition from Emma Barker and Hulton Smyth King, of Sydney, the Trustees of the Will of William Barker, deceased, late of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. William Barker, deceased, to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street, Redfern, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. McLaughlin having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
7. **UTHER ESTATE LEASING BILL:**—Mr. McLaughlin presented a Petition from Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King, both of Sydney, the Trustees of the Will of Reuben Uther, deceased, late of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King, or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther, late of Sydney, deceased, to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Reuben Uther.
And Mr. McLaughlin having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
8. **ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALE BILL:**—Mr. McLaughlin presented a Petition from William Henry Simpson, James Vickery, and William Ransome Gullick, all of Sydney, as Trustees for the parish of St. Mary's, Waverley, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Henry Simpson, James Vickery, and William Ransome Gullick, as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary, Waverley, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof, and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish, and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. McLaughlin having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
9. **McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL:**—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Mary Ann McLaughlin, and Thomas Michael O'Brien, Trustees of the last Will and Testament of John McLaughlin, late of George-street, Sydney, boot and shoe manufacturer, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of John McLaughlin to sell certain land situate in the Village of Longbottom, near Sydney, and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale.
And Mr. Abigail having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ives, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—
“To His Excellency the Right Honorable 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of local government, and for the regulation of the public health, will receive our earnest consideration, with the desire that these important measures may be passed into law.

" 3. The other measures to which your Excellency has referred will engage our anxious attention.

" 4. We cordially unite in the prayer of your Excellency that the blessing of Almighty God may render our labours advantageous to the country."

Upon which Mr. Burns had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3 of the following words:—

" But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech."

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Real Property Act:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the Real Property Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the Royal Commission of 1879?
- (2.) The amount received by the Commissioners of the Act from 1st January last to 30th August; the average time of each sitting; the average amount received for each sitting; the number of Commissioners now on the Board receiving fees?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

- (1.) A Bill is in course of preparation, but I am somewhat doubtful whether I shall be able to bring it in this Session.
- (2.) The amount received by the Commissioners from the 1st January to the 30th August was £349 7s. 6d. each. The average time of each sitting was one hour and a half; the amount for each sitting was £10 5s. 6d.; the number of Commissioners is two.

- (2.) Illawarra Railway:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the Illawarra Railway be opened for public traffic to the twenty-fourth mile peg on the second section of that Railway?
- (2.) When will tenders be called for erecting the Railway Stations at Clifton, Bulli, Wollongong, and Dapto, on the third section of the Illawarra Railway, the areas of land for sites for the above Stations having been a long time (over a year) resumed?
- (3.) Have the contractors for this third section of the Illawarra Railway at the present time got the works of construction included in their contract so far advanced as will enable this portion of the line to be opened for traffic at termination of the original contract time on 30th June, 1886?
- (4.) As a sufficient period was allowed the contractors to execute the various works on the third section, is it the intention of the Government to stringently enforce the payment of fines and penalties if said contract is not finished by 30th June, 1886?
- (5.) Will the Government immediately take the necessary steps to expedite the completion of the contract for constructing the works on the third section of the Illawarra Railway, and have this portion of the line finished and open for traffic and use of the inhabitants of Illawarra by 30th June, 1886?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The works will probably be completed about the end of this year.
- (2.) Tenders will shortly be invited for the construction of the Stations named.
- (3.) The works, with the exception of the Coal Cliff Tunnel, will probably be finished at the date named.
- (4.) This question will be considered on its merits if default be made.
- (5.) The Government will urge upon the contractors the necessity for their proceeding expeditiously with the work. The question of opening this section for traffic will be considered.

- (3.) Wharfage Improvement, Sydney:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Government arrived at any decision upon the question of wharfage improvement for Sydney; if so, will he have any objection to state the nature of such?
- (2.) Have the officers to whom the plans, models, and other material were sent reported upon the scheme of *Mr. Schultz*, of the City Wharfage Improvement Committee; if so, will the Minister state the result; and if not, when will such report be made?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No decision has been arrived at.
- (2.) Yes. The reports are not favourable to the scheme.

- (4.) Free Passes by Railway to Bourke:—*Mr. Suttor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Were any Railway Free Passes given to any persons on the occasion of the opening of the Railway to Bourke; if so, who were the persons to whom the passes were issued? *Mr.*

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Persons having banquet and ball tickets were carried free, in accordance with arrangements made with the Bourke Demonstration Committee. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City Council were invited, and also Mr. C. Thompson and Mr. Peele, visitors to the Colony. In addition, Mr. Batt was allowed to occupy the seat reserved for Mr. Purves, M.P., and Mr. Sayer was allowed to occupy the seat reserved for Mr. Abbott, the Minister for Mines. The Reporters from the daily Metropolitan Press were allowed Passes.

(5.) Railways.—Employment of Labour at Bathurst:—*Mr. Suttor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any instructions been issued to the Railway authorities at Bathurst not to engage any men for employment in that district?
- (2.) If so, what objection is there to employ local men if they be suitable for the positions to be filled?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No; but the local officers were informed that men forming the late Contingent to the Soudan were to be allowed the preference.
- (2.) With the exception stated, there is no objection to the employment of local men.

(6.) Crown Lands:—*Mr. Proctor*, for Mr. Heydon, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

What area of Crown Lands have been reserved from sale,—

- (1.) Since the present Ministry assumed office?
- (2.) Since the 1st January, 1884?
- (3.) Since the 1st January, 1885?
- (4.) How much of the total area of the said Reserves is now included in the so-called resumed halves of Pastoral Holdings?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) 13,757,788 acres.
- (2.) 8,263,397 acres.
- (3.) 1,330,273 acres.
- (4.) This question cannot be replied to without the compilation of an extensive Return. I will have it prepared, if the Honorable Member desires it.

(7.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve:—*Mr. Teede*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any applications been made, and if so, how many, by people residing on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve for leases of the land they occupy?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Minister to grant such leases; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I have received 782.
- (2.) The matter is under consideration.

(8.) Temporary Draftsmen:—*Mr. Burdekin* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is the following printed form that on which the services of the temporary draftsmen have been accepted?

Sir,

Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, 188 .

In answer to your application for employment as a temporary draftsman in this office, I have to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a copy of the specimen plan enclosed, so that I may be able to decide whether you should present yourself for examination.

In the event of your passing the examination, the remuneration to be received by you will depend upon the degree of efficiency you may then and thereafter exhibit. Temporary draftsmen are divided into six classes at rates varying from 5/6* a day to 13/9* a day for six working days per week, and if leave of absence is at any time required all pay for the period over which such leave extends will cease. A draftsman entering at a rate below the maximum (13/9 a day) rises to that rate by proving himself worthy of such promotion. As no specific salaries are voted by Parliament, the employment cannot be considered otherwise than temporary.

You are requested to produce your testimonials, and to state your age.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

*These have since been altered to the even money 6/- and 14/-.

- (2.) Has any official intimation been conveyed to these gentlemen that the terms on which their services were accepted have been altered?
- (3.) If so, will he state at what date and by what officer this intimation was conveyed to these gentlemen?
- (4.) If the original engagements with these gentlemen remain unaltered, have the provisions for increases been kept?
- (5.) Will he state how many gentlemen were recommended, on merit, for increase of pay by the head of their department in September, October, November, and December, 1884?
- (6.) Have these recommended increases been paid?
- (7.) Is it not a fact that twenty-one gentlemen, due for increase on their merit during 1884 have their legal rights still unrecognized by the Minister?
- (8.) Is it not a fact that thirty gentlemen on the temporary draftsmen staff have been recommended on their merit either by the Surveyor General or Deputy Surveyor General for increase of pay during the present year?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes; prior to 18th September, 1884; it ceased on that date to be used.
- (2 & 3.) Not officially; but the alteration of the condition of service was well known to the draftsmen throughout the Office, and resulted in a deputation of draftsmen to me.
- (4.) The matter is under consideration. To meet the additional payments proposed, an amount will require to be placed upon the Estimates.
- (5.) Fifty-nine.
- (6.) Forty recommended increases have been paid, fifteen have been refused, four have not been submitted for decision.
- (7.) Twelve recommendations are still under consideration. I am not aware of any legal rights.
- (8.) No. Twenty-five cases are undisposed of, many of which are of recent date. (9.)

(9.) Local Land Boards:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In consequence of discontent expressed by selectors in the appointment of Police Magistrates upon the Local Land Boards, will he make inquiry with a view to the appointment of a second lay member upon such Boards?

Mr. Farnell answered,—If any necessity arises for a change being made in the composition of the various Local Land Boards it will be effected. Considerable difficulty has, however, been experienced in obtaining the services of gentlemen who are qualified and free from direct interest in land matters. The Boards are, so far as I am aware, working satisfactorily.

(10.) Timber Reserves:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps have been taken to ascertain the Timber Reserves situated on the resumed areas of runs not required to be retained in the interest of the public, and whether such Reserves and all other station reserves on resumed areas will be thrown open to selection; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A circular instruction has been issued with the object of obtaining reports upon the Reserves from sale within resumed areas, and upon their receipt such of the Reserves as are found to be unnecessary will be immediately revoked.

(11.) Colo Valley Railway:—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the Colo Valley Railway Trial Survey yet completed; if so, when will the Report be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Trial Survey is not yet finished.

(12.) Tunnel under Great Western Zig-Zag:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When he proposes to authorize a Survey of the Great Western Zig-zag, to see if it is expedient to construct a Tunnel from Dargin's Creek to Bottom Points?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Survey will be carried out at an early date.

(13.) Oberon Post Office:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are tenders likely to be called for the Oberon Post Office?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders will probably be invited next week.

(14.) Toll-bars, County of Cumberland:—*Mr. Burdekin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many toll-bars are there at the present time at which tolls are collected in the county of Cumberland?

(2.) Where are these toll-bars situated?

(3.) What prices have been paid by the collectors for each of these toll-bars for the year 1885?

(4.) What is the cost of collecting tolls at each of these places?

(5.) Are these toll-bars on roads under the control of the Government Road Trustees or Municipalities?

(6.) Does the Government contribute towards the repairs of these roads on which tolls are collected?

(7.) Does the Government intend to take any steps to abolish these tolls during the present session of Parliament?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Five.

(2.) (a) Botany Road; (b) Fitzroy Bridge, Windsor; (c) Broken Back Bridge, Parramatta; (d) Randwick Road; (e) Macdonaldtown.

(3 & 4.) They are sold by independent bodies, and the Department has no knowledge.

(5.) The first three are under Trustees under special Acts:—(a) under 12 Vic., Parish Roads Act, 1840; (b) under 16 Vic., Cumberland Roads, and Windsor and Richmond Roads Trust, 1854; (c) under 11 Vic., Cumberland Parish Roads. The two last (d and e) are under Municipalities.

(6.) Government contributes to the first three.

(7.) The Local Government Act will deal with all.

2. BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL:—*Mr. Young* presented a Petition from *Jacob Garrard*, Mayor, for and on behalf of the Borough Council of Balmain, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways. And *Mr. Young* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Balmain Observer*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Fletcher* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, representing that the Newcastle Streets Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. Fletcher* then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Streets at and near their meeting or intersection with other Streets*,”—which was read a first time.

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

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Copy of agreement with the Associated Banks for the conduct of the Government Banking Business (*in substitution for similar document laid upon the Table on 10th September, 1885.*)

Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, also Additional Regulation under the said Act.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1885,—“ Mr. David Gallagher’s Conditional Purchase at Cessnock.”

Ordered to be printed.

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

“ To His Excellency the Right Honorable 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
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Upon which Mr. Burns had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3
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“ before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your
“ Excellency’s Speech.”

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

Mr. O’Mara moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned at seven minutes after Ten o’clock, until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railways—Millthorpe and Orange Stations :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he decided to erect the Millthorpe Station on the eastern side of Railway line?
- (2.) Are the plans of the Station buildings approved; and if so, when will tenders be called?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to provide a suitable residence for the Station-master at Orange?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The site and arrangement of new Station buildings have been approved. Tenders will be invited in about a fortnight.
- (3.) Yes.

- (2.) Railways—Receipts at Orange, Bathurst and Dubbo Stations :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount of cash received at the Orange Railway Station for goods and passenger traffic for the year 1884?
- (2.) The like information at Bathurst Station?
- (3.) The like information at Dubbo Station?
- (4.) The classification of the respective Stations?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) £64,434 18s. 7d.
- (2.) £42,198 1s. 9d.
- (3.) £42,050 18s. 11d.
- (4.) Orange third class, and Bathurst and Dubbo second class. The amount of revenue received is not, however, a criterion of the amount of work performed.

- (3.) Carson Woods Paving, Junee Station :—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money was paid for paving with Carson Woods Patent Paving at the Junee Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—£540. It has since cost for renewal £160. The cost of paving would have been £1,000 if flagging had been used, but experience shows that it would have been probably cheaper to have used flagging.

- (4.) Proposed Railway from Bowral to Robertson :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to re-submit the proposal for the construction of Railway from Bowral to Robertson, or any other proposal to bring the eastern portion of the Berrima District in connection with the Great Southern Railway, this Session.

Mr. Wright answered,—This question has not been decided.

- (5.) Crown Lands Act :—Mr. Burns, for Sir John Robertson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The quantity of land taken up under the provisions of the new Land Act for conditional lease leading to the option of the lessee to purchase?
- (2.) The amount of money paid on account of the above?
- (3.) The probable cost of survey of such lands?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) 934,533 acres.
- (2.) £6,263 5s. 5d.
- (3.) About £8,000. This estimate is based upon the present system of survey, but a less costly system is under consideration.

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- (1.) How much land has been sold under the provisions of the new Land Act by conditional purchase?
 - (2.) The amount of money received on account of the above?
 - (3.) The probable cost of survey of such lands?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) 781,559 acres 2 roods 27 perches.
- (2.) £78,228 14s. 2d.
- (3.) Probably £40,000. This estimate is based upon the present system of survey, but a less costly system is under consideration.

- (7.) Survey Department :—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a great many officers in the Survey Department have been kept out of their legal promotions for nearly twelve months?
- (2.) If so, will he state the reason?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Detailed information was given by me in reply to a series of Questions asked on Friday last.

- (8.) Volunteers, Wingham :—*Mr. Young* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government accepted the services of a Company of Volunteers from the town of Wingham?
- (2.) Has a Drill Instructor been sent to Taree?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The formation of a Corps at Wingham is now under consideration.
- (2.) A Drill Instructor leaves for Taree this evening.

- (9.) Claim of *Mr. Mitchell, M.P.* :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The date and amount of the claim made by the Honorable Member for Newtown, *Mr. Mitchell*, for his vessel sunk at Newcastle?
- (2.) Was the claim sent to a Marine Surveyor for report, and at what amount did he value the claim as just?
- (3.) Was his report referred back to him for reconsideration; and did he alter the amount first made?
- (4.) What amount was paid to the Honorable Member for Newtown, *Mr. Mitchell*, and the date of such payment?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be given in certain papers which I intend to lay upon the Table of the House.

- (10.) Coal from the Burwood Mine :—*Mr. Teece* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a shipment of coal from the Burwood Mine condemned by the Officers of the Locomotive Department, and did they refuse to accept the same as being unfit for use?
- (2.) Was such shipment subsequently accepted; if so, by whose recommendation, and upon what terms?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The first shipment of coal from this mine was found to be of inferior quality, and when the second arrived it was rejected at sight, on the assumption from its appearance that it was of like quality from the same mine.
- (2.) It was afterwards accepted on the production of a pit certificate, which showed that the greater portion of it was from the Old Lambton Mine, known to be equal to the best coal in the Newcastle District.

- (11.) Crown Lands Act :—*Mr. Teece* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the vote of £25,000, item 247 in the Appropriation Act for 1885, been exhausted?
- (2.) If so, to what extent has this vote been exceeded?
- (3.) What is the total amount paid, and to be paid, to *Wright, Heaton, & Co.* for the removal of officers' furniture, or for other services in connection with the administration of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) It is not exceeded.
- (3.) £2,325 14s. 1d. for packing and removing the furniture of officers sent to the country.

- (12.) Proposed Railway from St. Peters to Liverpool :—*Mr. Hammond* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit, this Session, any proposal in reference to the construction of a Loop-line of Railway from St. Peters to Liverpool?

Mr. Wright answered,—This question has not yet been decided.

- (13.) Court-house, Campbelltown :—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Minister of Justice,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the new Court-house at Campbelltown?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It is anticipated that arrangements will be completed to enable tenders to be invited shortly.

- (14.) Telegraph Rates between this Colony and Queensland :—*Mr. Lee* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Postmaster General to reduce the rates for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages between this Colony and Queensland?
- (2.) In the event of such reduction being made, will the rate be fixed on the same scale as that at present existing between this Colony and Victoria?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This question has not yet been considered.

- (15.) Railway from Glen Innes to Tenterfield :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When did Messrs. Cobb & Co.'s contract for the construction of the section of the Great Northern Railway from Glen Innes to Tenterfield expire?
 - (2.) When is that section likely to be completed to Tenterfield?
 - (3.) What is the cause of the delay?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Department to open the Line for traffic to Deepwater before the whole section is completed?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) 30th June, 1885.
 - (2.) Probably in January next.
 - (3.) Tho non-completion within contract time of the line from Uralla to Glen Innes.
 - (4.) No.
- (16.) Railway Buildings, Tenterfield :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the Plans and Drawings for the Passenger Station, Goods Sheds, and other Railway buildings for Tenterfield prepared?
 - (2.) When will tenders be called for the erection of the same?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) The plans, &c., are in course of preparation.
 - (2.) In about a month.
- (17.) Railway from Tenterfield to Queensland Border :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the construction of the remaining section of the Great Northern Railway from Tenterfield to the Queensland Border?
- Mr. Wright answered,—In about a month.
- (18.) Temporary Common at Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a numerous signed petition has been sent into the Department of Lands to have the Temporary Common at Albury cut up into small farms and sold by public auction?
 - (2.) Will he kindly state if any steps have been taken by the Department to carry out the prayer of the petitioners?
 - (3.) If so, when is it likely that the land will be brought to auction sale?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The petition has been referred to the District Surveyor for report.
 - (3.) I cannot state at present.
- (19.) Albury Water Supply :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the contractor for laying the pipes for the Albury Water Supply has not as yet commenced his contract?
 - (2.) Is he aware that more than half the contract time has expired and no work has been done?
 - (3.) Does he intend to cancel the contract, and have the work of laying the main pipes carried out by day labour?
 - (4.) Will he state what steps he intends to take to have this important work completed?
- Mr. Wright answered,—I am aware there has been considerable delay in this matter, and I have intimated to the contractor that the contract will be cancelled unless the work is proceeded with at once. I may further add that I shall not hesitate to take the necessary steps to carry this into effect if any further delay takes place.
- (20.) Reserves on Resumed Areas, Hume and Albury Districts :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When is it likely that the Reserves on the resumed areas in the Hume and Albury districts, being all the Crown Land now available for settlement for the people in those districts, will be revoked, so that settlement may take place?
 - (2.) Is there any reason why these Reserves should not be revoked at once?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) As soon as the necessary reports which have been called for are received the matter will receive immediate attention.
 - (2.) In the absence of the reports above referred to it cannot be stated.
- (21.) Alexandra Park, Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When will the negotiations be completed for placing the people of Albury in the same position as they were in before the Railway took away from them a large portion of Alexandra Park?
 - (2.) Is there any reason why the Crown Lands already in the possession of the Government should not be granted at once in substitution of that taken away?
 - (3.) When will the small portions to be resumed for the Park be completed?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter is completed with the exception of the acquisition of two allotments in regard to which negotiations are pending. 14a. Or. 7p has been purchased at a cost of £737 3s. 9d., and 23a. 2r. 11p. of Crown Lands was dedicated to recreation purposes on 29th July, 1885,—a total area nearly double that of the piece cut off by the Railway.
- (22.) Bridge over Railway Line, Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he state what steps have been taken by the Department to carry out the numerous representations that have been made to have the Bridge over the Railway line in Guinea-street, Albury, erected?
 - (2.) If any steps have been taken, when is it likely that this important work will be carried out?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be called for this work at an early date.

- (23.) Road down the Burragorang Mountain :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in commencing the work of the road down the Burragorang Mountain, for which a tender has been accepted?
Mr. Wright answered,—Local Officer reports that contractor will start as soon as he finishes a task at Campbelltown, and he has been instructed that work must go on at once.
- (24.) Phylloxera in Grape Vines :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to the alleged or proved existence of the disease of phylloxera in the vineyards of Camden, is it the intention of the Government to take steps, and if so, what steps towards its extirpation?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—A report from the Director of the Botanic Gardens was laid upon the Table of the House on the subject last week, and the matter is now engaging the attention of the Government.
- (25.) Appointment of a Statist :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government intend appointing a Statist for the Colony; and if so, when?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government do intend to appoint a Statist; and as soon as an eligible gentleman can be found the appointment will be made.
- (26.) Art Gallery :—Mr. Griffiths asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
(1.) What is the estimated cost of the Art Gallery building now in course of construction in the Domain?
(2.) Is it his intention to leave this building in its present unsightly state?
Mr. Trickett answered,—
(1.) The cost of the inner walls now being erected, together with temporary roof, architect's fees, &c., is estimated at about £11,600.
(2.) No; as was stated when the vote for the present portion was obtained, it was intended to surround the present building with a handsome and suitable structure. An amount towards this object will be placed on the Estimates, and a design for the entire building will be submitted for consideration.
- (27.) Opening of Street in front of General Post Office :—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Government take steps to open the road between George and Pitt Streets opposite the Post Office?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the road cannot be opened until the Tower now in course of construction is completed.
- (28.) Northern Coast Railway :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How many routes of Trial Survey have been tested in connection with the Northern Coast Railway?
(2.) When will the reports be sent in, and the probable time of their being placed before this House?
(3.) How many Surveyors are now employed in connection with this Survey?
Mr. Wright answered,—
(1.) Two routes; one completed, the other will be completed in about three months.
(2.) The plans and sections will probably be finished by August next.
(3.) Three.
- (29.) Trust Funds :—Mr. Proctor, for Mr. Sydney Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Report of the Auditor General for the year 1884, laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state to what extent, during the years 1883, 1884, and up to the 31st August, 1885, has the Trust Fund been operated upon for the purpose of meeting liabilities on account of the Consolidated Revenue and General Loans Account?
(2.) The net credit balance on the 31st December, 1884, as shown by the Auditor General's Report being £101,637 15s. 8d., how much of the balance of £2,157,582 3s. 8d. to the credit of the Trust Fund has been used to meet the liabilities of the Consolidated Revenue and General Loans Account?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—
(1.) The information which the honorable gentleman desires to obtain cannot be given in the form of an answer to a question; it will, therefore, be necessary to move for a Return. I would suggest to the honorable gentleman that before he submits a motion, he should ascertain whether any loan funds have been used to pay the liabilities to the Consolidated Revenue.
(2.) It has been the practice, and I hope it will continue to be so, that any trust moneys in the possession of the Government shall be available for expenditure on public works, and that they be recouped from the proceeds of public loans when these are negotiated.
- (30.) Volunteers, Narrabri :—Mr. Proctor, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What decision has been arrived at with reference to the Petition from Narrabri as to the formation of a Volunteer Corps at that place?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The formation of a Corps at Narrabri was recommended to the Government on the 9th instant, and is now under consideration.
2. BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL :—Mr. Withers presented a Petition from Harriet Fahey, of Castlereagh-street, widow of the late Francis Fahey, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey her testamentary appointees and children.
And Mr. Withers having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Evening News*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Rule of Court, Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd July, 1884,—“ Railway Sidings.”
- (2.) Return relative to Railway Iron.
- (3.) Report of the Commissioner for Railways upon the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales for the year 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Reports respecting Railway Trial Survey from Narrabri to Walgett.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
- (2.) Minutes of the Executive Council respecting Capital Conviction of Thomas Williams *alias* Johns.
- (3.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of Glen Innes, under Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Papers relating to the claim of J. Mitchell, Esq., M.P., for the loss of his vessel “Prospector,” sunk in Newcastle Harbour by one of the Government barges.

4. GREAT SOUTHERN COAL-MINING COMPANY RAILWAY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Hammond presented a Petition from John McLaughlin, William Lovell Davis, Frederick Clissold, G. A. Morell, and A. Duke, Directors of the Great Southern Coal-mining Company, representing that the Great Southern Coal-mining Company Railway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petition being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Hammond then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable Anthony Duke Thomas Frederick Thompson Frederick Clissold William Lovell Davis John Murray Wallace Hugh Wallace John McLaughlin and Gustavus Alphonse Morell of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales gentlemen trading under the name style and firm of the ‘Great Southern Coal-mining Company’ to construct a Railway from certain coal land situate at Sandy Creek in the parish of Meryla in the county of Camden to the Great Southern Railway and for other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.

(3.) Mr. Hammond moved,—

- (1.) That the Great Southern Coal-mining Company Railway 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. Fletcher, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Teece, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

5. MR. SURVEYOR MACHARG :—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Colin Macdonald, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Surveyor Macharg in the performance of his duty, and praying the House to do as it deems proper in the case.
Petition received.

6. PRIVILEGE—MR. MELVILLE, M.P. :—Mr. Abigail moved,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the following questions.

- (1.) Did the Honourable Member for Northumberland, Mr. N. Melville, receive the sum of twenty-five pounds (£25) from Mr. Ross, of Australia-street, Camperdown?
- (2.) Was such money paid to him for his influence as a Member of Parliament to obtain certain concessions from a member of the Government?
- (3.) Is it true, as alleged by the Honourable Member, Mr. Melville, that the said £25 was divided with Government Officers for their assistance in obtaining a higher price for certain lands than the valuations made by those appointed to that office.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wright, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Teece, Dr. Ross, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Hammond, and the Mover.

Then Mr. Melville was heard in his place in explanation, and withdrew.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. WALLSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from the Directors of the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company, representing that the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company's Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of the House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Fletcher then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg and the Police District of Newcastle,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 25th September.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable 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,—

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"2. The Bills for the establishment of a system of local government, and for the regulation of the public health, will receive our earnest consideration, with the desire that these important measures may be passed into law.

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Upon which Mr. Burns had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3 of the following words :—

"But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech."

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Vegetable Creek Mining District:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) The number of permits applied for to mine on Reserves in the Vegetable Creek Mining District since the 1st January, 1881?
 - (2.) The number granted?
 - (3.) The number still not dealt with, the dates these were applied for, and cause of delay in granting?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—The information asked for will be supplied in the form of a Return which will be laid upon the Table.
- (2.) Recreation Ground at Emmaville:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The cause of delay in granting the Recreation Ground at Emmaville?
 - (2.) Will he state when he can hand the land over to the Trustees?
 - (3.) Will he permit the Trustees to take possession pending the granting of the land?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) There has been no delay. An abstract of the proposed dedication is now before Parliament, and as soon as the requirements of the law have been complied with the dedication will be completed.
 - (2.) Yes, after dedication.
 - (3.) I cannot authorize them to do so.
- (3.) Prospect Water Scheme:—*Mr. Proctor*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Can he state how long it will take from now to complete the Prospect Water Scheme?
 - (2.) What amount of money has already been expended upon them, and how much is it expected to require to complete the whole of the works?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) So far as can be judged, about eighteen months will be required for this purpose. This is of course exclusive of the Prospect Dam, which is a work of such a character that it is not desirable to hurry it on faster than it is being prosecuted at present.
 - (2.) The sum of £1,312,454 16s. was expended to the 31st August last, and a further sum of £254,689 17s. 1d. will be required, in addition to that of £145,663 4s. 1d., as per Estimate laid upon the Table of the House on the 10th October, 1883.
- (4.) Dump-cars:—*Mr. Proctor*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many of the dump-cars have been in active use since they were taken over by the Government, and how much money has been expended in repairs to the same?
 - (2.) Were the first hundred dump-cars received without being passed by Mr. Bourne, the inspector, whose duty it is to examine and report upon such goods before they are taken over by the Government; if so, will the Minister explain why this was done?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) 183 cars have been in use since they were taken over. The cost of running repairs has been £826 12s. 7d.
 - (2.) They were passed by the Locomotive Engineer, who is Mr. Bourne's superior officer. This additional precaution was taken as doubt had been expressed about the quality of the material.
- (5.)

- (5.) Mineral Conditional Purchases :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any action to legalise Mineral Conditional Purchases made on Gold-fields with the sanction of the Government, such Mineral Conditional Purchases having been declared illegal by the Supreme Court?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The matter has engaged the attention of the Government. It is one of so much importance that it cannot be dealt with except after the most careful consideration, and I cannot say at present whether the Government will this Session submit a measure to deal with the matter.

- (6.) Road from St. Marys towards Luddenham :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that about 9 miles of the road from St. Marys towards Luddenham have been opened for traffic for the past three years?

(2.) Has a large amount of money been expended in building bridges and making the said road up to the Filly Paddock?

(3.) What is the distance from the end of the road opened across the Filly Paddock to the Government road leading to Luddenham; and how much land will be required to be resumed to carry the road through the Filly Paddock, and the value of such land?

(4.) Would not the opening of this half-mile of road save the farmers, dairymen, and others of Luddenham, Brungelly, and Greendale fully 5 miles in their journey to the St. Marys Railway Station?

(5.) Will the Minister give instructions to have this road opened through the Filly Paddock without delay, or will he have gates erected at each end of the Paddock?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The sum of £278 18s. 2d. has been expended on the road in question.

(3.) The length of unopened road across the Filly Paddock is 49 chains 50 links; the area of land covered by the road, 4 acres 3 roods 32 perches; the value of the land is not known; the probable cost of fencing would be about £120.

(4.) From the reports furnished, it appears probable that the opening of the road through the Filly Paddock would be of convenience to the persons named.

(5.) The case has been dealt with by several of my predecessors, but I have already promised the Honorable Member that I will look into the case carefully, and if it appears proper to do so, will take steps to have the road opened.

- (7.) Electoral Roll, District of Camden :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Electoral Roll for the Electoral District of Camden for the year 1885-6 been made out, and is it being printed?

(2.) If not, for what reason?

(3.) If the Roll for 1885-6 is made out and is not to be used, what course is it intended to take with regard to the forthcoming election in that respect?

(4.) Is it intended to adopt entirely the Roll of 1884-5, or only that part or parts of it which have not been correctly or legally made out for 1885-6?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—In consequence of certain mistakes made in collecting and revising the Electoral Lists for Camden a complete Roll for 1885-6 could not be compiled according to law. The Attorney General therefore directed, in accordance with the Electoral Act, that the Roll for 1884-5 be substituted for the imperfect new one. The shortest way, doubtless, is to pass a short Act to remedy the defect, as was done in the case of the Bogan in 1869.

- (8.) Pacific Mail Service :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make any proposal to Parliament during the present Session in reference to the continuance of the Pacific Mail Service?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—Negotiations are at present in progress—of course they are to a certain extent of an intricate nature—for an arrangement by which this service can be continued. The moment anything definite is arrived at it will be submitted to the House with a view to obtain the sanction of Parliament.

- (9.) Temporary Draftsmen :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill empowering the Government to take on to the permanent staff a number of gentlemen now and for a long time past temporarily employed, but who have been performing duties of a like nature to the permanent staffs of different departments?

(2.) If not, do the Government conceive that, without contravening the spirit of the Civil Service Act, they can make such appointments; and will they do so?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—There are certain disabilities, I think, which have been inadvertently placed upon a portion of those who are called temporary draftsmen, and an endeavour will be made to rectify the matter this Session.

- (10.) Telegraph Stations, Port Stephens :—Mr. White asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a Telegraph Office at Hawk's Nest, or Tea Gardens, Port Stephens?

(2.) Will they obtain a report upon the advisableness of establishing a Telegraph Station at Aliceton, Port Stephens?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is not the intention of the Government to establish a Telegraph Office at Hawk's Nest, or Tea Gardens, Port Stephens, as from inquiries made it is considered a Station would not recoup expenses.

(2.) Yes.

- (11.) Mr. Meader, late Postman at Dubbo:—*Mr. Proctor*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Postmaster General,—When will the Order for Papers in the case of Mr. Meader, late postman of Dubbo, made last Session, be complied with?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—The copying of these documents will be completed in a day or two, when they will at once be laid upon the Table.

- (12.) Railway Station, Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any land been offered to the Government for a Railway Station at Cudal; if so, by whom was the said land offered, the area, and on what conditions?

Mr. Wright answered,—No land has been offered for this purpose.

- (13.) Reserves for Recreation, &c., Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has a Town Common and Recreation Ground been applied for by the residents of Cargo, county of Ashburnham, and will he state the reason of the delay in granting or dedicating the same, or when such land will be dedicated for public purposes?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to revoke the Cargo Gold-field Reserve; if so, when?

(3.) Is he aware that the Cargo Gold-field Reserve has been surveyed and divided into lots more than twelve months since; and if so, will he state when the same will be sent up for sale by public auction?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; a Recreation Ground of 14 acres and a Temporary Common of 890 acres have been recommended. There will be no unnecessary delay in finally disposing of both matters.

(2.) No; the Geological Surveyor reports against such a course.

(3.) Yes; there is no intention to offer the land for sale at present.

- (14.) Orange and Molong Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to visit and inspect the site for the Station at Boremore, on the Orange and Molong Railway?

(2.) Will he state if it has been decided to erect the Station at the site in Stibbard's Paddock, applied for by the residents by a numerous signed petition, or has any other site been fixed on, and will he state where?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) I will do so if public business will admit of it.

(2.) The Station ground will extend from 200 miles 9 chains to 200 miles 30 chains on land belonging to Mary Keenan and George Stibbard.

- (15.) Orange and Molong Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the contractor's engine is now running regularly between Orange and Molong, and will he state when the line is likely to be opened for the conveyance of passengers and traffic, or will the Government grant permission to the contractor to carry passengers and goods?

(2.) In order to meet the requirements of the public, especially during the wool season, is it the intention of the Government to erect a temporary platform at the Stonewall pending the erection of the necessary Station buildings at Molong, so that the line may be opened not later than the 1st October?

(3.) Have tenders yet been invited for the erection of the Station buildings at Molong, or has any person or firm received instructions to erect the same; if so, to whom has the work been let, and when will the work be completed?

(4.) Was the tender let privately or publicly?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The contractor's engine is running on the line, but no time can be fixed at present for opening it for public traffic.

(2, 3, and 4.) Tenders will be invited in a few days for the erection of the Station buildings at Molong.

- (16.) Validation of Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Loughnan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he intend to introduce a Validating Bill to deal with matters relating especially to conditional purchases which cannot be dealt with under the provisions of the Act of 1884?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A Bill will be introduced so soon as the public business will permit.

2. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell, trustees of certain land situated in Charlotte-place, in the City of Sydney, which is vested in them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell, trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place, in the City of Sydney, held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity, to let the said land on building leases or otherwise, or to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof. And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Freeman's Journal* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
3. RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Aston James Watkins, one of the trustees of certain lands containing in all one acre one rood and thirty-seven perches, situate at Randwick, being the lands comprised in two grants from the Crown, both dated the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and which is vested in Patrick Francis Moran, James Peter Hanrahan, and Aston James Watkins, upon trust as sites for a Roman Catholic Church and Clergyman's residence, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran, the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan, and Aston James Watkins, as trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

And

And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Freeman's Journal* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—
Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Alexander Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address, adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Steamship “Abergeldie.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Report from Trustees of Sydney Free Public Library for 1884-5.
Ordered to be printed.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Alexander Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- (1.) Patents and Trade Marks Bill:—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 2.*
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 Law relating to Patents for Inventions and the Registration of Trade Marks.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 10th September, 1885.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) Local Government Bill:—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 3.*
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 for the division of New South Wales into self-governing areas and for the establishment therein of a system of Local Government.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 10th September, 1885.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (3.) Noxious Trades Bill:—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 4.*
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 provide for the resumption and regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 10th September, 1885.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
6. RAILWAY BETWEEN ORANGE AND FORBES *via* CUDAL AND TOOGONG:—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) a Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway between Orange and Forbes *via* Cudal—viz. from Borenore to Forbes.
7. RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE:—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) a Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Narrabri to Moree.
8. RAILWAY FROM NYNGAN TO COBAR:—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) a Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Nyngan to Cobar.
9. KITE'S LEASING BILL:—Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from William Kite and Richard Young Cousins, both of Kelso, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquires, and Elizabeth Forrest, of Burwood, in the said Colony, widow, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will. And Mr. Suttor having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. 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, 9th September, 1885, 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*:—John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, George Campbell, Esquire, and Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

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

“*To His Excellency the Right Honorable 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of local government, and for the regulation of the public health, will receive our earnest consideration, with the desire that these important measures may be passed into law.

“3. The other measures to which your Excellency has referred will engage our anxious attention.

“4. We cordially unite in the prayer of your Excellency that the blessing of Almighty God may render our labours advantageous to the country.”

Upon which Mr. Burns had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3 of the following words:—

“But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech.”

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

POSTAL CONTRACT WITH ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Alexander Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 5.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the continuance of Steam Postal Communication between Sydney and England by steamers of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, Limited.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th September, 1885.

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

2. ELECTORATE OF CANTERBURY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Writ issued by him during the recess for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Canterbury, in the room of Henry Moses, Esquire, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Henson, Esquire. Mr. Henson then, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for Canterbury.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fisheries Act:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. White, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to ascertain from the Fisheries Commission their opinion as to the necessity of amendments in the Act, making penalties more severe for oyster stealing?

(2.) And whether the Act is in the opinion of the Commission working well, or whether it requires immediate amendment?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—This matter is at present engaging attention. It seems that the penalties for stealing oysters are hardly sufficient; but by regulations more stringently drafted they may be made so. When those additional regulations have been promulgated, if they should still be found insufficient, recourse will then be had to this House for powers to inflict greater penalties for the offence.

(2.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—*Mr. Young*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the reason for the delay in removing the Abattoirs from Glebe Island?

(2.) When will the Abattoirs be removed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Pending the completion of the Meat Markets.

(2.) In about three months.

(3.) Proposed Railway from St. Peters to Liverpool:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have plans of the proposed loop-line to Liverpool been prepared?

(2.) Has any decision been arrived at by the Government on the question of making such line?

(3.) Is there any objection to such plans being laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not yet.

(3.) If the Government determine to propose the scheme to Parliament, plans will be laid upon the Table.

(4.)

(4.) Illawarra Railway :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to open another section of the Illawarra Railway beyond Hurstville; and if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—When the line is completed to the 24th mile peg a further extension will be opened. It is expected that this will be about the end of the present year.

(5.) Sir John Coode :—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he succeeded in engaging the services of Sir John Coode to report on the harbours and rivers of the Colony?

(2.) If not, will he state the stage the negotiations for that purpose have now reached?

Mr. Wright answered,—A letter was addressed to Sir John Coode requesting that he would visit this Colony to inspect and report upon the harbours, &c., and a reply has been received by the Colonial Secretary to the effect that Sir John will extend his visit to New South Wales and give effect to the request of the Government.

(6.) Speech of Mr. McCulloch, M.P. :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the following extract from a speech made by Mr. McCulloch, a Member of this House, at Ryde, on the 28th May last, as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 29th May :—

“The Government proposals last year embraced some fourteen hundred miles of railway, some of them being lines of a most expensive character, without the remotest probability of their being payable for generations to come. The Grafton and Glen Innes, the Braidwood, and the Rockley lines were special instances of this class, and the inconvenience of massing such a number of projects in one proposal was shown in the way these lines were passed. It was a case of ‘you do all you can to get my line passed, and I will get my friends to vote for yours.’ He had no hesitation in saying that not one of these lines standing alone would have obtained the support of even a respectable minority; and even as it was the Grafton and Glen Innes line was only carried by a narrow majority, after what he could not designate in any other terms than disgraceful log-rolling and underground engineering.”

(2.) Is it his intention to invite Honorable Members to declare that this statement is a gross libel on this House?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—Until the Honorable Member directed my attention I had not noticed it. I thank him, however, for having directed my attention to this interesting and curious piece of literature. From the manner in which the Honorable Member read it, I did not perceive what connection I have or ought to have with it, or that it is requisite that any steps should be taken. Should I, however, discover it to be otherwise, I will take the earliest opportunity to inform the Honorable Member.

(7.) Central Police Court :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—When will tenders be called for the new Central Police Court for Sydney?

Mr. Cohen answered,—When plans are completed for the preparation of which instructions have already been given to the Colonial Architect.

(8.) Reclamations in Rozelle, White, and Snails Bays :—Mr. Young, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware of the great danger to the public health owing to the state of Rozelle, White, and Snails Bays?

(2.) Is it true that a Bill has been prepared dealing with the reclamation of these bays?

(3.) Will this measure be at once submitted for consideration of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A Bill will be introduced to deal generally with reclamations of the character referred to.

(9.) Trades Hall :—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the description of the land purchased as a site for the Trades Hall be forwarded by the Lands Department to the Crown Solicitor, so as to permit of the land in question being vested in the Trustees?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The papers were to-day sent to the Crown Solicitor.

(10.) Temporary Draftsmen :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to Mr. Burdekin's questions, on Friday 11th September, as to the increases on merit due to the temporary draftsmen, and Mr. Farnell's answer to question (4) “That the matter of provision for these increases was under consideration, and that to meet the additional payments proposed an amount would have to be placed on the Estimates,”—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Minister to place a sum of money on the Estimates for those increases recommended during 1884 and 1885?

(2.) Will the Minister state the reason why, of the fifty-nine gentlemen (as shown in questions 5 and 6) who were recommended for increases on their individual merit by the head of the department, fifteen so recommended were refused increases?

(3.) Will the Minister state the names of those gentlemen whose recommendations for increases were refused, and the reason in each case of such refusal?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The matter is under consideration.

(2.) Previous to the recommendation referred to it was decided that pending some final decision as regards the large staff of temporary draftsmen no further claim for periodical increase would be entertained.

(3.) I do not deem it necessary to state the names—the reason is above given.

(11.) Map of County of Roxburgh :—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it proposed to print a new map of the county of Roxburgh?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There is no intention on the part of the Mines Department to print a map of the county of Roxburgh; but a second edition of the map showing the leases at Mitchell's Creek is in course of preparation, and will be finished in a few days.

(12) Mr. W. L. Vardy, Solicitor:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the depositions taken in the case of Mrs. Ann Page at the Water Police Court on 6th August, 1885?

(2.) Also copies of all letters and papers in reference to certain complaints preferred by Mr. W. L. Vardy, solicitor, relating to the action of Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M., towards Mr. Vardy in the above matter?

(3.) Also copies of all subsequent letters, minutes, and documents received or sent by the Minister of Justice relative thereto?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I would rather that the Honorable Member moved for these papers in the usual way. I am not aware that there is any objection to laying them upon the Table; but I have not yet had an opportunity of looking over them.

4. PRIVILEGE—MR. MELVILLE, M.P.:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Ninian Melville, stating that Petitioner is desirous of being represented by Counsel, or appearing in person before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into his case, and praying for permission so to appear. Petition received.

Mr. Hugh Taylor then moved, That the prayer of the Petition now before the House be complied with.

Question put and passed.

5. BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL:—Mr. Targett presented a Petition from Lewis Potter Bain, a Director of the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company, Limited, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company, Limited, to carry out an agreement for the sale of the land on which the railway of the Company is constructed, and to vest such land in the purchaser.

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

6. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL:—Mr. Griffiths presented a Petition from Joseph Stimson, junior, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel to sell such land.

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

7. PAPER:—Sir Alexander Stuart laid upon the Table.—Minutes of the Executive Council *re* the capital conviction of Andrew George Scott, Thomas Rogan, Thomas Williams (Johns), and Graham Bennett for the murder of E. M. W. Bowen, a policeman, who was endeavouring to arrest them.

Ordered to be printed (*in substitution for papers laid upon the Table on 15th September, 1885, "Capital Conviction of Thomas Williams, alias Johns."*)

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

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Upon which Mr. Burns had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3 of the following words:—

"But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech."

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Henry Clarke, Esquire, and John Sutherland, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Permanent Artillery Force:—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers and minutes on the subject of the filling the vacant Captaincy in the Permanent Artillery Force?
Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—I do not know to what the Honorable Member refers. No Officer has yet been appointed to this vacancy.
- (2.) Selection taken up in name of J. M. Willmott:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. Heydon, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the depositions taken before the Pilliga Land Board in the case of a selection taken up in the name of J. M. Willmott on the run of Mr. J. J. Capp?
Mr. Farnell answered,—I have no objection to lay copies of the papers upon the Table of the House if the Honorable Member moves for them. However, I would suggest that this course should not be adopted, as the question of a prosecution is now under consideration.
2. GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of Glen Innes, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect Offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets, and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon, and to lease such Offices for terms not exceeding five years.
And Mr. Fergusson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Glen Innes Guardian*, and the *Glen Innes Examiner*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. PROPOSED RAILWAY VIA COLO VALLEY TO MUDGEE AND COONAMBLE:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Towns and Districts of Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone, Cobbora, Coonabarabran, and Coonamble, representing that the making of a Railway from Dubbo to Coonamble would not benefit any centre of population except the terminus, and that many advantages would result from the construction of a line *via* the Colo Valley to Mudgee and thence to Coonamble,—and praying consideration of the matter by this House.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
4. PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM MUDGEE TO COONAMBLE:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Cobbora and surrounding district, in favour of the extension of the Railway from Mudgee to Coonamble *via* Gulgong and Cobbora, and praying the House to give effect to their wishes.
Petition received.
5. RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE:—Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from certain Residents of Narrabri and the surrounding districts, stating that they suffer loss and inconvenience through the Railway Station being two miles from the Town, and praying the House not to sanction the construction of the Line from Narrabri to Moree until the question of a proposed deviation and the relative cost and expediency of the two lines shall have been duly considered.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, and Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

“*To His Excellency the Right Honorable 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of local government, and for the regulation of the public health, will receive our earnest consideration, with the desire that these important measures may be passed into law.

“3. The other measures to which your Excellency has referred will engage our anxious attention.

“4. We cordially unite in the prayer of your Excellency that the blessing of Almighty God may render our labours advantageous to the country.

Upon which Mr. Burns had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3 of the following words:—

“But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate by leave withdrawn.

Debate on Main Question continued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “Four,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the word “Seven.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. White,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Abbott.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Proctor.
Mr. Caas,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Abigail,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Gibbs,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Slatery.
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. David Ryrie,	
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Burdekin.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Seven o'clock,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Station Buildings, Bathurst, Dubbo, and Orange:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total cost of Railway Station Buildings, Station-master's Residence, and Goods-sheds at Bathurst?
- (2.) The like information as to Dubbo?
- (3.) The like information as to Orange?
- (4.) The total amount of salaries and wages for the year 1884 paid at Bathurst to officials and other employés at the Railway Station and Goods-sheds in that town?
- (5.) The like information as to Dubbo?
- (6.) The like information as to Orange?
- (7.) The expenditure for the year 1884 in salaries and wages on the Workshops at Bathurst Railway Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—This information is being prepared, and I will lay it upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Police Magistrate, Scone:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Fremlin, asked the Minister of Justice.—When Mr. Parker was appointed Stipendiary Magistrate for Scone, to what portions of the Upper Hunter did his jurisdiction extend?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Mr. Parker was appointed Police Magistrate at Scone, with instructions to visit, on requisition, the Courts at Muswellbrook and Murrurundi.

- (3.) Municipal Debentures, West Maitland:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Municipal Council of West Maitland applied to the Government to pay them the sum of £4,000 borrowed by them on debentures to protect the river bank?
- (2.) If application has not been made by the above Council, do the Government intend to pay or give them this £4,000 when it is applied for?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—No such application has been received by me.

- (4.) Railway Bridge over Hawkesbury River:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works.—In reference to his reply on the 10th September to my questions relative to the Bridge across the Hawkesbury River, on the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Homebush to Waratah,—

- (1.) Why was it considered advisable to invite tenders for designs and the construction of this Bridge?
- (2.) Were the designs prepared for this work under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways considered unsuitable for the purpose required by any engineer qualified by experience to express an opinion upon the subject, or were they considered unsuitable by the Minister himself?
- (3.) Did the agents in Sydney of any bridge building firms in America apply to the Government to be allowed to send in designs and tenders for this work?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1 & 2.) It was considered desirable by the Government to follow the course pursued in England and other parts of the world, and allow contractors to send in competitive designs and tenders for this work.

(3.) I am not aware.

- (5.) Land Boards—Messrs. Cropper and Trollope:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did Mr. Cropper, Chairman of a Land Board, send in false vouchers or returns for expenses on days on which he was not travelling?

(2.)

- (2.) Did some other member of the Land Board do the same; if so, what is his name?
 (3.) Did the clerk to the Land Board also send in false vouchers for travelling expenses; if so, what is his name?
 (4.) Will he prosecute Mr. Cropper and the others for fraud in obtaining or endeavouring to obtain this money by false pretences, and also dismiss the whole of them from the Public Service?
 (5.) Has Mr. Cropper since been appointed an Inspector of Conditional Purchases; if so, will he dismiss him at once?
 (6.) Has a Mr. Trollope been accused of being guilty of similar conduct; if so, has he been guilty of it, and will he at once dismiss him if he is guilty?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Mr. Cropper, when Chairman of the Land Board at Forbes, sent in an account for travelling expenses one day in excess of time actually occupied by him in travelling.

(2.) Messrs. E. A. L. Sharpe and G. F. Hutchinson, Members of the Board, under instructions from the Chairman, submitted vouchers for charges in the same manner.

(3.) Mr. F. S. Murray, Deposition Clerk to the Forbes Board, also sent in similar vouchers under Mr. Cropper's directions.

(4.) No; there is no case for a prosecution. As regards Mr. Cropper, in consideration of his previous service, removal from the position of Chairman to that of Inspector of Conditional Purchases was considered a sufficient punishment. So far as the other officers are concerned, it having been clearly shown that they acted under the direction of their superior officer, the Chairman, who is required to examine and certify the accounts for travelling expenses incurred in connection with the Board, no action was deemed necessary.

(5.) I have no intention of dismissing Mr. Cropper from his present position.

(6.) I know of no such imputation against Mr. Chairman Trollope.

- (6.) Prickly Pear Nuisance:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill this Session to deal with the Prickly Pear Nuisance?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I have already given notice of my intention, and will introduce the Bill and endeavour to push it forward as soon as possible.

- (7.) Land Boards—Mr. Cropper's Appointment:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has Mr. Cropper, late Chairman of a Land Board, been appointed an Inspector of Conditional Purchases for the Metropolitan District?

(2.) If so, will any of the temporary Inspectors be removed to make room for him; if so, whom, and has such temporary Inspector done his work to the satisfaction of the Minister?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Mr. Cropper has been appointed an Inspector of Conditional Purchases. He is for the present attached to the Metropolitan District.

(2.) No.

- (8.) Mr. George Pope, Ryde:—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of offices Mr. George Pope holds at Ryde, and the amount of remuneration he receives?

(2.) If the buildings occupied as post office, telegraph office, and court-house are private property; and if so, who is the proprietor, and what rent is he paid?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Mr. Pope holds the following offices under Government at Ryde, namely:—
 (a) Clerk of Petty Sessions and Agent for the Curator of Intestate Estates; (b) Registrar of the Small Debts Court; (c) Assistant Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; and (d) Postmaster. His total remuneration from above offices is £275 per annum.

(2.) Yes; Mr. Pope is owner of the buildings referred to, and the rent paid for same is £80 per annum.

- (9.) Porters, Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many hours do the porters on the Northern Railway line work daily?

(2.) Is he aware that many of the porters have to work twelve, fourteen, sixteen, and eighteen hours daily, without receiving any compensation for overtime?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) At Newcastle, where the work is heavy and continuous, nine hours a day. At other Stations, where the work is not laborious or continuous, ten hours a day.

(2.) The Traffic Manager reports that it is not the case "that many porters have to work twelve, fourteen, sixteen, and eighteen hours daily." When they work over the recognised hours, they are allowed for it either by payment or "time off" when their services can be spared.

- (10.) Free Carriage of Goods to Employés, Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that groceries and other goods are carried per rail from Newcastle to Armidale and Armidale to Glen Innes free of charge for the use of the station-masters, porters, fettleers, and other employés; if so, will the Minister state to what extent has this been carried out, and how long has it been in existence?

(2.) Is he prepared to make a concession to storekeepers, who are large contributors to the revenue of the country for the conveyance of similar articles?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Quarterly market passes are granted to employés to visit any town on the lines where they think they can purchase to the best advantage. Those who avail themselves of this privilege are permitted on production of their passes to take their supplies with them free of charge. As no record is kept of such packages, it is not possible to give the extent to which this practice has been availed of; it has been in force for many years, indeed from the time the Railways have extended beyond central markets.

(2.) No, the circumstances are in no way identical.

- (11.) Sub-way, Alt-street, Ashfield:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the subway under the Railway line at Alt-street, Ashfield, be commenced; and what is the cause of this work being delayed?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is delayed owing to the action of the Municipal Council of Ashfield in declining to give the levels unless they are relieved of all responsibility as regards compensation to those affected by such levels.

- (12.) Senior Examiner of Titles:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any complaints been made about the great delay caused through the dealings of the Senior Examiner of Titles with applications?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to dispense with the Senior Examiner's services, in accordance with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the working of the Real Property Office?
- (3.) How many titles have been passed by the Examiners since the 1st January last?
- (4.) How many have been dealt with by the Senior Examiner?
- (5.) How many titles are now before the Senior Examiner?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 & 3.) Two hundred distinct titles to land to be brought under the operation of the Real Property Act, and two hundred and fifty-three titles to land by transmission under the said Act—in all 453. Each title reported on by two examiners.
- (4.) Thirty-three titles on application to bring land under the operation of the Real Property Act, and 106 titles for land under said Act by transmission.
- (5.) Thirty-one.

- (13.) Prisoner Graham Bennett:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Buchanan, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Had the Government the opinion of the Judge who tried the prisoner Graham Bennett before they consented to his liberation; was that opinion favourable to his liberation?
- (2.) Has the Government been induced to liberate this prisoner in consequence of the story told them by the prisoner Johns, lately executed?
- (3.) Is it true that influential people in England have interfered for Bennett's liberation; was the Right Honorable W. E. Forster one of those influential people?
- (4.) Will the Government at once lay all the papers in connection with their action in Bennett's case before this House?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It would perhaps be more satisfactory that I should lay the papers upon the Table of the House, which I will do as soon as they have been copied.

- (14.) Female Domestic Servants:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware of the totally inadequate supply of female domestic servants under the Immigration Regulations; and if so, will he cause immediate instructions to be issued to the Agent General to increase the supply as speedily as possible?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—I am aware of the fact; and the Honorable Gentleman asked me the same question almost this day year. I then replied that the Agent General had been instructed to send as many female domestic servants as he could under the Regulations. Since then I have received the following letter from the Agent General:—

“ 5, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.,
“ 24th July, 1885.

“ Sir,
“ I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, 6,054-85, of the 30th May last, requesting me to resume nominations under the existing Immigration Regulations in favour of single women, and urging me to use every endeavour to increase the number of young women fit for domestic service.

“ In reply, I have the honor to point out that in your cablegram, dated the 6th May, 1884, instructing me to make no further engagements, owing to a reduction in the Immigration Vote for that year, female domestics were specially excepted, and I have therefore continued throughout to make very strenuous efforts to secure eligible applicants of this class, the result of which has been that a larger number of young women have, during the last twelve months, been approved for assisted passages, than previously in any one year proceeded to the Colony.

“ While on this subject, I may also refer to the latter portion of my cablegram of the 29th May last in reply to yours of that date.

“ The s.s. ‘Belgic,’ sailing on the 30th instant, will convey about two hundred single women, exclusive of wives nominated by their husbands in New South Wales.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
“ Sydney.”

“ Your most obedient Servant,
“ SAUL SAMUEL.

I find that the total number of unmarried women who arrived under the Immigration Regulations during the sixteen months from the 1st January, 1884, to the 30th April, 1885, was 1871, of which six hundred and nineteen were hired from the Immigration Depot.

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

- (1.) Has he received numerous complaints as to the inconvenient and unsuitable over-head bridge at the Parramatta Railway Station?
- (2.) If it is not considered desirable to remove the said structure, will instructions be issued for the erection of a sub-way on the northern side of the Station, so as to enable many persons to reach the Station who are at present prevented from doing so?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The complaints have not been numerous nor general, but some complaints have been made.
- (2.) No persons are prevented from reaching the Station, and though a sub-way might give greater facilities for some of them to do so, it is not considered either necessary or desirable to have a sub-way in addition to the bridge.

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

(1.) Is he aware that persons using the Railway to and from Parramatta are very much inconvenienced by having to walk in the centre of the road from Church-street to the Station in that town, on account of the disgraceful state of the footpath?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have the approach for foot passengers asphalted on the south side as early as possible?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware that this is the case; but the approach in question is in charge of the Municipal Council, whose duty it is to provide for pathways, &c.

(17.) Lennox Bridge, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely that tenders will be invited for widening Lennox Bridge at Parramatta, the sum of £4,000 having been voted by Parliament for such work, and the traffic over the bridge having increased?

Mr. Wright answered,—In about a week.

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

(1.) The number of tickets issued at Parramatta Railway Station during the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884?

(2.) The amount of cash received at Parramatta Railway Station during the above years for goods and passenger traffic?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) 1880, 149,765; 1881, 153,050; 1882, 199,000; 1883, 243,507; 1884, 255,627.

(2.) 1880, £18,137 18s. 5d.; 1881, £20,173 11s. 4d.; 1882, £23,430 6s. 5d.; 1883, £24,868 8s. 9d.; 1884, £25,064 10s. 10d.

(19.) Parramatta River :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the river from Newington to the Queen's Wharf at Parramatta is fast filling up, and that all traffic on that portion of the Parramatta River is prevented by such filling up?

(2.) Will he cause a survey to be made and a report sent in as early as possible of the probable cost of clearing out and deepening the above, and place the necessary amount on the Estimates for carrying out the work?

Mr. Wright answered,—I have no report on this subject before me; but I will instruct the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers to obtain one, after the receipt of which I will take the matter into consideration; but this is all I can promise at present.

(20.) Locomotive Engines :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the Locomotive Engines that tenders are now called for of the usual English, or American pattern?

Mr. Wright answered,—The engines as designed are of the English type, but provision is made in the specification which will admit of American and other locomotive builders tendering.

(21.) Huntawang Run :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the total area of Crown Lands, exclusive of reserves and alienated land, in the leasehold area of the Huntawang pastoral holding?

(2.) The total area of reserves within such holding?

(3.) The total area of alienated land in the leasehold area?

(4.) What is the total area of Crown Lands, exclusive of reserves and alienated land, within the resumed area of the Huntawang Run?

(5.) The total area of reserves, including land in the population boundary of Hillstone, within the resumed area?

(6.) The total area of alienated land within the resumed area?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Estimated area, 111,430 acres.

(2.) Estimated area, 38,472 acres.

(3.) 4,620 acres.

(4.) Estimated area, 91,804 acres.

(5.) Estimated area, 30,922 acres.

(6.) 7,774 acres.

(22.) Court of Petty Sessions, Hartley Vale :—Mr. Targett asked the Minister of Justice,—Does he propose to grant the petition of the people of Hartley Vale, that a Court of Petty Sessions shall be established in that township?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It had been decided not to establish this Court, but a recent Petition in its favour having been presented is now under inquiry.

(23.) Subway from Sydney to St. Leonards :—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Ives, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any negotiations been entered into by the Government for the construction of a sub-way from Sydney to St. Leonards?

(2.) If so, will the Minister have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, plans, letters, &c., in relation to same, with estimated cost and time required for construction?

Mr. Wright answered,—Negotiations have not been entered into by the Government with regard to this matter.

(24.) Bridge over the Spit, Middle Harbour :—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Ives, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates a sum sufficient to construct a bridge across the Spit at Middle Harbour?

(2.) Have any surveys been made in reference to the construction of a bridge across the Spit; and if so, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table all plans and estimated cost of the work?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Nothing has been determined with regard to this matter.
- (2.) Surveys and report have been made, but no definite site or design determined on.

(25.) Sewerage System for St. Leonards :—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. Ives, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates a sum sufficient to provide for a complete sewerage system for the township of St. Leonards?
- (2.) Have any surveys been made in reference to such system; if so, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table all plans and estimated cost of the works?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) This matter is under consideration.
- (2.) The surveys can be seen at Sewerage Office; copies of both have been forwarded to the Mayors of each Municipality.

(26.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to St. Leonards :—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. Ives, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for construction of the Railway from Pearce's Corner to St. Leonards?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose the construction and continuation of the Railway from the Crow's Nest to the Waters of Port Jackson, through the township of St. Leonards?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) There has been no unnecessary delay. The working plan, section, and estimate will be ready in about a week.
- (2.) No. It is proposed to reach the waters of Port Jackson by a branch line terminating at the western side of Ball's Head.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Suttor* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. MUNICIPALITIES ACT :—*Mr. Proctor* presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers of the Borough of Waterloo, representing that the names of several Ratepayers of the Borough were omitted from the Municipal List; complaining of the conduct of certain Aldermen, members of the Revision Court; and praying this House to take the premises into favourable consideration, with a view to relief.

Petition received.

4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject postponed, on motion of *Mr. Dibbs* (*with the unanimous consent of the House*), until to-morrow, to take precedence of other business.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at eleven minutes after Eleven 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, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Rolling Stock, Great Northern Railway :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that owing to the insufficient quantity of rolling stock on the Great Northern Railway, large numbers of cattle trucks had to be used for the carriage of passengers to and from Singleton on Thursday, 30th August last; and if so, will he state how many cattle trucks were so used?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent a repetition of this inconvenience in future by providing a sufficient quantity of rolling stock for this line?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) No cattle vans were used for conveyance of passengers on Thursday, the 30th August, but on the 27th August the demand for seats was so great as to necessitate either refusing persons passages or giving them the use of nine vans. They had been properly prepared in view of this emergency, and had seats put in them.

(2.) It is only once a year that such a demand has to be met, and as the rolling stock is quite ample for every other emergency it is not considered desirable that any special order for extra rolling stock should be given. The annual supply of new stock will probably render a resort to cattle vans unnecessary in future.

- (2.) Hay and Lime sent from Lake Bathurst :—Mr. Holborow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The total quantities of hay and lime sent from Lake Bathurst from the 3rd July to 3rd September, 1885?

Mr. Abbott answered,—During the period mentioned thirty-one trucks of hay weighing approximately 124 tons, and forty-one trucks of lime weighing 249 tons 5 cwt. and 2 qrs., were sent from Lake Bathurst.

- (3.) Waiting-shed, Lake Bathurst :—Mr. Holborow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Railway Department to erect a Waiting-shed for the accommodation of passengers at Lake Bathurst, also a shed for the storage of goods; if so, when?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A Waiting-shed has been authorized. It has been ascertained, on inquiry, that nothing more is necessary at present.

- (4.) Painting Station Buildings, Illawarra Railway :—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the reason that the exterior of the Station buildings and Station-masters residences on the Illawarra Railway were painted when similar buildings on the Southern, Western, and Northern Railways have not been treated in a similar way?

(2.) How many coats of paint were used in painting the exterior of the brick structures used as Station buildings and Station-masters residences on the Illawarra Railway?

(3.) By whom was the paint supplied which was used for this purpose, and what has been the cost of painting the exterior of the Station buildings and Station-masters residences on the Illawarra Railway, and who was the maker of the paint used?

Mr.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) All Station buildings for the last few years have been painted, when not cemented, to keep out the wet, and similar buildings on the Southern, Western, and Northern Lines have also been painted.

(2.) Four coats of paint for outside work are always specified.

(3.) The paint was supplied by the contractors for the buildings, and the cost included in their tenders. Silicate and the ordinary lead and oil paints were used.

(5.) Public Schools:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Henson*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—In how many of the Public Schools are the principles of Physiology and Hygiene being taught, and the locality of each School?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Instruction in the principles of Physiology and Hygiene is required to be given in all Public Schools.

(6.) Painting Meat Market and Chill-room, Pyrmont:—*Dr. Ross*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many coats of paint did the original specification prescribe there should be used by the contractor in painting the interior and exterior of the buildings recently erected at Pyrmont for a Meat Market and Chill-room?

(2.) Who supplied the paint used for this work, or from whom did the contractor purchase the paint used in painting those buildings?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Three coats.

(2.) The paint was supplied by the contractor, who I believe purchased the bulk from the Standard Paint Company, and it has been approved of by the Engineer in charge as first class paint.

(7.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Are conditional purchases made under the repealed Acts situate within leasehold areas upon being voided, lapsing, or being forfeited Crown Lands, and as such open to conditional purchase, or do such lands fall into and become part of the leasehold areas within the bounds of which they may be situated?

Mr. Farnell answered,—At present it is proposed to annex the lands specified to the leasehold areas, but hereafter circumstances may arise which will suggest another course of action?

(8.) Continuation of Thomas-street, Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was a Petition received asking that the continuation of Thomas-street, in Parramatta, through the property of the late *Mr. Bowden*, be thrown open for the use of the public, the said road having been in use but now stopped by the erection of a fence across it?

(2.) Is it intended to survey and open up this road without delay, and thus prevent parties who have to attend the District Court and Quarter Sessions going a round of some miles to attend such places of business?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Survey of the extension of Thomas-street was made in consequence of a representation that the late owner of the land was willing that the street should be established; but as *Mrs. Bowden* has protested against such a course, and as the street would not only pass through an avenue and planted walk and lawn, but would pass within the prescribed distance of the principal dwelling-house on the estate, it has been decided not to open the extension of Thomas-street.

(9.) Clock for Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to have a clock erected at the Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta, which is much needed, and was promised by a former Government?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—I have no knowledge as to the intention of any former Government. If the Honorable Member can show me any engagement on the part of a former Government, I will answer the question.

(10.) Railway from Orange to Molong:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the Railway from Orange to Molong be opened for traffic?

(2.) When opened, will the arrangements of the Station at Molong be sufficiently advanced to meet the requirements of the coming wool season?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) No time for the opening has yet been fixed, nor can a time be fixed till greater progress has been made towards its completion.

(2.) Yes, if line is opened.

(11.) Prison at Trial Bay:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) When is it likely that Trial Bay will be completed for the reception of prisoners?

(2.) Is it true that the office of Superintendent, or head of this department, has been promised to a *Mr. Gilliat*, a son-in-law of an ex-Minister of the Crown, and now holding the position of Inspector of Tanks; if so, is this in accordance with the Civil Service Act?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the establishment at Trial Bay will probably be handed over to the Prison Authorities some time next month.

(2.) No, it is not the fact.

(12.) Widow and Children of Charles Brayne:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Charles Brayne, who was Senior Warder in Berrima and Parramatta Gaols for twelve years, and then promoted as Acting Gaoler at Dubbo, died suddenly during the present month, leaving a wife and fourteen children almost destitute?

(2.)

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made whether any compensation can be granted to the widow and children under the 51st clause of the Civil Service Act; and if not, will he cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Estimates for the relief of this deserving officer's wife and children?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the late Senior Warder Brayne, who was temporarily attached to take charge of Dubbo Goal, has recently died, and that the family is believed to be in destitute circumstances, but I am not aware of the exact number.

(2.) The Comptroller General of Prisons states that the late Senior Warder unfortunately omitted to apply to be accepted as a contributor to the superannuation provisions of the Civil Service Act, and his widow would not therefore be entitled to receive any gratuity under that Act; but the case will be further considered.

(13.) Arrears of Business, Supreme Court :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt any measures by which the large arrears of business in the Supreme Court may be in some degree overtaken?

(2.) Will the Government appoint Acting Judges to do all the circuit work for October, and allow the Judges to make some progress with the mass of cases awaiting trial in Sydney?

(3.) If this is not done, is it the intention of the Government to allow matters to continue as at present?

Mr. Cohen answered,—At the close of the present sittings the arrears of business will be comparatively small, therefore it is not contemplated to take any such action as is suggested by the Honorable Member's questions.

(14.) Swing Opening, Pymont Bridge :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the inconvenience to shipping caused by the insufficient size of the swing opening in the Pymont Bridge?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to enlarge this opening; and if so, when?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter will receive consideration in connection with the new design for improved wharfage accommodation for Darling Harbour.

(15.) Crown Lands Act :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Lands,—Are the plans under part 4, clause 75, of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and 105 of the Regulations, which applicants for pastoral holdings were instructed to send in relative to the division of their runs open to public inspection?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No, but reasonable access to them is permitted. They are not of a substantial character, and if exhibited for general use by the public would become impaired before copies for office purposes could be made.

(16.) Survey of Entrance to Nambuccra River :—Mr. Teece, for Mr. R. B. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a complete survey been made of the entrance to the Nambuccra River; if so, by whom?

(2.) Have plans been prepared from such survey?

(3.) Has it been represented to the Government that at the present time no fewer than fourteen vessels are detained behind the Nambuccra bar?

(4.) What is the cause of delay in inviting tenders for the construction of works for the improvement of the entrance to the river, and when will such tenders be invited?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes; by Lieut. Francis, R.N.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The inadequacy of the funds voted to effect any improvement at the entrance to the river.

(17.) Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai :—Mr. Murray, for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When did the contract time for the construction of the Gundagai Railway expire?

(2.) In order to meet the requirements of the public, will he arrange with the contractors to open the line as far as it is completed or practicable?

(3.) When is it expected the line will be opened from Cootamundra to Gundagai?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The original contract time was the 30th June last but a further extension into the town of Gundagai is now being constructed, and will not be completed before the end of the year.

(2.) This question is now under consideration; a report has been called for.

(3.) If a section of this line be not previously opened, the whole line will be opened directly it is completed.

(18.) Bourke-street Sewer :—Mr. Murray, for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In order to prevent any unnecessary delay on the part of the City Council in removing a very great nuisance, and also obtaining the revenue that is to pay for the construction of the Bourke-street Sewer, by having the branch sewers constructed by the time of its completion,—Will he inform the City Council when it will be so far completed as to admit the sewage for which it is being constructed?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The syphon, the only incomplete part, will be ready in August, 1886; but urgent connections could be made at once, as the Corporation were informed some time ago.

(19.) Buoy off Dobroyd Point :—Mr. Murray, for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the buoy recently fixed off Dobroyd Point, Port Jackson, has been removed, or is not visible; if so, what is the cause of it?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I have been supplied with the following information from the Marine Board :—The buoy has not been removed; if it is not visible, it must have sunk or been swept away by the breakers at this particular spot. Steps will be taken to have it replaced.

2. **PATENT LAWS** :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the President, Members of Council, and Members of the Engineering Association of New South Wales (a Society Incorporated by Act of Parliament, 19th August, 1884), representing the necessity for an amendment in the laws relating to Patents, and praying the House to speedily amend such laws.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

3. **PAPERS** :—

Sir Alexander Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statistical Register for 1884 (Part V.)
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Raymond Terrace.
- (3.) Regulation under the State Children's Relief Act of 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

- (4.) Return to an Address adopted on 29th October, 1884.—“The Case of F. W. Meader.”

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain land, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumptions of Land under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Kendale and Wamberall.
Ordered to be printed.

4. **PROPOSED RAILWAY BETWEEN SINGLETON AND MERRIWA** :—Mr. Gould presented a Petition from certain Residents of Jerry's Plains, Warkworth, Doyle's Creek, Denman, Merriwa, and Singleton, praying that a Trial Survey be made for a Railway Line from Singleton *via* Jerry's Plains, Warkworth, and Denman, to Merriwa, with a view to an early decision as to the construction of a light Line of Railway between these points.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

5. **BOMBALA STEAM CARRYING COMPANY** :—Mr. Badgery presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Bombala District, stating that the Bombala Steam Carrying Company have commenced running a Steam Traction Engine from Bombala to the Sea Port *via* the Tantiwangilo Mountain, and praying the House to pass a Bill to effect an abatement of this nuisance.
Petition received.

6. **RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL** :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from Simeon Henry Pearce and Edwin Daintrey, of Randwick, near Sydney, Esquires, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead, and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's, and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary.
And Mr. Smith having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

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

“*To His Excellency the Right Honorable 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of local government, and for the regulation of the public health, will receive our earnest consideration, with the desire that these important measures may be passed into law.

“3. The other measures to which your Excellency has referred will engage our anxious attention.

“4. We cordially unite in the prayer of your Excellency that the blessing of Almighty God may render our labours advantageous to the country.”

Upon which Mr. Burns had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition to paragraph 3 of the following words :—

“But we desire respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency was not advised to call Parliament together at a period sufficiently early to have enabled us to give due consideration before the close of the year to the many important and pressing measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech.”

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

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Vaughn,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cameron.

Tellers,

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Fromlin,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. De Salis,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. David Ryrie,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Gorrick,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. White,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Day,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. McCourt,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original 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. Dibbs informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at a quarter to Four o'clock To-morrow,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House adjourned at twelve minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Sir Alexander 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 thank you for your Address, and for the renewed assurances of your deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

Your well known patriotism and devotion to the interests of the Country afford me the fullest conviction that the introduction of the Bills for dividing the Colony into self-governing areas, and establishing a system of Local Government, and also for the regulation of the Public Health, as well as of other measures referred to, will receive your best and earnest consideration, with the object of passing these measures into law at an early period.

*Government House,
Sydney, 24th September, 1885.*

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prospect Water Scheme:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) The total amount paid for work done in connection with the Prospect Water Scheme?
(2.) The liability on account of contracts already let?
(3.) Has any estimate been made of the probable cost of the Scheme when finished; if so, the amount?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) £1,312,454 16s., to 31st August last.
(2.) £535,098 15s.
(3.) Yes; £2,040,121 1s. 2d.

(2.) Public School at Red Range:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
(1.) When were tenders called for erection of Public School building at Red Range, and date of acceptance or refusal?
(2.) Will he state if it is his intention to erect any better school building than at present exists?
(3.) The number of children attending the school?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) (a) On the 22nd May, 1882, but no tenders being received, fresh ones were invited on the 3rd April, 1883. (b) On 5th September, 1883, the Minister determined, on the advice of the conference of Inspectors, not to erect a new school building, but to proceed with the residence only.

(2.) It is intended to erect more suitable school buildings.

(3.) The enrolment for the quarter ended 31st March last was 49, and the average daily attendance 22. The enrolment for the quarter ended 30th June last was 52, and the average daily attendance 35.1.

(3.)

(3.) Woods' Brake:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the Woods' brake patented by Mr. Woods, late Minister for Works in Victoria, being fitted on any engine, carriage, or rolling stock on the New South Wales Railways; or is it intended to fit such brake on them?
- (2.) If so, is he aware that this brake is very destructive to the rolling stock and Railway?
- (3.) If the above brake is to be tried, on whose recommendation is it to be tried?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The Woods' brake is not fitted on any of our stock. The Universal Continuous Automatic Brake Company (Limited) have offered to fit up a goods train (including engine), at their own expense, with a brake upon the Woods' principle for trial only.
- (2.) Official inquiries in Victoria show that there is a difference of opinion on this matter.
- (3.) The Commissioner for Railways has sanctioned the trial. The Department has always been anxious to obtain a suitable brake for our goods stock, and the sanction given will enable us to ascertain, without any expense, whether it will answer our purpose. The Vacuum Brake Company of England have, at their own request and expense, been also allowed to have their brake tried in a similar manner. The Locomotive Engineer states that the advantages that would accrue from the adoption of an inexpensive continuous brake for the goods stock running on our heavy mountain grades would be incalculable.

(4.) Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many Improvement Purchases have been refused, and how many of those refusals have been reversed by the Minister, and for what reasons?
- (2.) How long is it estimated before all the runs will be ready for appraisalment?
- (3.) How long after they are ready will it take to complete the appraisements?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) If the Honorable Member will move for a Return, it will be prepared. The information cannot be given in the form of a reply to a question, as it will probably take months to compile it, and necessitate the examination of some thousands of applications.
- (2 & 3.) It is impossible to give a definite reply to the two latter questions. No unnecessary delay will, however, occur.

(5.) Jetty at Byron Bay:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any tender been accepted for Jetty at Byron Bay; if not, what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—Fresh tenders have been invited for this work, as those received were not satisfactory.

(6.) Temporary Draftsmen:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he state the reason why an answer was not given to the Draftsmen as to the rate of remuneration they would receive?
- (2.) What amount was paid (if any) to the Under Secretary and other officials for overtime since 1st January last?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I infer that the Honorable Member's question relates to a recent contemplated "strike" by a number of draftsmen in the Survey Office. If so, for his information, I would state that Mr. Farnell became aware that an attempt would be made to coerce him to an arrangement as to rate of payment to draftsmen working beyond the usual office hours for a period of about one week. He deemed it his duty to resist this attempted pressure, ample remuneration having been, in his opinion, invariably allowed for lengthened hours of service by any of these officers, to which rule no exception was or is intended in this instance.
- (2.) The Under Secretary has not made any claim for overtime payment. The amounts paid for overtime are as follows:—Clerks, £1,274 6s. 6d; Draftsmen, £3,450 13s. 6d.

(7.) Railway Meat Vans:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Griffiths, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What number of Railway Meat Vans are there at present available for conveyance of meat to Sydney?
- (2.) What number of same are ordered and likely to be ready at beginning of year 1886?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) There are thirty-two vehicles in use for carrying meat, ten meat vans proper, and twenty-two cattle waggons so altered as to be available for the carriage of this description of traffic.
- (2.) No further orders have been given.

(8.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Griffiths, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to proceed with the Amending Bankruptcy Bill during this Session?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It is ready, but I do not think it will be practicable to deal with this important measure during this Session.

(9.) Water Frontage, Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a lease of a water frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay granted to Sir Alexander Stuart; if so, when and upon what terms?
- (2.) How long was it held by him as lessee?
- (3.) What rent was paid?
- (4.) Has the lease been re-transferred to the Government; if so, what was the amount paid for the purchase of the said lease?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

- (1.) A lease of 100 lineal feet of the water frontage at Woolloomooloo was granted to William Harmer in 1878, and also 100 feet to Mr. D. Keele, subject to the usual conditions, viz., that the lease did not convey any right of purchase in virtue of improvements or otherwise. These leases were purchased by, and transferred in 1881, the former to Mr., now Sir Alexander Stuart, and the latter to Mr. W. E. Wilson. Both, it is understood, being for the use of the Coal Cliff Coal Company.

(2.)

(2.) They were held for about two years from the transfer.

(3.) £25 per annum for each 100 feet.

(4.) In 1883, when arranging with the Imperial Government with regard to the Naval Station, the site of these leases was deemed by Commodore Erskine as the most suitable one for the wharf building to be erected for the reception and storage of naval stores. Mr. Stuart at once agreed to give them up, and as both he and Sir John Robertson were interested in the matter, as proprietors of the Coalcliff Coal Company, they determined not to ask that any purchase money be paid by the Government, as they thought it was more expedient that it should not be dealt with by any Government of which either of them was a member; but they contented themselves with putting on record the grounds upon which they considered they have a claim for certain moneys (amounting to about £700) paid by them in connection with the said properties, to be dealt with by some future Ministry of which neither of these gentlemen are members. I only hope that my Honorable Friend who asks this question may be the future Minister who may have to deal with the matter, because if there is any corruption in it, he would immediately find it out, and if there is not, I am sure that he will readily do that justice which may be necessary.

(10.) Painting Public Buildings:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, on an early date, copies of all papers, minutes, or other documents having reference to the contract for painting public buildings in the Colonial Architect's Department for this year?

Mr. Wright answered,—I have no objection to lay the papers upon the Table.

(11.) Tramway Curve, Hunter-street:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been directed to the dangerous tramway curve in Hunter-street, leading from Elizabeth to Phillip Street; and is it his intention to take any steps to improve the line by a more direct route?

Mr. Wright answered,—Although this curve appears to be dangerous, experience has shown that it can be worked without accident. No accident of any kind either to the tram or to ordinary road vehicles has taken place since the line was opened, now over three years.

(12.) Influx of French Criminals:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Merriman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure to prevent the influx of French Criminals to this Colony from New Caledonia?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—The Government are engaged in a communication with the French Authorities here on this subject, and have ascertained that the French Government in New Caledonia have determined that no convict libérés will be permitted to come to the Australian Colonies, and that stringent measures have been already taken to carry out the determination of His Excellency the present Governor of New Caledonia.

(13.) Railways.—George Horne's Application:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Merriman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the papers relating to the application of George Horne for an appointment in the Railway Department?

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

(14.) Appointments in Central and Water Police Courts:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Merriman, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return of the number of appointments made by him in the Water Police and Central Police Courts, Sydney, and the locality from whence these gentlemen filling the appointments were appointed or transferred?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I shall have no objection to furnish the Return desired by the Honorable Member.

(15.) Mr. Marsh, Stipendiary Magistrate:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Merriman, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that an extension of leave of absence has been granted to Mr. James Milbourne Marsh, Stipendiary Magistrate, without application having been made for same; if so, will the Minister state his reason for having granted such extension of leave?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It is not a fact that Mr. Marsh has been granted an extension of leave of absence without application being made for same.

(16.) Messrs. Wright, Heaton, & Co.—American Barbed Fencing Wire:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are Wright, Heaton, & Co. sole agents for American barbed iron fencing wire?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that the Railway authorities are now using this wire in the Railway fences?

(3.) Is it a fact that the wooden rails are being removed from the Railway fences and this barbed wire is being substituted for the wooden rails?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) In places where the old fences are decayed they are replaced by barbed wire, as it is cheaper and more durable than wood. The cost of the wire fence is less than half that of posts and rails.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Acts of 1878 and 1882.
Ordered to be printed.

4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That "Angus Cameron," Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session. Mr. Tarrant moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Angus Cameron," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Thomas Michael Slattery." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Burns,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Cass,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Tecce,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. O'Mara.

Noes, 29.

Sir Alexander-Stuart,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. David Ryrie,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Gramsic,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Tarrant.
Mr. Barbour,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Whereupon Mr. Cameron and Mr. Slattery respectively made their acknowledgments to the House.

5. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the dispatch of Business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
Question put and passed.
6. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Bell be rung two minutes prior, to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.
Question put and passed.
7. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
8. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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.
10. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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.
11. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That Mr. Speaker, after calling over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills for disposal as "Formal Business," shall again go through the Business Paper for the day to permit Members, without debate, to withdraw or postpone Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day on the Business Paper for that day, and any Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day not so withdrawn or postponed shall retain their relative positions on such Business Paper.
Question put and passed.

12. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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.
14. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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.
15. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House,—
(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed List of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such List of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such List so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
16. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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.
17. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Targett, "Mr. Wilkinson," "Mr. Merriman," Mr. Slattery, Mr. Cameron, "Mr. Griffiths," and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the names "Mr. Wilkinson," "Mr. Merriman," and "Mr. Griffiths," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Sir Henry Parkes," "Mr. Wisdom," and "Mr. Garrett."
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 be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Targett, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council,—put and passed.
18. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Garvan, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
19. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Alexander 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. Burdekin, Mr. White, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. R. Campbell, "Mr. Ives," Mr. Purves, Mr. See, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Mr. Ives," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Mr. Garrard."
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 be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. White, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Purves, Mr. See, 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,—put and passed.

20. **PRINTING PETITIONS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
Question put and passed.
21. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice,— That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That when the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.
Question put and passed.
22. **MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATING BILL**:—*Mr. Cohen*, for Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to declare valid certain Mineral Conditional Purchases of land within Gold Fields.
Question put and passed.
23. **RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead, and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's, and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Smith 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 Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary,*"—read a first time.
24. **POSTAL CONTRACT WITH ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY**:—Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That this House approves of the contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited), providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Question put and passed.
25. **ELECTORAL ROLLS**:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Electors on each Electoral Roll for the Colony each year since passing the present Electoral Act.
Question put and passed.
26. **CAMDEN ELECTORATE BILL**:—
(1.) Sir Alexander Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain Electors within the Police District of Shoalhaven to vote during the year 1885-6 for the Electoral District of Camden.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Sir Alexander Stuart *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable certain Electors within the Police District of Shoalhaven to Vote during the year 1885-6 for the Electoral District of Camden,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
(3.) Sir Alexander Stuart then moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would allow the Bill to enable certain Electors within the Police District of Shoalhaven to vote during the year 1885-6 for the Electoral District of Camden, to be passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
27. **HUNTAWONG, BERREMBED, DEEPWATER, AND GANMAIN PASTORAL HOLDINGS**:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all letters, papers, minutes, plans, or other documents having reference to the division of the Huntawong Pastoral Holding, land district of Hillstone, county of Nicholson?
(2.) The plans of the Pastoral Holdings of Berrumbed, Deepwater, and Ganmain?
Question put and passed.
28. **MR. W. L. VARDY, SOLICITOR**:—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of the depositions taken in the case of Mrs. Ann Page at the Water Police Court on 6th August, 1885?

- (2.) Copies of all letters and papers in reference to certain complaints preferred by Mr. W. L. Vardy, solicitor, relating to the action of Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M., towards Mr. Vardy in the above matter?
- (3.) Copies of all subsequent letters, minutes, and documents received or sent by the Minister of Justice relative thereto?
- Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
29. **GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL:—**
(1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect Offices upon certain land, granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets, and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon, and to lease such Offices for terms not exceeding five years.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Fergusson 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 Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect Offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon and to lease such Offices for terms not exceeding five years,*"—read a first time.
30. **GUNDAGAI HOSPITAL:—**Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, minutes, and other papers, reports, or correspondence, having reference to the charges made against the Committee of the Gundagai Hospital, an institution largely subsidized by the Government.
Question put and passed.
31. **WHARFAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME OF MR. SCHULTZ:—**Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the Officers' Reports upon the Wharfage Improvement Scheme of Mr. Schultz, presented to the Colonial Secretary by a large deputation of citizens some time ago.
Question put and passed.
32. **CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL:—**
(1.) Mr. Griffiths moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel to sell such land.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Griffiths having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street Sydney on which is erected the Christian Chapel to sell such land,*"—read a first time.
33. **PROSPECT WATER SCHEME:—**Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The works yet to be completed in the Prospect Water Scheme, giving the estimated cost of each item.
(2.) What quantity of water will be delivered at each of the City and Suburban Reservoirs.
Question put and passed.
34. **SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL:—***Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell, trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place, in the City of Sydney, held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity, to let the said land on building leases or otherwise, or to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
35. **RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—***Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Day, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran, the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan, and Aston James Watkins, as trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
36. **DEBTORS TO RAILWAY DEPARTMENT:—**Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing all those indebted to the Railway Department since the 1st of January, 1884, with names and amounts, and those who have been written to demanding payment.
Question put and passed.
37. **CONVICTIONS AT CITY AND SUBURBAN POLICE COURTS:—***Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Fremlin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of convictions on the information of Mr. James Evans, Inspector of Weights and Measures, together with the amount of fines, costs of Court, and professional costs, allowed by Magistrate (each item separately), allowed by Stipendiary Magistrate at the Central Police Court and Redfern Police Court and Newtown Police Court, together with the name of Magistrate adjudicating, from the 1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885, inclusive.
(2.) Number of convictions on the information of Inspector Seymour, Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney, together with amount of fines, costs of Court, and professional costs, allowed by Magistrate at the Water Police Court from 1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885, inclusive.
Question put and passed.
38. **KITE'S LEASING BILL:—**
(1.) Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will.
Question put and passed. (2.)

- (2.) Mr. Suttor having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will,*"—read a first time.
39. BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Withers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey, her testamentary appointees and children.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Barbour having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey her testamentary appointees and children,*"—read a first time.
40. COMMONS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Cohen, for Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the regulation and management of Commons.
Question put and passed.
41. MR. JOHN DAIN, MAIL CONTRACTOR:—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, tenders, minutes, and other papers, reports, or correspondence having reference to the case of one John Dain, mail contractor, between Contumbul and Molong.
Question put and passed.
42. PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE AT WOLLONGONG BILL:—Mr. Cohen, for Mr. Trickett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the power of selling the old Public School Site at Wollongong, under the "Public Instruction Act of 1880," and to enable the same to be sold.
Question put and passed.
43. TEMPORARY MAIL SERVICE—DENILQUIN AND MOAMA:—Mr. Cohen, for Mr. Trickett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the department of the General Post Office the Return to Address "Temporary Mail Service—Denilquin and Moama"—laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 7th December, 1865.
Question put and passed.
44. MUNICIPALITY OF MEREWETHER:—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all petitions, investigations, minutes, reports, and all other documents connected with the recent incorporation of the municipality of Merewether.
Question put and passed.
45. TRUSTEE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Trustee Act of 1852.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Fergusson *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Trustee Act of 1852,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.
46. ROAD FROM FELLTIMBER CREEK TO CARCOAR:—Mr. Garrett, for Mr. Baker, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Surveyor's reports, and reports of other Public Officers, and of all petitions, documents, declarations, and other papers, in reference to a request made by the people of Carcoar for a Road from Felltimber Creek to Carcoar.
Question put and passed.
47. RAILWAYS—CITY EXTENSION:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all reports, plans, and specifications, together with Ministerial and Cabinet Minutes thereon, upon, in connection with, and of the proposed extension of the Railway from Redfern to the waters of Port Jackson.
- (2.) Estimates of the cost of, and revenue to be derived from the same.
- (3.) A Return describing the areas and estimated value of all public and private land required to be taken or resumed for carrying out the proposed line.
- (4.) The like particulars as to the contemplated extension of the above-mentioned line.
Question put and passed.
48. LOAN FOR £5,500,000:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Agent General in reference to the contemplated floating of a Loan for £5,500,000.
Question put and passed.
49. RESERVES, GLEN INNES LAND DISTRICT:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the Reserves within the Glen Innes Land District, the official number, the area of each, the name of run on which situate, and the objects for which each Reserve was made.
Question put and passed.
50. COMMISSION OF THE PEACE:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all the gentlemen on the Commission of the Peace for the Colony of New South Wales, the date of their appointment, occupation, and residence.
Question put and passed.

51. REMOVAL OF LAND OFFICE FROM ARMIDALE TO GLEN INNES:—Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and other documents having reference to the removal of the Lands and Survey Offices from Armidale to Glen Innes.
 - (2.) A Return showing,—
 - (a) The cost of repairs to and rent of Lands Offices at Glen Innes, and from whom rented.
 - (b) The total revenue received from sale or lease of Crown Lands at Armidale, Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Inverell, and Walcha respectively.
 - (c) The number of selections made at each of the above Offices since the passing of the Crown Lands Act to 1st September.
 - (d) The number of cases dealt with by Local Boards in each district to 1st September.
 - (e) The number of applications for conditional leases, and for conversion of pro-leases, to 1st September, in each district.
 - (f) The estimated area of Crown Lands within each of above districts.
 - (3.) A plan of the Land Districts of Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, Walcha, and Tenterfield. Question put and passed.
52. ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hammond, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Frederick King, James Christian Corlette, John Allum, and Edward Henry Rogers, or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield, to sell the same and to make provision for the proceeds thereof. Question put and passed.
53. OYSTER LEASES:—Mr. Purves, for Mr. White, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Oyster Leases granted, to whom originally granted, and the names of the persons now holding the same. Question put and passed.
54. McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of John McLaughlin to sell certain land situate in the village of Longbottom, near Sydney, and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale. Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Abigail 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 John McLaughlin to sell certain land situate in the village of Longbottom near Sydney and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale,*"—read a first time.
55. DISMISSAL OF ENGINEER HOSKINGS:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a letter from one of the Members for Redfern, Mr. Sutherland, to the Commissioner for Railways, having reference to the dismissal of Engineer Hoskings from the Tramway Works. Question put and passed.
56. NEW LIFE BOAT:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, minutes, or other documents having reference to the new Life Boat offered to the Government by Mr. W. J. Smith. Question put and passed.
57. BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways. Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Young 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 Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways,*"—read a first time.
58. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL:—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service. Question put and passed.
59. BARKER'S ESTATE BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Henry Clarke, for Mr. McLaughlin, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. William Barker, deceased, to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street, Redfern, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to make provisions for the investment of the proceeds thereof. Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Clarke 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. William Barker deceased to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street Redfern in the Colony of New South Wales and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
60. Uther ESTATE LEASING BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Henry Clarke, for Mr. McLaughlin, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King, or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther, late of Sydney, deceased, to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Reuben Uther. Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Mr. Clarke* 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 Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the will of Reuben Uther late of Sydney deceased, to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther.*"—read a first time.
61. ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SALE BILL:—
- (1.) *Mr. Henry Clarke*, for *Mr. McLaughlin*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Henry Simpson, James Vickery, and William Ransome Gullick, as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary, Waverley, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof, and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof. Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Clarke* 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 William Henry Simpson James Vickery and William Ransome Gullick as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary Waverley to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"—read a first time.
62. OYSTER LEASES, PORT JACKSON:—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications for leases for oyster culture of the foreshores of Port Jackson, stating separately the names in each case, and the number of yards applied for in each application. Question put and passed.
63. NOXIOUS TRADES BILL:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for Sir Alexander 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 to provide for the resumption and regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades. Question put and passed.
64. RAILWAY BRIDGES COMMISSION:—*Mr. Suttor* moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, and other documents having reference to the appointment of the Commission to inquire into the construction of the Railway Bridges of the Colony.
- (2.) A statement showing the total cost of the inquiry conducted by the said Commission. Question put and passed.
65. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Mining on certain Crown Lands and under Highways, Reserves, Commons, and other localities, and to amend the "Mining Act of 1874." Question put and passed.
66. PREFERABLE LIENS ON WOOL BILL:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep. Question put and passed.
67. PUBLIC ROADS BILL:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Opening and to regulate Public Roads. Question put and passed.
68. PRICKLY PEAR ERADICATION BILL:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly Pear. Question put and passed.
69. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for Sir Alexander 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 division of New South Wales into self-governing areas, and for the establishment therein of a system of Local Government. Question put and passed.
70. PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS BILL:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for Sir Alexander 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 to regulate the Law relating to Patents for Inventions and the Registration of Trade Marks. Question put and passed.
71. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. O'Connor*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879. Question put and passed.
72. RAILWAY TICKETS ISSUED TO SINGLETON:—*Mr. Gould* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return in tabulated form showing,—
- (1.) The number of first and second-class tickets respectively issued at each station on the Great Northern and North-western Railways to Singleton on each of the following days:—Tuesday, 27th August, 1885; Wednesday, 28th August, 1885; Thursday, 29th August, 1885.
- (2.) The amount of revenue derived therefrom, and the expenditure incurred in connection therewith. Question put and passed.
73. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Party Processions Act, by removing present disabilities from persons assembling in buildings for religious or political purposes. Question put and passed.

74. NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the 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 without amendment.

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

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

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before 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.

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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 25th September, 1885, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable 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, &c., &c., &c.

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 twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

By His Excellency's Command,
ALEX. STUART.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Gates near Auburn:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that very great inconvenience is occasioned by the closing of the Railway Gates near Auburn, on the Chisholm Road?

(2.) Will he direct that the Gates shall be opened without delay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The gates were erected for private use, and are not public gates.

(2.) It is not considered desirable to make these gates public; to do so would necessitate the employment of gate-keepers. At present the owners of the land, for whose use they were erected, are responsible for their safe keeping.

(2.) Road from Monaro to Brown Mountain *via* Nimitybelle:—*Mr. Badgery* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received any Petitions asking for the formation and opening of a Road from Monaro to Brown Mountain *via* Nimitybelle; and if so, what steps does he intend taking in the matter?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Three petitions have been received relating to road Colombo to Nimitybelle and Brown Mountain. An amount is noted on Estimates towards constructing road up Nimitybelle Mountain.

(3.)

- (3.) Loans:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What are the amounts of money borrowed in London by different New South Wales Administrations during the last fifteen years, particularising the name of the Administration, the year in which the money was borrowed, and the cost of the floating of each loan?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information for which the Honorable Member asks will involve much labour in preparation, and I therefore suggest that the Honorable Member should move for it in the shape of a Return.
- (4.) School Board, District No. 30 :—Mr. De Salis asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has he received any communication or communications from the Board for School District No. 30, respecting the necessity of a division into two or more Districts; if so, the date of same?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to remodel No. 30 School District by providing more than one Board; if so, how many Boards is it contemplated to appoint to manage the District now under the one Board?
 - (3.) Has he asked the present Board for any suggestions as to a division of the same?
 - (4.) Will he specify a date when the division of the District is likely to be accomplished?
 - (5.) Have any and what steps been taken up to the present towards the division of the present District No. 30?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—
- (1.) Yes; on the 20th June, 1883, and 10th March, 1884.
 - (2.) Yes; arrangements are in progress to divide the District into several sections—under as many Boards.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) I cannot at present specify a date, but the District Inspector has been instructed to submit, as soon as practicable, the names of suitable persons for appointment.
 - (5.) This is answered by No. 2.
- (5.) Convict Johns:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—Did the late convict Johns have Graham Bennett's letter to Alexander Campbell, M.L.C., in his possession, or was it read to him, or its contents made known to him before he wrote and forwarded his answer?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller General of Prisons that Johns did not see the letter referred to, nor were its contents made known to him.
- (6.) Railway from Orange to Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he state the amount of Cain and Co.'s tender for completing the second section of the Railway Extension from Orange to Molong?
 - (2.) The exact distance of the same?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) Messrs. Cain and Co.'s contract for this work is at a schedule of prices. The amount cannot therefore be stated at present.
 - (2.) 46 chains.
- (7.) Wallis and Myall Lake Timber Reserves :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to enforce royalty on the Wallis and Myall Lake Timber Reserves next month?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Reserve in that district is the largest in the Colony—nearly 218,000 acres?
 - (3.) Will he ascertain, before enforcing royalty, what damage will be done to the ten large saw-mills now working there?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—
- (1.) No; timber cutters pay a license fee only.
 - (2.) It is not the largest.
 - (3.) As no royalty is imposed, there is no reason for making inquiries.
3. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL:—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 Bridget M'Guigan and Georgina Russell Trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place in the City of Sydney held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity to let the said land on building leases or otherwise or to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.
4. RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—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 Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan and Aston James Watkins as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.
5. MR. JOHN ROCHE ARDILL:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Roche Ardill, alleging that the Land Agent at Molong had improperly refused to receive applications, and being remonstrated with, gave Petitioner into custody; and praying consideration of his case, and relief. Petition received.
6. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASE VALIDATING BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Governor to declare valid certain Mineral Conditional Purchases of Land within Gold Fields*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. UNAUTHORIZED MINING PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate mining on certain Crown Lands and under Highways Reserves Commons and other localities and to further amend the Mining Act 1874*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

8. COMMONS BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the regulation and management of Commons,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. PUBLIC ROADS BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize the opening and to regulate Public Roads,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. PRICKLY-PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly-pear,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. LIENS ON WOOL BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to Preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
12. WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to remove doubts as to the power of selling the Old Public School Site at Wollongong under the ‘Public Instruction Act of 1880’ and to enable the same to be sold,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
13. ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL:—Mr. Hammond 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 Frederick King James Christian Corlette John Allum and Edward Henry Rogers or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for the proceeds thereof,*”—read a first time.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Day moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
15. PERMANENT ARTILLERY FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. McCulloch, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, letters, minutes, memoranda, and all other papers connected with the filling up of the vacant Captaincy or of the appointment of another Captain in the Permanent Artillery Force, including all correspondence, memoranda, and minutes which have passed between His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, the Executive, the Colonial Secretary, and the Commandant on the subject.
Question put and passed.
16. RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Randwick Cemetery Unused Lands Sale 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. Burdekin, Mr. Henry Clark, Mr. Heydon, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Proctor, Mr. See, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Teece, Mr. Young, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
17. GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Glen Innes Markets Leasing 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. Lee, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Henson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
18. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Griffiths moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Christian Chapel Land Sale 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. Barbour, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Stephen, Mr. See, Mr. Merriman, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
19. KITE'S LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That Kite's Leasing 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. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Stephen, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
20. McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the McLaughlin 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. Teece, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Spring, Dr. Ross, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fletcher, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
21. BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Balmain Tramway 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. Hutchinson, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Teece, Mr. Targett, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

22. **DIVORCE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—**
 (1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Divorce.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Divorce*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th October.
23. **POSTPONEMENTS :—**The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Postal Contract with Orient Steam Navigation Company ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions ;—*until Wednesday next*.
 (2.) Camden Electorate Bill ; second reading ;—*until Wednesday next*.
24. **WALSSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S 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 without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
25. **PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—**
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abigail, 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 Party Processions Act, by removing present disabilities from persons assembling in buildings for religious or political purposes.
 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 amend the Party Processions Act, by removing present disabilities from persons assembling in buildings for religious or political purposes.
 On motion of Mr. Abigail, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Party Processions Act*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
26. **NOXIOUS TRADES SITES BILL :—**
 (1.) 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 to provide for the resumption and regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades.
 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 provide for the resumption and regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades.
 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 provide for the Resumption and Regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
27. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT 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 division of New South Wales into self-governing areas, and for the establishment therein of a system of Local Government.
 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 for the division of New South Wales into self-governing areas, and for the establishment therein of a system of Local Government.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
28. **PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS 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 to regulate the law relating to Patents for Inventions and the Registration of Trade Marks.
 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 the law relating to Patents for Inventions and the Registration of Trade Marks.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 8th September instant, declaring the Seat of John Lackey, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Lackey, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Varney Parkes, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sydney Infirmity:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government yet come to any decision with respect to the completion of the buildings of the Sydney Infirmity, or the erection of proper accommodation elsewhere for the sick poor of this City?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—The Government has not yet arrived at a decision upon this matter, but it is engaging their attention. It is one of a very complicated character, as it involves the whole question of hospital accommodation for the City and Suburbs; but I hope before long to lay before the House something of a definite character.

- (2.) Railway State Carriages:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the total cost of the two State carriages to date?
 (2.) Are the said two State carriages now at the Clyde works for the purpose of undergoing further alterations and repairs; if so, at what cost?
 (3.) What was the cost incurred for adapting No. 14 engine (including electric light) to run the said State carriages?
 (4.) Is it true that the Traffic Manager refused permission to allow No. 14 engine to proceed to Mount Victoria with said State carriages as unsuitable?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) £5,656.
 (2.) Yes, for the purpose of having proper bogies fitted to them, the cost of which will be £357.
 (3.) £184.
 (4.) The Traffic Manager refused to allow the State cars to be taken to Mount Victoria with engine No. 14, unless a brake van was attached behind, upon the report of the Locomotive Engineer that it would not be safe to do so.

- (3.) Free Passes by Railway:—Mr. Teeco, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will there be any objection to state why Free Railway Passes to poor people from Country Hospitals to Liverpool and other Asylums have been discontinued?
 (2.) Is he aware that many of these people are in good health, but from old age unable to work, and become a heavy tax on Country Institutions?
 (3.) Will the privilege be restored?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The practice was never at any time a general one; it was extended to one or two Institutions for a time, but when application was made some eighteen months ago for its general extension to all similar Institutions the practice was abolished entirely, on the ground that it enabled the Hospital authorities in country districts to evade their responsibility to support their pauper patients.

(2.) I am not aware that this is the case, but as country Institutions obtain pound for pound from the Government for their support, it is not considered a hardship that they should support their own poor.

(3.) It is not considered desirable to do so

(4.)

(4.) Senior Examiner of Titles :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to dispense with the services of the Senior Examiner of Titles under the Real Property Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the working of that Act; if not, will they appoint another Examiner?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—It is not the intention of the Government at present to do so, as it appears that the work has been going on more satisfactorily of late, as may be seen by the following letter addressed to me by the Senior Examiner of Titles :—

Sir,

Land Titles Office, Sydney, 18th September, 1885.

1. I observe that W. J. Fergusson, Esq., M.P., has given notice of his intention to ask you several questions referring to myself as the Senior Examiner of Titles.

2. With reference to some of those questions, I have to say as follows :—

3. Since 1st January last I have reported to the Board of Commissioners on thirty-three applications to bring land under the Real Property Acts, and on one hundred and six applications to be registered as proprietor by transmission, making together one hundred and thirty-nine cases.

4. Independently of transmission cases and of cases wherein I am required to deal with the qualifications, subject to which they have been passed, there are now before me thirty-one titles.

5. It may not be improper here to remark that the recent great increase in the number and importance of transmission cases has necessarily retarded the progress of applications to bring land under the Acts.

6. It is not to be supposed, from what has been said above, that the reports to the Board, and the previous investigation on which they were founded, constitute all the work which I have done during the period referred to. The Registrar General, in a letter to yourself, dated 11th October, 1883, said "A large portion of their time," that is of the Examiners of Titles, "is occupied in reporting on property transmitted by will, a duty which requires great care and attention, as these cases often involve the devolution of large landed estates. Moreover, the Examiners have frequently to advise on the registration of dealings with land registered under the Real Property Act." That statement, although of course it does not enter into all the details of an Examiner's work, such as conducting correspondence, drawing special notices, dealing with qualifications, writing observations on matters carried to the Supreme Court, &c., &c., all which, in the language of the 5th section of the principal Real Property Act 26 Vic. No. 9, may be included in the Examiner's duty to advise and assist in carrying out the provisions of that Act—is nevertheless correct so far as it goes. It is very true that transmission cases often involve the devolution of large landed estates. The declared value in one such case, upon which I reported on 30th June last, was little short of a quarter of a million. It is also true that the Examiners have frequently to advise on the registration of dealings with land under the Real Property Acts. An instance occurred lately in the case of a transfer in connection with that important Will of the late Bishop of Newcastle. The Solicitors for His Lordship's Executors intimated that if registration of the transfer were refused, they would be compelled to apply to the Supreme Court. One of my colleagues advised that the transfer should not be registered; but he concluded his memorandum by saying: "However, as the matter is one of considerable difficulty and moment, I should like to have my opinion supported by Mr. Burton's before committing the office to litigation." I applied myself to the subject accordingly, and spent upon it the time which might have sufficed for the investigation and reporting to the Board of several cases; but for this work, and for other work which I perform, I do not get credit in any statistical return.

7. I have thought it a duty which I owe both to the Government and to myself to address these statements and remarks to the Minister presiding over the Department in which I serve.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. BURTON.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

(5.) Lincoln Crescent, Woolloomooloo :—Mr. Teece, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the occasional flooding of part of Lincoln Crescent by flood-water from the Domain brought under his notice by Mr. Burdekin's question in the House on the 18th June, 1884 (fifteen months ago)?

(2.) Was his attention again drawn to this nuisance by Mr. Burdekin on the 28th August, 1884 (thirteen months ago)?

(3.) Was his attention again drawn to the subject by Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Copeland, on the 18th September, 1884 (twelve months ago)?

(4.) Will he state when the work will be put in hand, the probable cost, and the length of time that will be required for its completion?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Instructions were given for the execution of the work, but it could not be carried out as no funds were available. The probable cost, £700, will be provided for on Estimates, and when this is voted the work will proceed. The length of time that will be required is estimated at two months.

(6.) Phylloxera in Grape Vines :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps have the Government taken or do they intend taking for the extirpation of the Phylloxera in the vineyards in the Camden District, where alone it has been discovered in this Colony by the Curator of the Botanic Gardens?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The matter is under the consideration of the Government, and will be dealt with at an early date. Experience in other countries does not give much hope that it will be possible to extirpate it.

(7.) Government Reserves :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he issued a circular to the Government Surveyors, desiring them to report on the various Reserves in the Colony, with a view to seeing what portion of them can be revoked; and if so, has he any objection to lay a copy of such circular upon the Table of this House?

(2.) If such instructions have been issued, can he state when it may be expected the reports of the Surveyors will be made?

(3.) Does he intend not to deal with the revocation of Reserves till he receives the whole or a greater part of the reports called for?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) I have no objection to lay a copy of the circular upon the Table of the House.

(2.) I cannot state when the reports will be received, but no unnecessary delay in obtaining them will be permitted.

(3.) The reports will be dealt with as received.

(8.)

- (8.) Timber Reserve, Parish of Morangla:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to the numerous applications made by the Honorable Member for Carcoar, Mr. Baker, to have a portion or the whole of the large Timber Reserve situated in the parish of Morangla, county of Forbes, district of Cowra, revoked, with a view to it being thrown open for selection,—Has he yet come to a decision on the matter; and if not, when may it be expected a decision will be come to?
Mr. Farnell answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at. I will give the matter early attention.
- (9.) Road from Somers to Old Lachlan Road and Biggar:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to have the gates and slip-rails removed at once which obstruct the road from the village of Somers along the Mandurama Creek to the old Lachlan Road and Biggar?
Mr. Abbott answered,—There is at present no intention to remove the gates and slip-rails on the road in question, which is one over which the public might have acquired a right by user, but is not of such public importance as would justify the Crown in proclaiming and fencing.
- (10.) Bridge over Mandurama Creek:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in erecting the bridge across Mandurama Creek, at Mandurama Ponds, provision having been made for the work in question, as stated in a letter from the Under Secretary for Works to the Honorable Member for Carcoar, dated 4th November, 1884?
Mr. Wright answered,—Plans have been ready for some time. Local Officer has been negotiating with land owner as to some land required; but as no agreement can be made, it will be necessary to resume by proclamation, which will be done at once.
- (11.) Public Works at Springwood:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Have tenders been called for clearing road from Springwood to Sassafras Gully?
(2.) Is it a fact that tenders for public works about Springwood are called in the Hartley district, and that people about Springwood do not get an opportunity of seeing the notices, and that all or most of the work is done by contractors not in the district?
Mr. Abbott answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes, but notices are sent to Springwood. There is no newspaper in that district. The last work on this road was done by a local man. Instructions will be given for more publicity.
- (12.) Registrar General's Office:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The cost of the additions now being made to the Registrar General's Office?
(2.) The accommodation the additions will afford?
(3.) What accommodation has the Registrar General applied for?
(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect new buildings for Registrar Generals and Land Titles Offices; if so, when?
Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—
(1.) £10,900.
(2.) Two strong rooms 60 feet by 44 feet, and one drafting room of same size; also quarters in top flat, latrines, &c.
(3.) No further accommodation than that named has been asked for by the Registrar General in connection with the present Office. Mr. Ward, however, wished for a new building, but as no suitable site could be found the idea was abandoned.
(4.) The Government does not consider this necessary.
- (13.) Loan for £5,500,000:—*Mr. Badgery*, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Was the amount realised from the sale of the £5,500,000 loan £5,152,385 16s. 6d., showing as cash result £347,614 3s. 6d. short raised?
(2.) How does the Government propose to pay at the due date of the Loan this amount so short raised?
(3.) In addition to this, do the charges for brokerage, commission to the Bank of England—discount on the balance of scrip paid up in full—stamp duty, and postal and petty expenses, show a further deduction of £85,737 3s.?
(4.) Does not the Bank of England charge £600 per million per annum for inscription?
(5.) Are there any other charges of any kind whatever to be made by the Bank of England in connection with this Loan, or does this large expenditure include the expenses connected with the payment of interest and management?
(6.) In case of the Government not having placed the full amount of interest into the Bank of England, to meet the accruing interest, has the Bank of England agreed to make any advances, and to what extent, on behalf of the Colony?
(7.) Has the Bank of England arranged with this Colony to allow any interest; and if so, at what rate on money lying to the Colony's credit?
(8.) In case of it being undesirable to float a Loan in a specified time, has the Government made any arrangements with the Bank of England to make advances to the Colony on the security of the Loan to be floated?
(9.) What would have been the charges for this Loan for a similar period under the old system of Debentures, and with interest at the rate of 4 per cent.?
(10.) Has the Bank of New South Wales floated or offered to float this, or either, or both the previous £3,000,000 Loans; were its charges and proposed charges less or more than those of the Bank of England; also, what was the difference in the cost per million for inscription of the Loans?
(11.) Will the Minister state the extra cost that the Colony has incurred in inscribing rather than dealing by Debentures with the last three Loans?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The fullest information with reference to these matters will be given when the Financial Statement is made. The information asked for in some of the Honorable Members questions has already been laid upon the Table of the House, and appears in the printed documents.

- (14.) Volunteer Reserve Corps :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Purves, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will any provision be made for any Commissioned Officer or Officers of any Volunteer Reserve Corps that may happen to cease to exist through non-attendance of privates; or, if not, will any repayment be made for the expenses of outfit?
- Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—It is not usual for Officers to receive compensation in either case.
- (15.) Street in front of General Post Office :—*Mr. Griffiths* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take steps to carry out (as previously proposed) the resumption of the buildings opposite the General Post Office between George and Pitt Streets, and open a wide thoroughfare at that place?
- Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—This cannot be done without an Act of Parliament, and I am somewhat doubtful whether I shall be able to submit a bill to Parliament this Session.
- (16.) Railways—City Extension :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What length of tunnelling is there in the contemplated extension of the Railway into Sydney?
 - (2.) What is the length of each, and number of viaducts, their heights from present ground and street levels, and of what materials constructed?
 - (3.) What is the total length of proposed line, the width, whether single or double?
 - (4.) What is the number, length, and breadth of air shafts, and where situated?
 - (5.) The number, length, and breadth of platforms, and where placed?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—
- (1.) 1,898 yards.
 - (2.) One viaduct of 572 yards in length consisting of seventeen arches of 30 feet span, three arches of 25 feet span, and two arches of 20 feet span. Also the following road crossings, viz., Devonshire-street, with a clear headway of 16 feet; Belmore Road, with a clear headway of 22 feet; Elizabeth-street, with a clear headway of 25 feet; Blackburn-street, with a clear headway of 25 feet; Campbell-street, with a clear headway of 16 feet 6 inches; Exeter-street, with a clear headway of 13 feet; Wexford-street, with a clear headway of 16 feet. All the above streets will be crossed with wrought-iron girders with the exception of Blackburn-street, which it is proposed shall be a brick arch. Goulburn-street will be raised and crossed on the level.
 - (3.) Length, 2 miles 12 chains; width, between parapets, 25 feet; double line.
 - (4.) Nineteen, viz., fifteen shafts, 26 feet x 20 feet, situated between Hyde Park and Domain Gardens. Four shafts, 10 feet diameter, situated between the District Court and Parliament Houses.
 - (5.) Eight, viz., two platforms, 450 feet long by 20 feet wide, Liverpool-street; two platforms, 450 feet long by 20 feet wide, King-street; two platforms, 400 feet long by 20 feet wide, Bridge-street; two platforms, 400 feet long by 20 feet wide, Fort Macquarie.
- (17.) Government Land Sale, Adaminaby :—*Mr. Badgery* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How long is it since any Government allotments of land were offered for sale at Adaminaby?
 - (2.) Have surveys recently been made of allotments in that township?
 - (3.) When is it likely a sale of same will take place, and where?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—
- (1.) On the 30th August, 1876.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Forty lots will next month be advertised for sale at Adaminaby.
- (18.) Crown Lands Act :—*Mr. Badgery* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to propose any amendments or alterations in the existing Land Act of the Colony?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—I am not aware that any are required.
- (19.) Selection, Parish of Bulgo :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has an application been made to the Department of Lands to convert Selection 2A, parish of Bulgo, county of Cumberland, into a Mineral Conditional Purchase?
 - (2.) Has such application been refused, and will the Minister have any objection to state upon what grounds?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—No application for conversion has been made.
- (20.) Case of Duncan Mackay :—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will there be any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers, &c., connected with the case of Duncan Mackay (an aboriginal), which was heard at Warialda on or about the 19th March before the Land Board, who recommended forfeiture, and which decision was reversed by the Minister?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for copies of the papers, I will be glad to lay them upon the Table of the House.
- (21.) Civil Service Act :—*Mr. O'Mara* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the 31st clause of the Civil Service Act of 1884, what action does the Government intend taking with respect to those Officers who have been classed on the Civil Service List as "persons temporarily employed," especially as a number of them are shown to be performing work of a permanent nature?
- Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—It is my intention, if time will permit, to submit to Parliament this Session a Bill containing some necessary amendments in the Civil Service Act, in which this question will be dealt with.
- (22.) Maps of the Town of Cargo :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will Lithograph Maps of the town of Cargo be ready and available for the use of the public?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—Very shortly. The publication has been delayed in consequence of it having become necessary to amend the design of the town.

- (23.) Boundary of Goolagong :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to alter the population boundary at Goolagong, near Canowindra ; if so, when, and what is the cause of the delay ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—From the information at present before the Department, it does not appear desirable in the public interest to disturb the present population boundary.

- (24.) Travelling Stock Reserve between Eugowra and Canowindra :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any application been made by petition or otherwise to have the Travelling Stock Reserve on the north side of the road between Eugowra and Canowindra, in county of Ashburnham, revoked ; if so, when will the Reserve be so revoked, and the land made available for settlement ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Final action in this matter has been unavoidably deferred, but is now about to be concluded.

- (25.) Plan showing a Township at Keenan's Bridge, or Cheeseman's Creek :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that the plan of the parish of Barton shows that a township exists at Keenan's Bridge, or Cheeseman's Creek, in the county of Ashburnham, and that one allotment in the said township was sold to one Neil Angus, and several to Mrs. Keenan ?

(2.) Is it true that the Lands Department, on the 14th September instant, by letter 85/2,067, informed one John Roche Ardill, a licensed surveyor, that he was in illegal occupation of Crown Lands in the said township ; and for what reason was he so warned or informed, and by whose instructions ?

(3.) Is it not a fact that sawn pegs are still to be seen on the land in the township ; and will he cause a report or investigation to be made into the matter ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) There is no township in the locality. Five portions were surveyed a very considerable time ago, one of which was in February, 1882, sold to Neil Angus.

(2.) It having been reported that Mr. Ardill was trespassing upon Crown lands in the locality, he was written to and requested to explain the circumstances of his occupation.

(3.) Mr. Ardill's reply is now under consideration. I am unaware of the existence of the sawn pegs referred to.

- (26.) Trial Survey from Rocky Crossing to Narrabri :—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any Trial Railway Survey been made, or any report furnished by any officer of the Railway Department, on the nature of the original Survey (in accordance with request of petitioners) from the Rocky Crossing above Narrabri into that town ; and if so, the nature thereof, and the officer making it ?

(2.) Was a Mr. Deane sent up to examine the line suggested from Molly to Moree ?

(3.) Did he do so, and the nature of his report ; and if he abandoned doing so, on what grounds ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The plans and sections of the original Trial Survey were burnt in the Garden Palace fire, and no other survey has been made since. The reports of Messrs. Palmer and Deane drew attention to the expensive character of the viaduct required at the Rocky Crossing ; and the adoption of the original route would involve the abandonment of several miles of the existing North-western Line, as well as the Narrabri Station.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) His report was in favour of the survey of this route, and the survey was made, but the section showed that there would be no saving on the cost of the viaduct, &c., over the Namoi, near Moree, so the present route was adopted on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief.

- (27.) Plans, Lines Gunnedah to Narrabri, and Narrabri to Moree and Mungindi :—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will there be any objection to place upon the Table of this House at once the Plans (for exhibit only) of the original surveyed Railway Line, Gunnedah to Narrabri, crossing the river above Narrabri and coming into that town,—and the first Trial Survey Plans of Line, Narrabri to Moree and Mungindi,—and the reasons why this latter survey was abandoned for the now proposed route Narrabri to Moree ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The original Surveys Gunnedah to Narrabri, and Narrabri to Mungindi were destroyed in the Garden Palace fire. The surveyed line to Mungindi passed through country very subject to floods ; and the Narrabri to Moree line was authorized by Parliament in November, 1884.

- (28.) Immigration :—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons arrived in the Colony under the Immigration Regulations between the 1st January and the 1st September in this year ?

(2.) The number of Immigrants expected to arrive in the Colony between the 1st September and 31st December next ?

(3.) How much of the Immigration Vote for this year has been expended to the 1st of September ?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

(1.) 3,740.

(2.) Persons arrived per steamer "Belgic" since 1st September, 592 ; and expected to arrive on or about 15th October per steamer "Aberdeen," 653 ; total, 1,245. Probably one vessel more not yet advised, say 600 ; total 1,845.

(3.) £20,940 3s. 1d. ; and paid within a few days thereafter, £4,376 12s. ; total together, £25,316 15s. 1d.

(29.) Goulburn Local Fire Brigade :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Secretary to the Goulburn Local Fire Brigade represented to the Government that the Council and Insurance Companies have for two quarters paid their shares towards the expenses of the Brigade?

(2.) What is the amount due from the Government, and when will the same be paid?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The amount due by the Government is £150, and will be paid to the Board in the course of a few days.

(30.) Mudgee Railway :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the names of the contractors of the Mudgee Railway?

(2.) What was the amount of their contract for making the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee?

(3.) What was the total cost of the Mudgee Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee when completed; or what was the total amount paid to contractors for making above Railway, including all amounts paid to them for extras?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Contract 1, Messrs. Monic & Mattinson; contract 2, Messrs. Fishburn & Morton.

(2.) £644,665 15s. 6d.

(3.) The total amount paid to the contractors, &c., was £711,063 11s. 7d.

(31.) Cancellation of Reserves on Resumed Areas :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the Reserves on resumed areas, which he promised should be cancelled and thrown open for settlement, be so cancelled?

(2.) Is he aware that there are hundreds of selectors in the adjoining Colonies, as well as in New South Wales, anxiously awaiting such cancellation to enable them to take up land for settlement?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) They will be dealt with as soon as the necessary reports are received. The cancellations will be expedited.

(2.) I have no information on the subject.

3. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG :—Mr. White presented a Petition from Richard Ramsay Armstrong, referring to the favourable report made upon his case by two Select Committees; complaining of the delay in obtaining the compensation he deems himself entitled to; and praying that justice may be done to him for his dismissal from the Public Service.
Petition received.

4. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th October.

5. PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS BILL :—Sir Alexander Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to remodel the Law relating to Patents for Inventions and the Registration of Trade Marks*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL :—Sir Alexander Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the division of New South Wales into self-governing areas and for the establishment therein of a system of Local Government*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 14th October.

7. HAY GAS BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gasworks within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay.

And Mr. Wilkinson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Evening News* and *Riverine Grazier*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Wilkinson then presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the District of Hay, stating that Petitioners are in favour of the passing of the Hay Gas Bill; and praying the House to favourably consider the said Bill.
Petition received.

8. PAPERS :—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table :—

(1.) Application of George Horne for an appointment in the Record Branch of the Railway Department, and papers connected therewith.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 24th September, 1885,—“Road from Felltimber Creek to Carcoar.”

9. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL MINING COMPANY'S BILL :—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Teece, presented a Petition from William Briggs, Chairman of the Directors of the Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Directors and Shareholders of the Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited) to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company.

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

10. **BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for *Mr. Targett*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited) to carry out an agreement for the sale of the land on which the Railway of the Company is constructed, and to vest such land in the purchaser. Question put and passed.
11. **BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Withers* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Board's Settlement 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. Chapman*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Fremlin*, *Mr. Hutchinson*, *Mr. Young*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
12. **DISTRICT COURT JUDGE WILKINSON** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Levien* 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 all letters, documents, and papers written and sent by *Mr. H. Levien* to the Minister of Justice with reference to the conduct of *Mr. District Court Judge Wilkinson* at Campbelltown District Court, and any letters sent by *Mr. Judge Wilkinson* to the Minister of Justice in reference to the said complaint.
 Question put and passed.
13. **SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Sisters of Charity 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. Slattery*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Merriman*, *Mr. Hammond*, *Mr. Levin*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
14. **RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Randwick Church Land Sale 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. Slattery*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Merriman*, *Mr. Hammond*, *Mr. Levin*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
15. **UTHER ESTATE LEASING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McLaughlin* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Uther Estate Leasing 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. Slattery*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Proctor*, *Mr. Withers*, *Mr. Teece*, *Mr. Levien*, *Mr. Trickett*, *Mr. Wisdom*, *Mr. Targett*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
16. **ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SALE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McLaughlin* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That *St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Sale 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. Trickett*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. See*, *Mr. Proctor*, *Mr. Withers*, *Mr. Wisdom*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Fremlin*, *Mr. Teece*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
17. **BARKER'S ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McLaughlin* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That *Barker'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. Sutherland*, *Mr. Proctor*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. See*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Slattery*, *Mr. Wisdom*, *Mr. Withers*, *Mr. Teece*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
18. **ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hammond* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the *Ashfield Church of England School 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. Barbour*, *Mr. De Salis*, *Mr. Fremlin*, *Mr. Garrard*, *Mr. Lee*, *Mr. Mitchell*, *Mr. Murray*, *Mr. Young*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
19. **WALLSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S 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 the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg and the Police District of Newcastle.*"
 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 Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg and the Police District of Newcastle,*"—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, 29th September, 1885.

20. **NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL**:—Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from certain Property-holders and Ratepayers of the Borough of Newcastle, urging reasons against the passing of the Newcastle Streets Bill in its present shape; and praying that the Bill may be rejected at its third reading. The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

21. **NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

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

(1.) Prickly-pear Destruction Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly-pear.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th September, 1885.*

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

(2.) Public Roads Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the opening and to regulate public roads.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th September, 1885.*

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

(3.) Commons Regulation 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 for the regulation and management of Commons.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th September, 1885.*

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

23. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Baker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

24. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Varney Parkes, 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 Central Cumberland.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**:—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 24,—resumed.
Question put and negatived.

26. **EIGHT-HOUR DEMONSTRATION DAY**:—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a public holiday should be proclaimed on the Eight-Hour Demonstration Day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

27. **IRON COVE BRIDGE**:—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a swing opening should be immediately provided in the Iron Cove Bridge so as to allow of the large and valuable water frontages above the bridge being utilised.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

28. **PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the present Contract for the Pacific Mail Service, and the arrangement in reference thereto entered into with the New Zealand Government in connection with which the Pacific Mail Company has complained of its being deprived of the contribution agreed to be paid by the New South Wales Government.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

29. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF EVAN M'INTOSH**:—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 Conditional Purchase situate at Currabubula, of one Evan M'Intosh, which was afterwards transferred to Daniel Ryan, Esq., taken at Tamworth Lands Office.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Gill, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Day, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Targett, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Melville, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

30. REMOVAL OF MR. CROPPER AS CHAIRMAN OF A LAND BOARD :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, correspondence, documents, &c., in reference to the removal of Mr. Cropper from his position as Chairman of a Land Board.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
31. SUSPENSION OF MR. W. A. LESLEY :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all memoranda, reports, and all other papers, or documents, with reference to the suspension of Mr. W. A. Lesley, a clerk in the Treasury.
Question put and passed.
32. PROPOSED RAILWAY TO WILD'S MEADOW, KANGAROO VALLEY, AND ROBERTSON :—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the districts of Wild's Meadow, Kangaroo Valley, and Robertson, and having regard to their agricultural and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway to connect these localities with the Main Southern Line.
(2.) That, as the country has already been examined and certain lines surveyed, it is desirable the best line in the interest of the farmers and producers should be adopted, and provision made for commencing the work as early as possible.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) American Railway Engines:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the original cost of the ten American passenger engines imported during the present year?

(2.) What has been the total cost of the said ten engines, including all alterations, repairs, &c., to date?

(3.) Were tenders called for the supply of the said ten engines in England and America; if so, what were the prices tendered for the supply of each engine; also the same information in reference to the ten goods engines imported from America during the present year?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Passenger engines, £2,600 each; goods engines, £2,600.

(2.) Passenger engines, £3,003; goods engines, £2,985.

(3.) The Agent General was unable to get an offer in England to build these engines within the required time, and as they were urgently required recourse was had to America.

(2.) Site for Cemetery, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—The Borough Council of Parramatta having passed a By-law, confirmed by the Government, that no interments shall be made in the Cemeteries within the Borough without the sanction of the Mayor,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made as early as possible for the necessity of resuming that portion of the old Government Domain close to the Parramatta fresh water river, and granted as a site for Church of England, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Jews, Independents, and also a General Cemetery, containing about 30 acres, for the purpose of disposing of the same and applying the proceeds in procuring a more suitable site for the requirements of the town and district?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—The matter of Cemeteries outside the suburban area rests with the Minister for Lands, who will give immediate attention to the subject.

(3.) Reserves for Commons:—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any Municipalities since 1st January, 1884, had lands dedicated as or reserved as sites for Commons; if so, will he give the names of the Municipalities?

(2.) The dates of dedications or reservations?

(3.) The area in each instance?

(4.) The situation of each portion so dedicated or reserved, and whether within the boundaries of Municipalities or otherwise?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Land was reserved as extensions to Commons at Bourke and Deniliquin respectively during the period named.

(2.) Bourke, 26th May, 1884, and 29th June, 1885. Deniliquin, 21st January, 1884.

(3.) Bourke, 26th May, 1884, 6,400 acres; 29th June, 1885, 40 acres. Deniliquin, 1,160 acres.

(4.) Bourke, on north side of the Darling, partly within the Municipality. Deniliquin, about one mile north of the Municipality.

(4.)

(4.) Road from John-street, Singleton, to River Hunter:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Gould*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the road from John-street, Singleton, to the River Hunter—duly proclaimed confirmed and by *Gazette* notice of 25th January, 1867, opened—is fenced across near the Railway Bridge, and the residence of the signal man erected thereon?

(2.) Has an application for the removal of this fence and residence been made by the recently formed Borough of South Singleton (within the boundaries of which this road is situate), and refused upon the alleged ground that the land is the property of the Railway Department?

(3.) If so, will he say under what authority such claim is made?

(4.) Is he aware that the opening of this road is much needed for the watering of stock, and that this is the only access within the Borough of South Singleton to the River Hunter, and urgently required for watering stock?

(5.) Will he have a *precis* of the matter prepared, and obtain the opinion of the Attorney General as to the legality of the claim made by the Department?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the road has been diverted to the Singleton Bridge, and the portion leading to the river is not required as an approach, and has been resumed for Railway purposes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Under the power of resumption given by the Railway Act.

(4.) No.

(5.) There will be no objection to this course.

(5.) Crown Lands Act—Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Gould*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number and area of Original Conditional Purchases applied for in the Eastern and Central Divisions respectively on the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th of August last, and the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th September respectively?

(2.) The number and area of Additional Conditional Purchases applied for in the Eastern and Central Divisions respectively on each of the before named days in respect of Conditional Purchases held under the Repealed Crown Lands Acts?

(3.) The like information in respect of Additional Conditional Purchases applied for on the 13th, 20th, and 27th August, and 3rd 10th, 17th, and 24th September respectively, in respect of Conditional Purchases applied for under the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The information will be given upon an early date in the form of a Return.

(6.) Crown Lands Act—Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Gould*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—By the practice of the Department, is an applicant for an Original Conditional Purchase under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 allowed on a subsequent Land Office day, but prior to the confirmation of such Original Conditional Purchase, to make or apply for an Additional Conditional Purchase in respect of such Original Conditional Purchase?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No practice has been established. There is apparently no objection to an applicant for an Original Conditional Purchase, which does not embrace the maximum area making an additional Conditional Purchase upon the Land Office day following that upon which the Original was applied for.

(7.) Band in Hyde Park:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the reason that a Resolution of this House (29th January, 1879): “That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should as early as practicable take the necessary steps and cause the Head Quarters Band or other Bands that are paid from the Public Funds to perform in Hyde Park two evenings every week,”—has not been carried out?

(2.) Will instructions now be issued for one or other of such Bands to perform in Hyde Park or Domain two afternoons in each week?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—I cannot tell the reason which has actuated three or four Ministries in this matter. I can only say that at the present time the Band of the Permanent Artillery plays two days in the week—one at Dawes’ Point and one in the Botanic Gardens. The Volunteer Bands are paid only for the time in which they are occupied in the performance of military duty.

(8.) Luke Hughes’ Conditional Purchase at Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—For what reason was the Conditional Purchase of 40 acres, made by one Luke Hughes, at Molong, parish of Boree Cabonne, in county of Ashburnham, revoked?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Conditional Purchase cannot be identified.

(9.) General Election:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to cause the Elections at the next General Election to fall all on the one day?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—Inasmuch as the Government fail to perceive the advantages of all the Elections taking place on one day, it is not their intention to depart from the usual custom.

(10.) Land Agents:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that a circular has been sent to all Crown Land Agents throughout the Colony, not to allow Land Agents to hang about Land Offices, or to tout for business; and will he have any objection to cause a copy of the circular to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Such a circular was issued to Crown Land Agents in the year 1876, and I have no objection to lay a copy of it upon the Table of this House.

(11.) Captain Loftus:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that a son of His Excellency the Governor has been appointed Private Secretary to *Sir Patrick Jennings*, the Executive Commissioner for the Colonial Exhibition to be held in London; if so, will the Minister say at what salary, and for what term?

Sir

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—Mr. A. P. B. Loftus has been appointed Secretary to the Executive Commissioner for the Colonial Exhibition to be held in London. The appointment will be in force until the closing of the Exhibition, and the salary will be at the rate of £600 a year.

(12.) Bridges on Existing Lines of Railway:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to give effect to the recommendation of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the construction and stability of the bridges on the existing lines of Railway, by placing those bridges in charge of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways?

(2.) Is it also his intention to act on the recommendation of the above Commission, and place the repairs and maintenance of the existing lines of Railway under the charge of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways?

Mr. Wright answered,—The question has not been considered.

(13.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any objection to opening another section of the Illawarra Railway beyond Hurstville, without waiting for the completion of the line to the 24th-mile?

Mr. Wright answered,—To open lines in short sections is always attended with expense, and there does not seem to be any good ground for opening a further extension of this line until it is completed to the 24th-mile, which will be at the end of this year.

(14.) Carson Woods' Patent Paving:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, documents, and correspondence, having reference to the supply and use of what is known as Carson Woods' patent paving on the platform and approaches to the Junee Railway Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware that the pavement in question is known as Carson Woods patent paving, or that Carson Woods had a contract for its supply; but there will be no objection to lay all the papers in the case upon the Table of the House.

2. PAPER:—Sir Alexander Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report on Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute for 1884.
Ordered to be printed.

3. HAY GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gasworks within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilkinson having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gasworks within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay*,"—read a first time.

4. SERGEANT BEHAN, LATE OF PERMANENT ARTILLERY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all letters, minutes, memorials, papers, or other documents having reference to the case of Sergeant Behan, discharged in April last from the Permanent Artillery.

(2.) Copy of the defaulters sheets (battery and regimental) of the said Sergeant Behan during the seven years and nine months of his service.

Question put and passed.

5. MR. LUCAS, LATE CHIEF CLERK IN THE WATER POLICE COURT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. McElhone, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., in reference to the dismissal of Mr. Lucas from his position as Chief Clerk in the Water Police Court.

Question put and passed.

6. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Directors and Shareholders of the Vale of Clywdd Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited) to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company, and to change the name and style of the said Company.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Smith* having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Directors and Shareholders of the Vale of Clywdd Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited) to alter vary repeal or add to the present rules and regulations of the said Company and to change the name and style of the said Company*,"—read a first time.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 10 postponed (*by consent*) to follow after the Notice of Motion of General Business relative to "The Honorable F. A. Wright, Secretary for Public Works."

8. THE HONORABLE F. A. WRIGHT, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House disapproves of the position of Secretary for Public Works being held by Mr. Wright, of the carrying firm of Wright, Heaton, & Co.

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

Mr.

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

Question put and passed.

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

9. **UTHER ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—Mr. McLaughlin, as Chairman, brought up the Report from and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 29th September; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McLaughlin then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

10. **ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALE BILL**:—Mr. McLaughlin, as Chairman, brought up the Report from and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 29th September; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McLaughlin then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

11. **BARKER'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. McLaughlin, as Chairman, brought up the Report from and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 29th September; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McLaughlin then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Question 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. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Amount due for Railway Carriage by Wright, Heaton, & Co.:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government lay upon the Table at an early date, a Return showing the amount due for Railway carriage by Wright, Heaton, & Co. on the 25th March and the 25th September of 1885 respectively, and the period over which the account at each date had extended; and also the amount of the bond given by the same firm on the same dates?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is not obtainable from the books of the Treasury; and I suggest that the Honorable Member should obtain the information by question to the Minister for Public Works in the usual way.

- (2.) Proposed Telegraph Line between Molong and Parkes *via* Manildra:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend a telegraph line between Molong and Parkes *via* Manildra; if so, when will tenders be invited for the same?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—The application for this line has been referred to the Inspector of Telegraphs, and will be considered on the receipt of his report.

- (3.) Selections taken up at Orange, Forbes, Parkes, Condobolin, Molong, Wellington, and Dubbo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of selections that have been taken up at the Land Offices at Orange, Forbes, Parkes, Condobolin, Molong, Wellington, and Dubbo since the 1st of August last, specifying the number, area, and amount of deposit received in each case respectively?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Particulars to the 24th September are as follows:—

	Number.	Area.			Amount of deposit.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Orange...	34	3,395	3	25	339	12	10
Forbes...	43	17,994	3	0	1,799	8	6
Parkes...	56	40,278	3	0	3,073	17	6
Condobolin...	28	14,082	3	0	1,408	5	6
Molong...	62	9,086	3	0	903	13	6
Wellington...	52	6,121	0	0	656	6	0
Dubbo...	133	75,443	1	0	7,845	18	6

- (4.) Public Park at Burwood:—*Mr. Hammond*, for Mr. Stephen, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the cause of the delay in handing over to the Trustees the land dedicated as a Public Park at Burwood?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter has been awaiting a report as to the addition of a portion of land to the Park, and it will now be disposed of without further delay.

- (5.) Captain Loftus:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What particular qualification does the son of His Excellency the Governor possess which rendered him the most eligible for the position of Clerk to the Executive Commissioner at the Colonial Exhibition to be held in London?

(2.) What public positions has he held, and what salary has he received for the different positions?

Sir Alexander Stuart answered,—

(1.) The qualification of a gentleman of culture and education—able to speak several languages, and thus peculiarly fitted for the post which he is required to fill. The appointment was made on the recommendation of the Executive Commissioner. The Executive Commissioner receives no salary, and undertakes the duties at his own private cost; and it is the custom in such cases to appoint his Secretary on his recommendation.

(2.) Captain Loftus has held the position of Aide-dé-Camp to His Excellency the Governor, with salary of £358 per annum, forage allowance £146, and lodging allowance £173—£677.

(6.)

(6.) Road between Lithgow and Vale of Clwydd :—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does he intend to resume the land necessary for road between Lithgow and Vale of Clwydd?
- (2.) When are tenders likely to be called for the proposed road?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes, if reasonable arrangements can be made with those holding interests thereon.
- (2.) When the land is resumed. Papers are now with local officer, who is making inquiries as to occupiers—the owner of the land having made an offer.

(7.) Supply of Barb Wire :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that an order was given to the Australian Barb Wire Company for the supply and erection of 20 miles or more of barbed wire fencing?
- (2.) Were tenders invited?
- (3.) The cost per mile?
- (4.) Was a bond signed, or deposit paid?
- (5.) Will he to-day lay upon the Table of this House (*for exhibit only*) the original papers having reference to said contract; also all papers regarding offers made for the supply of barb wire by Carson Woods & Co., or any other firm?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Honorable Member can obtain this information by moving for a Return.

(8.) Supply of Barb Wire :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was an order given to Carson Woods & Co., or the Australian Barb Wire Company, for the supply of barb fencing wire; if so, the quantity and cost per ton?

Mr. Wright answered,—This information can be obtained by motion for a Return in the ordinary way.

2. BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL :—*Mr. Hutchinson*, 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 25th September, 1885; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hutchinson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 9th October.

Question put and passed.

3. HAY GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Wilkinson* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Hay Gas 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. Cramsie*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Garrard*, *Mr. Loughnan*, *Mr. Humphery*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Sir Patrick Jennings*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. VALE OF CLWYDD COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Teece* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Vale of Clwydd Coal-mining 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. Lee*, *Mr. McQuade*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Badgery*, *Mr. Merriman*, *Mr. Proctor*, *Mr. White*, *Mr. Olliffe*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

(1.) Postal Contract with Orient Steam Navigation Company :—

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 the Contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited), providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the Contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Government House,

Sydney, 1st October, 1885.

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

(2.) Pacific Mail Service :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Contract being entered into, jointly with New Zealand, with the owners of steamships of not less tonnage than those employed in the late Contract with the Pacific Mail Company, for a line of mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco *via* Auckland and Honolulu, with liberty to change steamers at the latter port, Sydney being the terminal port on this side.

Government House,

Sydney, 1st October, 1885.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the subject. 7.

7. **ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL**:—Mr. Hammond, as Chairman, brought up the Report from and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 29th September, 1885, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Hammond then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 9th October.
Question put and passed.
8. **THE HONORABLE F. A. WRIGHT, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garvan,—
“ (1.) That this House disapproves of the position of Secretary for Public Works being held by Mr. Wright, of the carrying firm of Wright, Heaton, & Co.
“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1885, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Proctor,	

Noes, 36.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Coonan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Withers,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Mr. Wilkinson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Parkes,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Proctor.

Tellers,

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Garvan.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Trickett.

Tellers,

Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Fremlin.
Mr. Wilkinson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

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

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, 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,*" it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now therefore I, Lord AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of October instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
 ALEX. STUART.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



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Given under my hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
 GEORGE R. DIBBS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1885.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.
(PROROGUED FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1885.)

QUESTIONS:—

MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—

- (1.) Have the Government purchased a piece of land near the Parramatta Railway Station for the site of a new Court House at Parramatta?
- (2.) If any such purchase has been made, will he state the area of the land, the price paid, how the purchase was effected, and the name of the person from whom it was purchased?

MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When is it intended to call for tenders for the construction and carrying out of the Post and Telegraph Offices, Lock-up, and Railway Station improvements at Bowral?

MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) Have the Government resumed, or are they about to resume, land at Bulli for a Park or Recreation Ground?
- (2.) Does such proposed Recreation Ground adjoin the General Cemetery?
- (3.) By whom was such proposed Recreation Ground applied for or recommended?

MR. GIBBES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) When will the Sub-way at the intersection of Burren-street, Macdonaldtown, with the Suburban Railway, be completed?
- (2.) When will the erection of the Railway Station at Macdonaldtown be commenced?

MR. GIBBES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) For what reasons was Robert Courtney, maintenance man on the road from Muswellbrook to Denman, dismissed?
- (2.) Is the Government in debt to Courtney?

MR. GIBBES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Does the Government intend to lay upon the Table of this House the evidence taken before the Railway Bridges Inquiry Commission?

MR. McELHONE *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—

- (1.) Who were the owners of the land in George-street which the Government has bought as a site for a Central Police Office?
- (2.) What is the amount of money which the Government has paid or agreed to pay for the same.

SIR HENRY PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will the Government lay upon the Table, at an early date, a Return showing the amount due for Railway carriage by Wright, Heaton, & Co. on the 25th March and the 25th September of 1885 respectively, and the period over which the account at each date had extended; and also the amount of the bond given by the same firm on the same dates?

MR. W. J. FERGUSSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) What is the reason that the Government refuses to pay the subsidy to the Gundagai Hospital?
- (2.) Is it intended to pay the subsidy; if so, when?

MR. YOUNG *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Has the Priestman's crane dredge ordered for Camden Haven arrived in Sydney?
- (2.) When is it likely to be forwarded to its destination?

MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) When will the Registrar's Report on Friendly Societies for 1884 be laid upon the Table?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken towards framing a new Friendly Societies Bill, in accordance with promises given on several occasions?

MR. SYDNEY SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Is it true that an order was given to the Australian Barb Wire Company for the supply and erection of 20 miles or more of barbed wire fencing?
- (2.) Were tenders invited?
- (3.) The cost per mile?
- (4.) Was a bond signed, or deposit paid?
- (5.) Will he to-day lay upon the Table of this House (*for exhibit only*) the original papers having reference to said contract; also all papers regarding offers made for the supply of barb wire by Carson Woods & Co., or any other firm?

MR. SYDNEY SMITH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Was an order given to Carson Woods & Co., or the Australian Barb Wire Company, for the supply of barb fencing wire; if so, the quantity, and cost per ton?

MR. SYDNEY SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—The names of all tenderers, and the amounts of each tender, for carriage of water pipes in connection with the Prospect Water Supply?

MR. McELHONE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Has any agreement or contract been made with the makers of the Australian barbed wire now being used in the Railway and other fences?
- (2.) If so, what is the nature or terms of the agreement or contract made, and what is the time for which the agreement is made?
- (3.) What number of tons has been purchased to date, and what number of tons has it been agreed to purchase altogether?
- (4.) What price per ton is being paid for this wire?
- (5.) What is the name of the company or persons who have sold the above wire to the Government or Railway Department?
- (6.) Were tenders called in the usual way for the supply of this fencing wire?

MR. T. R. SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) The distance from the Nepean to Lithgow by rail?
- (2.) Cost of constructing that section?
- (3.) Annual cost of maintenance for 1882, 1883, and 1884 respectively?
- (4.) The ruling grade?
- (5.) The total number of feet of rise or fall?
- (6.) Total number or degrees of curvature?
- (7.) The shortest radius?
- (8.) Ordinary load for ordinary engine for the through journey?
- (9.) Average annual cost of working per train mile for the years 1882, 1883, and 1884 respectively?
- (10.) Annual average cost of wear and tear per mile for same periods?
- (11.) Annual average cost of wear and tear on mile containing the greatest amount of curvature?
- (12.) Annual average cost of wear and tear on mile containing the steepest gradient?
- (13.) Number of assistant engines used in each of the above years?
- (14.) Cost of assistant engines for each of those years?
- (15.) The same information as asked for in questions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, applied to the section Lithgow to Rylstone?

MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

- (1.) Has he decided to cause a survey to be made of the boundary lines which in the various runs that have lately been divided separate the leased half of the run from the resumed half?
- (2.) Are Surveyors now at work marking on the ground the lines which divide the leased from the resumed halves of the runs?
- (3.) When is it likely the work of marking on the ground the dividing line of the various runs will be completed?

MR. W. J. FERGUSSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR MINES,—

- (1.) The amount due for use of Diamond Drills and Water Augers on 30th June last?
- (2.) The like information up to 30th September?

MR. McCULLOCH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Will he reconsider the duplication of the Railway line from Granville to Liverpool?
- (2.) Is the permanent way constructed for the laying of a double line of rails?

MR. YOUNG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) What amount of money will be required to provide for the increases to salaries payable under the Civil Service Act for the year 1885?
- (2.) The like information for 1886?

MR. HUGH TAYLOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Taking into consideration the enormous amount of fruit produced in the Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills, Seven Hills, and adjoining districts, as well as the large amount of general produce raised, and the large and increasing population of these districts,—Will he, as promised in March 1884, have an immediate inquiry made as to the advisableness of having a single tram-line laid down from a central position in these districts to the Railway Station at Parramatta?

MR. OLLIFFE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) From what date has the present contractor had the contract for the supply of uniforms for guards and porters on the Suburban, Southern, and Western Railway Lines?
- (2.) How many suits has each officer been entitled to from the present contractor up to date?
- (3.) How many suits have been ordered for each officer up to date?
- (4.) How many suits have they each received during the present contract?
- (5.) How many suits have been paid for for each officer during the present contract?
- (6.) How many suits are there in arrear for each officer up to date?
- (7.) Should all officers wear their uniforms while on duty, and do they do so?
- (8.) Is it a fact that the signalmen of the Railway Department of New South Wales do not receive any uniform except a common cap annually; and if so, are they the only signalmen so far as is known who do not receive uniforms?
- (9.) Is there not as much reason for signalmen being supplied with uniforms in this Colony as in Victoria and elsewhere?

MR. HUGH TAYLOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—The Borough Council of Parramatta having passed By-laws, confirmed by the Government, that no interments shall be made in the Cemeteries within the Borough without the sanction of the Mayor,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made as early as possible for the necessity of resuming that portion of the old Government Domain, close to the Parramatta fresh water river, and granted as a site for Church of England, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Jews, Independents, and also a General Cemetery, containing about 30 acres, for the purpose of disposing of the same and applying the proceeds in procuring a more suitable site for the requirements of the town and district?

MR.

MR. MELVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) Has a petition been presented for the incorporation of Adamstown, near Newcastle?
- (2.) What is the number of signatures?
- (3.) Have any counter petitions been presented; if so, how many?
- (4.) What is the total number of signatures on counter petitions?
- (5.) Is it his intention to take action according to law with reference to such petitions, and when?

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

MR. WILLIAM CLARKE to move (as an amendment on the motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Resolutions in reference to the Pacific Mail Service.) That paragraphs (1) and (2) be omitted with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—“That this House approves of a Contract being entered into with the owners of steamships of not less tonnage than those employed in the late Contract with the Pacific Mail Company for a line of direct mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco, and to call at such ports as may be determined upon by the Government of this Colony.”

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

SIR ALEXANDER STUART to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That this House approves of a contract being entered into, jointly with New Zealand, with the owners of steamships of not less tonnage than those employed in the late contract with the Pacific Mail Company, for a line of mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco *via* Auckland and Honolulu, with liberty to change steamers at the latter port, Sydney being the terminal port on this side.
- (2.) That for such service this Colony do contribute one-third of the contract amount, or £10,000 per annum, and be entitled to receive in reduction thereof one-half the contribution or postage rates from the other Australian Colonies, and one-third of any contribution made by the Postmaster General of the United States.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. WRIGHT to move, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Redfern Terminus to Fort Macquarie in the City of Sydney, laid before this House on the 9th September, 1885, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.

MR. WRIGHT to move, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Nyngan to Cobar, laid before the House on the 16th September, 1885, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.

MR. WRIGHT to move, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway between Orange and Forbes *via* Cudal, *viz.*, from Borenore to Forbes, laid before the House on the 16th September, 1885, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.

MR. WRIGHT to move, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Narrabri to Moree, laid before the House on the 16th September, 1885, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Patents and Trade Marks Bill; second reading.

Prickly-pear Destruction Bill; second reading.

Mineral Conditional Purchase Validating Bill; second reading.

Commons Bill; second reading.

Unauthorized Mining Prevention Bill; second reading.

Public Roads Bill; second reading.

Liens on Wool Bill; second reading.

Wollongong Public School Site Sale Bill; second reading.

Postal Contract with Orient Steam Navigation Company; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That this House approves of the contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited) providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Camden Electorate Bill; second reading.

Noxious Trades Sites Bill; second reading.

Local Government Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

SIR HENRY PARKES to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the allegations which have been made against the conduct of Lieutenant Mulholland, as a soldier serving with the New South Wales Contingent in the Soudan.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Alexander Stuart, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Griffiths, and the Mover.

Mr.

MR. ABIGAIL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) Copy of contract between the Government and Hayes and M'Fadden for the chopping down and grubbing of a number of trees in Nymagee-street, Nyngan, which contract was executed in June, 1884.
- (2.) Copy of Report by Mr. Fraser, the Government Inspector of Roads for the district, on the accident which happened to John Livingstone M'Callum, through the falling of a burning tree (one of those included in the above-mentioned contract) in Nymagco-street, Nyngan, on 3rd June, 1884.
- (3.) Copy of Report on the said accident by the Engineer who supervises Mr. Fraser.
- (4.) Copy of all correspondence between the Government and the said John L. M'Callum and his Solicitors on the subject.

MR. SPRING to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on Patrick Hannan's Mining Claim at Temora, brought up on 2nd July, 1884, be now adopted.

DR. ROSS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) Copies of all letters, telegrams, petitions, correspondence, minutes, reports, map, plans, and other papers or documents having reference to the extension and construction of sections 1 and 2 of the Railway from Orange to Forbes *via* Molong from 1st October last.
- (2.) And also from Borenore to Forbes *via* Cudal from the 1st of October, 1884, to the 1st October, 1885.
- (3.) Also copies of all instructions given by the Government, or the Secretary for Public Works, to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, to the Commissioner for Railways, to the Surveyor or District Engineers, or any person or persons respecting the survey and construction of the above respective lines of Railway, from the 1st October, 1884, to 1st October, 1885.

MR. YOUNG to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the improvement of our navigable harbours and rivers is of so much importance as to require the services of a competent and experienced engineer, who should devote his whole attention to this work.
- (2.) That the conservation of water in the interior and for the supply of towns is equally important, and requires the services of a competent and experienced engineer, who should devote his whole attention to it.
- (3.) That the joining of these two departments under one Engineer-in-Chief is unwise.
- (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. MCCOURT to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Government contracts for the construction of Railways or other public works should in future contain a clause that all workmen in connection therewith should be paid their wages weekly.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. HEYDON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of Members of future Legislative Assemblies.

MR. BURDEKIN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the interests of the residents of Woolloomooloo, that a gateway for foot-passengers be opened into the Domain at Sir John Young's Crescent, opposite to Crown-street.

MR. LYNE to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of John M'Donald, for loss sustained through the voidance of his Conditional Purchase, lot G, allotment 30, county of Denison, parish of Dry Forest, 640 acres.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Gill, Mr. Levien, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Day, Mr. Levin, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.

MR. BURNS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of correspondence between His Excellency and his Responsible Advisers since the 5th January, 1883, on the subject of appointments or proposed appointments to the Legislative Council.

MR. VAUGHN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the claim of Charles Stevens, brought up on 29th April, 1884, be now adopted.

MR. GARRARD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1886 a sum not exceeding £10,000 for the erection of a swing opening in the Iron Cove Bridge.

MR. PARKES to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the fruit growing capabilities of the Colony, more especially with reference to the promotion of the export trade of green and preserved fruits.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Burns, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hammond, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover.

MR. ALEXANDER RYRIE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1885 the sum of £1,000, to enable the Government to defray the expenses of a competent person to proceed to the Argentine Republic, South America, to report on the Wool-growing Industry of that country, with a view to ascertain what limit there is to its expansion, and what steps should be taken by our wool-growers to successfully compete with such formidable rivals.

MR.

MR. HEYDON to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is now manifest that the Crown Lands Act of 1884 will check settlement upon the Crown Lands, will tend directly to promote the unhealthy growth of large landed estates, will return a most inadequate revenue from the public lands, whereby heavily increased taxation will be necessitated, and will generally retard the due advancement of the Colony.

(2.) That, therefore, prompt and radical amendments of the said Act are imperatively demanded for the preservation of the public prosperity.

MR. PROCTOR to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the mode of letting Government contracts, with or without calling for tenders, with special reference to contracts held or hitherto held by the firms of Wright, Heaton, & Co., and Hudson Bros.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Abigail, Dr. Ross, Mr. Spring, Mr. Gill, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.

MR. GOULD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on George Dougherty's Conditional Purchase, brought up on the 22nd May, 1884, be now adopted.

MR. PURVES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on claim of Thomas Horton, brought up on the 4th July, 1884, be now adopted.

MR. HEYDON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the rates of freight for goods carried upon the Government Railways of the Colony should be altered in such a manner as to afford greater encouragement to agriculture than is now given.

SIR HENRY PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, respectfully representing to His Excellency that inasmuch as his Advisers, in violation of their pledges to this House, have neglected to advise His Excellency to convene Parliament until a season so near the expiration of this House by the effect of law, that no proper consideration can now be given to public business, and inasmuch as the Estimates of Supply and Expenditure have been granted by this House for three complete years, the full term of its legal existence, it is expedient, in the interest of the people, that this House should be forthwith dissolved, and the Constituencies without further loss of time allowed to exercise their constitutional privileges in the election of a new Legislative Assembly.

MR. HUGH TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1886 a sum not exceeding £10,000 for the erection of a Bridge across the Fresh Water River in O'Connell-street, in the Borough of Parramatta.

MR. W. J. FERGUSSON to move,—

(1.) That a Royal Commission should forthwith issue, to inquire into and report upon the present constitution of the Supreme Court and its various branches, and the practice and procedure thereof, and whether it is desirable to introduce any and what reforms with a view to the better administration of justice, and the lessening of the costs of litigation.

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

MR. GRIFFITHS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not desirable that the Glebe Island Abattoirs should be closed until proper provision has been made elsewhere either by the Government or the City Council for the slaughtering of animals needed for the food supply of the citizens of Sydney and suburbs.

MR. W. J. FERGUSSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the services of Mr. Burton Senior Examiner of Titles in the Real Property Office be dispensed with, in accordance with the recommendation of the Royal Commission.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Party Processions Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

Proposed Railway to Wild's Meadow, Kangaroo Valley, and Robertson;—consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the districts of Wild's Meadow, Kangaroo Valley, and Robertson, and having regard to their agricultural and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway to connect these localities with the Main Southern Line.

(2.) That, as the country has already been examined and certain lines surveyed, it is desirable the best line in the interests of the farmers and producers should be adopted, and provision made for commencing the work as early as possible.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Trustee Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

Newcastle Streets Bill; third reading.

Uther Estate Leasing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Barker's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

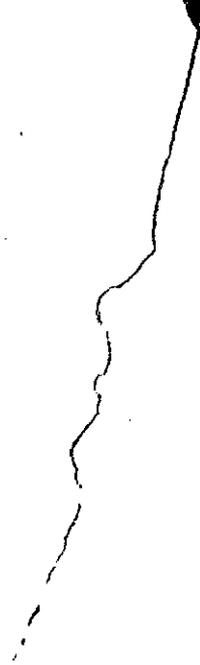
Divorce Amendment Bill; second reading.

Employers Liability Bill; second reading.

Balmain Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Ashfield Church of England School Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1885.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, The Hon. Joseph Palmer, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Abigail, Francis, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Badgery, Henry Septimus, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barton, Russell, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buchanan, David, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Butcher, Robert, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	5	.....	.....	5
Campbell, George, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Campbell, William Robert, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Clarke, William, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Cohen, The Hon. Henry Emanuel, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Combes, Edward, Esq., C.M.G. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coonan, Walter Thomas, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Cransie, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Dalton, Thomas, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Day, George, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
De Salis, George Fane, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Dibbs, The Hon. George Richard, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Ellis, James Coles, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Farnell, The Hon. James Squire, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Fergusson, William John, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Fletcher, James, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Fremlin, Alfred Reginald, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Garrett, Thomas, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Gibbes, Frederick Jamison, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Gill, John, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gorrick, Joseph Albert, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Gray, Samuel William, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Griffiths, George Neville, Esq.	5	5
Hammond, Mark John, Esq.	5	5
Harris, John, Esq.

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Henson, William, Esq. (<i>from 17 September</i>)	5	5
Heydon, Louis Francis, Esq.	3	3
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	2	2
Humphery, Frederick Thomas, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Hutchinson, William Alston, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Ives, Isaac Ellis, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Jennings, Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G.	1	.....	.....	1
Jones, Auber George, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Levin, Leysner, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Lloyd, Lewis, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Loughnan, George Cumberlege, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Luscombe, Richard Charles, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Lyne, William John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Machattie, Richard Randolph, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
McCourt, William, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
McElhone, John, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
McLaughlin, John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
McQuade, Henry Michael Hale, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Merriman, George, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Murray, Richard Lennon, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Olliffe, Joseph Benjamin, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Parkes, Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	2	.....	.....	2
Parkes, Varney, Esq. (<i>from 29 September</i>)	6	.....	.....	6
Poole, William Thomas, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Proctor, William Consett, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Purves, John Mitchell, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Quin, Edward, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Roberts, Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	2	.....	.....	2
Robertson, Sir John, K.C.M.G.	2	.....	.....	2
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	3	.....	.....	3
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Ryrie, David, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Sec, John, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Spring, Gerald, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Stephen, Septimus Alfred, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Stuart, The Hon. Sir Alexander, K.C.M.G.	3	.....	.....	3
Sutherland, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Suttor, Francis Bathurst, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Targett, Walter Scott, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Tarrant, Harman John, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Teece, William, junr., Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Trickett, The Hon. William Joseph, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Watson, James, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
White, Robert Hoddle Driberg, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Wilson, Alexander, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Withers, George, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Wright, The Hon. Francis Augustus, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Young, James Henry, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6

